Teacher Resources Guide

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Foreward

The EUnited Teacher Resources Guide compiles a variety of sources on EU institutions, economics, culture, and politics situated in social and historical contexts. These sources include official EU resources, books, academic journal articles, analytical journalism pieces, websites and online databases, and films. The Guide is intended to serve as a set of tools from which Fellows and other educators can readily choose for their unique teaching needs.

The sources listed here are suitable for enhancing your background knowledge, as well as augmenting lessons in your classroom (please use all sources at your own discretion).

This is not intended to be a definitive list of information on the EU, but rather a list of sources to help teachers gain understanding and context for understanding Europe.

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Poland, 13 June 2004 Elections of the European Parliament. Poster Collection on European Elections
Alfred Lutz, European Recovery Program, Marshall Plan Posters
Jeremy Segrott Wikimedia Commons
CES Resources

**Teaching the EU Toolkits** ([europe.unc.edu/toolkits/](europe.unc.edu/toolkits/))
- EU Toolkits created by CES, updated in 2021, which contain lesson plans and resources for elementary, middle, and high school students to learn about Europe and the EU.

**K-12 Lesson Plans** ([europe.unc.edu/lesson-plans/](europe.unc.edu/lesson-plans/))
- EU focused lesson plans, as well as other deliverables, created by educators who have participated in CES workshops and tours.

**The EU in Brief** ([europe.unc.edu/euinbrief/](europe.unc.edu/euinbrief/))
- The EU in Brief is a series of concise informational documents about the European Union targeting businesses, media, and educators in North Carolina and across the United States.
- The briefs examine the economic and foreign policy relationship between the US and the EU, as well as domestic issues affecting contemporary Europe.

**Digital Speakers Bureau** ([europe.unc.edu/dsb/](europe.unc.edu/dsb/))
- Videos that introduce students, including those in K-12 and community college classrooms, to learning about the EU; taught by UNC scholars.

**Topics in Focus** ([europe.unc.edu/teach/topics/](europe.unc.edu/teach/topics/))
- Specific information on certain EU-relevant issues, including maps that visualize the 2016 Brexit vote, and information on the "refugee crisis."

**EU Today Podcast** ([anchor.fm/unceurope](anchor.fm/unceurope))
- The EU Today podcast series features interviews with visiting speakers, scholars, and key faculty members. Themes include: EU politics and institutions, domestic European politics, and foreign relations.

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**UNC Professor Holger Moroff explains the evolution of the EU to High School teachers**
Official European Union Resources

The European Union Homepage
europa.eu/european-union/index_en

The European Commission Homepage
ec.europa.eu/info/index_en
Twitter: EU_Commission

The European Parliament Homepage
europarl.europa.eu/portal/en
Twitter: @Europarl_EN

The European Council
consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/
Twitter: eucouncil

The European Court of Justice Homepage
Twitter: EUCourt

The European Court of Human Rights Homepage
echr.coe.int/Pages/home.aspx?p=home

The Delegation of the European Union to the United States Homepage
eeas.europa.eu/delegations/united-states-america_en
Twitter: @euintheus

European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington D.C. Homepage
europarl.europa.eu/unitedstates/en/
Twitter: EPWashingtonDC

European Union Learning Corner: Teaching Materials for all Ages
https://europa.eu/learning-corner/home_en
“European Parliament resolution of 12 September 2018 on the state of EU-US relations”
  • The European Parliament’s resolution of 2018 outlining their perspective on the state of EU-US relations

“A Union that strives for more: My agenda for Europe”
  • Ursula von der Leyen’s political guidelines for the next European Commission, 2019-2024

“EU Now” Podcast: The Delegation of the EU to the US
https://eunintheus.libsyn.com/
  • EU Now explores a wide range of topics such as counterterrorism and security, the economy, trade, public health, gender equality, history, culture, and more.

All of the following publications, plus more, can be found at:

“Key Figures of Europe: 2021”
  • Key statistics about the EU, 2021 edition

“Europe in 12 Lessons”
  • 12 chapters that explain the key features of the EU in a digestible format

“The ABC of EU Law”
  • Initial insight into the structure of the Union and the supporting pillars of the EU’s legal order

“The European Union”
  • A general guide to the EU and what it does

“EU & Me”
  • A guide to understanding what the EU means to European citizens

“A Short Guide to the Euro”
  • Facts and figures on the Euro currency
Books & Reference

Liesbet Hooghe, Tobias Lenz, Gary Marks  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb9750123

*A Dictionary of the European Union* (2017)  
Toni Haastrup, Lee McGowan & David Phinnemore  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb9311686  
**Full PDF Available**

*European Democracies 8th Ed.* (2013)  
Markus Crepaz & Jurg Steiner  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb5635855

*Multi-level governance and European integration* (2000)  
Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb3930039

Andrew Moravscik  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb3197779

Erik Jones, Anand Menon & Stephen Weatherill  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb7279107

*Understanding the European Union: a concise introduction* (2011)  
John McCormick  
Available at UNC’s Davis Library: https://catalog.lib.unc.edu/catalog/UNCb6845332

