

BACKGROUND: *This instruction sheet provides guidelines on the assignment of subject headings for Germany and Berlin.*

1. Assignment of headings.

a. Germany. The following previously used headings are not valid for use as subject headings: **Germany (Federal Republic, 1949-)**; **Germany (Democratic Republic, 1949-)**; **Germany, West**; **Germany, East**; **Germany, Eastern**; **Germany (Territory under Allied Occupation, 1945-1955)**; and headings for the United States, British, French, and Russian occupation zones. Use the following headings for subject cataloging purposes:

- **Germany**

Use for works discussing either (a) the region and the country before or during World War II, (b) the post-war zones of occupation collectively, (c) East and West Germany together during the period 1949-1990, or (d) the reunified Germany since 1990.

- **Germany (East)**

Use for works discussing (a) the eastern part of Germany before 1949, (b) the Russian occupation zone, (c) the German Democratic Republic from 1949-1990, or (d) the eastern part of the reunified Germany since 1990. When using **-Germany (East)** as a geographic subdivision, use it directly after topics, not through **-Germany**.

- **Germany (West)**

Use for works discussing (a) the western part of Germany before 1949, (b) the United States, British, and French occupation zones, (c) the German Federal Republic from 1949-1990, or (d) the western part of the reunified Germany since 1990. When using **-Germany (West)** as a geographic subdivision, use it directly after topics, not through **-Germany**.

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a. Germany. (Continued)

- **Germany, Northern; Germany, Southern**

Use, without regard to political status or time period, for works discussing these geographic regions of Germany. As geographic subdivisions, use these headings directly after topics.

Name headings representing agencies, etc., of the occupation, for example, **Germany (Territory under Allied Occupation, 1945-1955 : U.S. Zone). Office of Military Government**, are also valid for use as subject headings.

b. Berlin. Assign **Berlin (Germany)** for works on the city of Berlin as a whole or on East or West Berlin, regardless of the time period covered. Do not use the name headings **Berlin (Germany : East)** or **Berlin (Germany : West)**. *Examples:*

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651 #0 $a Berlin (Germany) $x History $y 1918-1945.  
651 #0 $a Berlin (Germany) $x Politics and government  
$y 1945-1990.
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However, use headings as established in the name authority file for corporate bodies located in East or West Berlin. *Examples:*

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610 10 $a Berlin (Germany : West). $b Abgeordnetenhaus.  
610 10 $a Berlin (Germany : West). $b Senat.
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2. Geographic subdivision. