Suggested Readings

Society and Security in East Central Europe


Economics of Transition

Publications:
WORLD DEVELOPMENT REPORT. Published by the World Bank, deals with a specific theme each year. Each Report contains excellent analysis and extensive data. The material is presented in a clear and non-technical way, which makes it very accessible to non-economists. Although the World Bank’s staff produces the material, the presentation is well balanced and thoughtful. The 1996 Report dealt with problems of transition economies and lessons that can be drawn about the transition. This is probably the best single source on the topic of transition in East Europe, the former Soviet Union and China. It includes not only economic issues but social, demographic and political themes as well.

TRANSITION REPORT (annual publication). European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD): Covers East European and Russian economic and social developments in considerable detail.

ECONOMIC SURVEY OF EUROPE (annual publication). United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Contains excellent analysis and data. However, the reading is quite laborious even for the professional economist.

TRANSITION. Published by the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan Business School. A good source of non-technical information about transition economies.


Websites:
THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (http://www.imf.org/). This site contains a wealth of data and information about the IMF and its activities. The IMF publishes a non-technical magazine “Finance and Development”, that has an on-line counterpart.

THE WORLD BANK (http://www.worldbank.org/) also has an extensive web presence. There you can find data, news about Bank activities and access to working papers, reports and data on member countries. The World Bank’s working papers are quite good and contain considerable relatively non-technical information about Bank programs.

THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (http://www.ebrd.com/) has a web site that deals exclusively with East Europe and the former Soviet Union. It’s user-friendly and has good data and information that is up to date.
ECONOMICSEARCH (http://www.economicsearch.com/) is a general economics site, but it is well organized and has useful information and links to many other relevant resources 

The European Union and Central and Eastern Europe


Goldman, Minton. “CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE: FROM DICTATORSHIP TO DEMOCRACY,” in Goldman (ed), *Global Studies: Russia, the Eurasian Republics, and Central/Eastern Europe, 6th edition*, (Guilford, CT: Dushkin), 1995, pp. 113-136 (this global studies series is excellent for keeping up on short popular articles and even some condensed scholarly articles. The 1995 edition is the most recent that I have here, but it’s updated very often).

Bermeo, Nancy. “DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE,” in *Daedalus*, 123(2), 1994, pp. 159-178 (a good piece that helps students without a strong background in European history think about the basic optimism-pessimism debates in Eastern Europe—this is an optimistic view).

Edgar, David. “PENTACOST.” A brilliant stage play, which makes great reading for almost any level student, and which takes on the themes of ethnic tensions, regional underdevelopment, and, oh yes, art history. It’s set in Eastern Europe sometime shortly after 1990.

United Nations


Critical views of the UN:


Bosnia and the Former Yugoslavia

Publications:


Websites:
THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS GROUP (http://www.intl-crisis-group.org/), which produces independent, in-
depth reports on various issues related to implementing the Dayton Agreement.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR YUGOSLAVIA (http://www.igc.apc.org/balkans/tribunal.html)

Peacekeeping, Peacebuilding and International Order

INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING is a journal dedicated to international peacekeeping issues.


Crocker and Hampson. “MAKING PEACE SETTLEMENTS WORK,” Foreign Policy (Fall 1996).


del Castillo, Graciana & Alvaro de Soto. “OBSTACLES TO PEACEBUILDING.” Foreign Policy. (94, Spring 1994).


Website:
UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (http://www.un.org/depts/dpko/). Information and factual overviews of each past and present UN peacekeeping operation. This provides a constantly updated background briefing on current and completed missions as well as other aspects of DOKO activity and bibliography.

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