

[DCU Library](#) subscribes to [The Economist](#), which provides short and well-informed reports and commentary on European politics.

The [Political Data Yearbook](#) provides basic information on European political systems. There is also a useful narrative of politics in each country.

I recommend all the readings below; I highly recommend those underlined. All are available through [DCU Library](#).

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