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The Archive of European Integration (AEI) is an electronic repository and archive for research materials on the topic of European integration and unification. The AEI collects two types of materials: certain types of independently-produced research materials and official European Community/European Union documents.

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Materials submitted must deal with some aspect of European integration or unification in the 20th and 21st centuries. There are two main themes here:

1. The gradual resumption of normal relations between countries of West and East Europe due to the elimination of the barriers constructed during the Cold War.
2. The integration movement in West Europe which produced the European Community (now European Union).

Furthermore, materials submitted must not only be relevant to at least one of the two main themes above, but must also specifically address and discuss some aspect of European integration. For example, a title on governance or globalization which might have implications for, but does not discuss, European integration will not be accepted. For titles which only briefly mention Europe or European integration, the AEI editor will accept or reject items on a case-by-case basis.

The AEI has the goal of becoming the primary repository and archive for two types of materials:

1. Independently-produced research materials (working papers, policy papers, discussion papers, conference papers, small monographs, journal or serial articles, etc.). Initially, collection here will focus on freely-available materials already on the Web. In the future, AEI staff hopes to collect materials in other formats, i.e., paper, word-processing files. The AEI’s goal is to collect all appropriate materials in these categories not already accessible through ERPA.
2. Documents published by the European Community/European Union. There are two general guidelines here:
   a. The focus will be almost exclusively on collecting documents not readily available in electronic format elsewhere, such as one of the EU websites. For example, the EU has published many series beginning as far back as the 1950s, but only the most recent volumes are on the Web. In appropriate cases, the AEI will publish all volumes except those on the EU databases, thereby providing a full set.

At present, the AEI contains 29,449 documents.
The Archive of European Integration (AEI) was initiated and created by Dr. Phil Wilkin, Social Sciences Bibliographer, University Library System, University of Pittsburgh, AEI Editor, and Dr. Michael Nentwich, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Technology Assessment, Vienna, Austria. Mr. Nentwich is a managing editor of the European Research Papers Archive, the only other online repository dedicated to the collection of full text materials on European integration.

Since the creation of the AEI in February 2003, the University Library System (ULS) has provided the technical and material support for the AEI. The task of designing and implementing the archive was undertaken by a team from the ULS Department of Information Systems including Timothy Deliyannides, Brian Gregg, Jeffrey Wisniewski and Demetrios Ioannides. The AEI is also supported by the European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, and the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), housed at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Alberta Sbragia, former Director, European Union Center of Excellence and Center for European Studies, University of Pittsburgh, and current Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, University of Pittsburgh, serves as a consultant for AEI. Phil Wilkin administers all academic and intellectual aspects of the AEI.

Since Fall 2004, Barbara Sloan, formerly Head of Public Inquiries, Delegation of the European Commission to the US, Washington, DC, has been active in all phases of the development of the AEI-EU section of the AEI.

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