Posters from the Economic Cooperation Administration advertising the Marshall Plan (1950)  
E. Spreckmeester (left), Reikn Dirksen (right). Wikimedia Commons
Journal Articles, Analysis, & Essays

Available via UNC’s Library Databases:

*European Union Politics* 8(1): 5-12

*West European Politics* 31(1-2): 108-129

**Available in PDF**

*Common Market Studies* 50(1): 1-20

“Solidarity in the European Union” (2013) Andrea Sandiovanni

“Anti-immigration attitudes and the opposition to European integration: A critical assessment” (2016) Cigdem Kentmen-Cin and Cengiz Erisen
*European Union Politics* 18(1): 3-25

Available online:

“EU-Turkey relations: the beginning of the end?” (2017) Cevikoz, Unal.
*European Council on Foreign Relations*
https://www.ecfr.eu/article/essay_eu_turkey_relations_the_beginning_of_the_end_7226

*Congressional Research Service*
**Available in PDF**
News Articles, Analysis & Opinion

“The Great Unraveling”  

“EU data protection: End of the digital Wild West.”  
(05/25/2018) Georg Matthes, *Deutsche Welle*  

“Merkel and Macron sign Treaty of Aachen to revive EU”  
(01/22/2019) Andreas Noll, Ralf Bosen, *Deutsche Welle*  

“Putin’s Next Playground or the EU’s Last Moral Stand?”  

“The great transatlantic trade charade”  
(04/04/2019) Hans von der Burchard and Adam Behsudi, *Politico*  

“The Rapid Fall of the Left”  
(07/09/2019) Yascha Mounk, *The Atlantic*  

“Von der Leyen’s Commission: The ones to watch at Europe’s new top table”  

“New EU Commission chief promises ambitious agenda”  
https://apnews.com/2df79051bc544bc2a1cdd8676f51c76d

“Commissioners assemble: Class of 2019-2024 starts work”  
(12/05/2019) Sam Morgan, *Euractiv*  
“Why has COVID-19 hit different European Union economies so differently?”
(09/22/2020) Bruegel

“What to expect in EU policy in 2021?”
(01/07/2021) Euractiv

“The ‘Global Britain’ Conundrum”
https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2021/06/britain-g7-boris-johnson/619163/

“Devastating floods in Germany warn Europe of the dangers of warming”
(07/16/2021) The Economist

“What You Need to Know About Germany’s National Election”

“Asylum and migration in the EU: facts and figures”
(07/29/2021) European Parliament News
Think Tanks & Databases

The Aspen Institute
https://www.aspeninstitute.org/

The Atlantic Council: Future Europe Initiative
https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/programs/future-europe-initiative/

Atlantik-Brücke
https://www.atlantik-bruecke.org/en/

Brookings Institute: Europe
https://www.brookings.edu/topic/europe

Bruegel
https://bruegel.org/

Carnegie Europe: Judy Dempsey's Strategic Europe
https://carnegieeurope.eu/strategiceurope

Centre for European Policy Studies
https://www.ceps.eu/

Center for Strategic & International Studies: Europe
https://www.csis.org/regions/europe

CIA World Factbook

European Council on Foreign Relations
https://www.ecfr.eu

European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS)

German Council on Foreign Relations
https://dgap.org/en

German Marshall Fund: Europe
http://www.gmfus.org/topic/europe

Pew Research Center: Europe Hub
http://www.pewresearch.org/topics/europe/

Social Distancing sign in German pub (2021)
Hinnerk R, Wikimedia Commons

Ursula von der Leyen receives her Covid vaccination
@vonderleyen, Twitter
News Sources

**BBC News**
https://www.bbc.com/news

**EuroNews**
https://www.euronews.com/

**Deutsche Welle (English)**
https://www.dw.com/

**Politico (EU)**
https://www.politico.eu/

**The Atlantic (International)**
https://www.theatlantic.com/international/

**EU Observer**
https://euobserver.com/

**Euractiv**
https://www.euractiv.com/

**The New York Times: Europe**
https://www.nytimes.com/section/world/europe

**The Washington Post: Europe**
https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/

**News: European Parliament**

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Italy’s Marcell Jacob’s wins Gold at 2020 Tokyo Olympics
Doug Mills/The New York Times

Liege, Belgium during 2021 floods
AP Photo, Valentin Bianchi (Time Magazine)

Social Distancing sign in Sweden
Alexander Farnsworth/picture alliance (DW)
Movies

**Good Bye Lenin! (2003)**
Dir. Wolfgang Becker, Language: German, Rating: R
In 1990, to protect his fragile mother from a fatal shock after a long coma, a young man must keep her from learning that her beloved nation of East Germany as she knew it has disappeared.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0301357/
Prime Video (Rental)

**Ida (2013)**
Dir. Pawel Pawlikowski, Language: Polish, Rating: PG-13
A novice nun about to take her vows uncovers a family secret dating back to the German occupation.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2718492/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1
Prime Video (Rental)

**Look Who’s Back (2015)**
Dir. David Wnendt, Language: German, Rating: TV-MA
Adolf Hitler wakes up in the 21st century. He quickly gains media attention, but while Germany finds him hilarious and charming, Hitler makes some serious observations about society.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4176826/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1
Netflix

