WEEK ONE

‘Europe, France and Germany 1945-2000: common priorities, national interests

The following is required background reading relevant to the course as a whole, which can be studied for the purposes of presentations and essays – as well as for revision.


www.ambafrance-uk.org


The following are recommended for general interest as the original texts of European Treaties. They can be used for consultation purposes, reference and quotation and can be accessed as required from Short Loan:


(1997) The Treaty of Amsterdam – of particular interest are PARTS TWO and THREE which deal with such issues as citizenship, free movement of goods, services, persons and capital, right of residence, transport, economic policy, the environment, education, culture etc. – obviously not to be read cover to cover, but these texts remain the legal points of reference, pending the approval of a European Constitution.

Some Key Websites

http://epp.eurostat.cec.eu.int/portal/page?_pageid=1090,1137397&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Can be downloaded if you have Adobe Acrobat – worth doing for coursework purposes. Contains completely up to date information on all aspects of the European Economy. Useful to track trends and illustrate points.

http://www.ambafrance-uk.org/asp/service.asp?SERVID=100&LNG=en&PAGID=103 …

Note the valuable summary of the French position on Europe at the above site… but there is also a wealth of information on France under the heading ‘France A-Z’ from which the above address is taken.

Essential data on all aspects of French life – the authoritative source of core information on France.

http://www.destatis.de/basis/e/vgr/vgrgraf1.htm


WEEKS TWO and THREE

‘Agriculture in France’

Required Reading:


Further Reading:


Contemporary Sources in French


**Websites**

www.agrisalon.com  
www.rtl.fr/rtlinfo/dossiers/agriculture/home.asp  
www.lesverts05.org/html/dossiers/agriculture/agriculture.html  
www.agriculture.gouv.fr  
www.lexpress.fr/info/sciences/dossier/vachefolle/dossier.asp

**WEEKS FOUR and FIVE**

‘France : state governance, nationalisation, privatisation and beyond’

**Required reading**


This extended chapter is an authoritative account of the history of French economy and society since 1945. It includes a selection of extracts of articles published at different points in the period covered – in French. A rich source of background information. Available for reference in the MLRC. Please do not remove.

**Further reading**


**Recommended Reading (in French)**

** Websites (French and English)**

[www.ambafrance-uk.org](http://www.ambafrance-uk.org)

[www.indices.insee.fr](http://www.indices.insee.fr)

[www.oecdobserver.org](http://www.oecdobserver.org)

[www.danone.com](http://www.danone.com)

You are recommended to consult sites relating to individual French firms for further information on their histories and current policy.

**WEEKS SIX and SEVEN**

‘German Reunification’

All articles can be found in the box in the RC.


[www.gfl-journal.de/3-2004/wagener.html](http://www.gfl-journal.de/3-2004/wagener.html)


[www.gfl-journal.de/3-2004/saunders.html](http://www.gfl-journal.de/3-2004/saunders.html)


[www.gfl-journal.de/3-2004/szejnmann.html](http://www.gfl-journal.de/3-2004/szejnmann.html)


Statistics about Germany:

[http://www.destatis.de](http://www.destatis.de)
Background:
? The Two Germanies 1945-1990 (in RC box)

WEEKS EIGHT and NINE
‘The German Social Welfare System’

Required reading:


http://www.bundesregierung.de/Anlage609255/Agenda+2010+brochure.pdf

Optional reading:


MENSING, F. (2002) ”Riester pension” - New provision for old age in Germany, Basic Information and Special Topics, 3-2002, Goethe Institut,


Websites:

European Commission: Employment and Social affairs
http://europa.eu.int/comm/employment_social/index_en.html

Federal Statistical Office Germany (Statistisches Bundesamt)
http://www.destatis.de/download/d/veroe/sozi_stadt.pdf - comparison of social assistance in different German regions

Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtige Amt), Facts about Germany: Social security.
http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/702.0.html

Federal Foreign Office, Facts about Germany: The Economy.
http://www.tatsachen-ueber-deutschland.de/553.0.html