**The Good Postman (2016)**
Dir. Tonislav Hristov, Language: Bulgarian, Rating: 13+
Postman Ivan has a new political vision. He decides to run for mayor to bring the dying village to life by welcoming refugees.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6254144/plotsummary?ref_=tt_ov_pl
Prime Video (Included)

**Sami Blood (2016)**
Dir. Amanda Kernell, Language: Swedish, Rating: 16+
A reindeer-breeding Sámi girl who is exposed to the racism of the 1930s at her boarding school, starts dreaming of another life. But to achieve it, she has to become someone else and break all ties with her family and culture.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5287168/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1
Prime Video (Rental)
The European (2016)
Dir. Dirk Jan Roelevend, Language: Dutch, Rating: No Rating
Frans Timmermans, the first vice chairman of the European Commission, is followed during a trying time for Europe. The refugee crisis is always present, and the possible Brexit looms over Europe as well.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6273456/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1
Vimeo (Rental)

Europe at Sea (2017)
Dir. Annalisa Piras, Language: English, Rating: 13+
Exclusive access to top of the EU as Europe faces a crumbling world order.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7573824/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1
Prime Video (Included)

**The films listed can be used as a classroom resource at your own discretion**
Datsche (2018)  
Dir. Lara Hewitt, Language: German/English, Rating 7+  
A naive New Yorker retreats to his dead grandfather’s summer cottage, but instead of peace, he finds Adam, a refugee in hiding.  
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5808370/  
Prime Video (rental), Youtube (rental)

Woman at War (2018)  
Dir. Benedikt Erlingsson, Language: Icelandic, Rating: R  
Halla becomes a determined environmental activist, but this threatens a long-held hope of hers.  
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt7279188/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1  
Prime Video (Rental)

Brexit (2019)  
Dir. Toby Haynes, Language English, Rating: 16+  
Political strategist Dominic Cummings leads a popular but controversial campaign to convince British voters to leave the European Union from 2015 up until the present day.  
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt8425058/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1  
Prime Video (Rental)

Lux Film Prize Films  
Every year since 2007, the European Parliament LUX FILM PRIZE has shone a spotlight on films that go to the heart of European public debate.  
https://luxprize.eu/

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**Fiction & Non-Fiction**

**European Stories: EUPL Winners Write Europe**
Collection of short stories written by winners of the European Union Prize for Literature

**The Wall**
Through annotated illustrations, journals, maps, and dreamscapes, Peter Sís shows what life was like for a child who loved to draw, proudly wore the red scarf of a Young Pioneer, stood guard at the giant statue of Stalin, and believed whatever he was told to believe.
Peter Sís, 2007

**Border: A Journey to the Edge of Europe**
A scintillating, immersive travel narrative that is also a shadow history of the Cold War, a sideways look at the migration crisis troubling Europe, and a deep, witchy descent into interior and exterior geographies.
Kapka Kassabova, 2017

**The Nordic Theory of Everything: In Search of a Better Life**
In The Nordic Theory of Everything, Partanen compares and contrasts life in the United States with life in the Nordic region, focusing on four key relationships—parents and children, men and women, employees and employers, and government and citizens.
Anu Partanen, 2016

**Afropean: Notes from Black Europe**
An on-the-ground documentary of areas where Europeans of African descent are juggling their multiple allegiances and forging new identities.
Johny Pitts, 2019

**The books listed can be used as a classroom resource at your own discretion**
Podcasts

Themes: Brexit
https://www.theguardian.com/politics/series/brexit-means
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“Brexit Republic” *Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ) Ireland.*
Themes: Brexit and Ireland
https://www.rte.ie/news/brexit-republic/
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“Brussel Sprouts” *Center for a New American Security*
Themes: EU politics and institutions, foreign relations
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“A Diet of Brussel” *Simon Usherwood, University of Surrey*
Themes: Euroscepticism, EU integration, Brexit
https://www.adietofbrussels.com/
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“EU Confidential” *Ryan Heath, Politico*
Themes: EU politics and institutions
https://www.politico.eu/newsletter/eu-confidential/
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers
“The Europeans” Katy Lee (reporter, Paris) and Dominic Kraemer (opera singer, Amsterdam)
Themes: European culture, European politics
https://europeanspodcast.com/
Level: Middle school, high school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“Inside Europe” Deutsche Welle Magazine
Themes: European politics, foreign relations, European culture
https://www.dw.com/en/inside-europe/a-17391003
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“Politics Weekly” The Guardian UK
Themes: Domestic British politics, Brexit
https://www.theguardian.com/politics/series/politicsweekly
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“The Sound of Economics” Bruegel
Themes: EU monetary policy, EU fiscal policy
http://bruegel.org/author/the-sound-of-economics/
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“The World in 30 Minutes with Mark Leonard” European Council on Foreign Relations
Themes: Foreign relations, EU politics and institutions
https://www.ecfr.eu/podcasts/world_30_mins
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

“EU Now” Podcast: The Delegation of the EU to the US
https://euintheus.libsyn.com/
Level: High school, undergraduate, background for teachers

Twitter Accounts
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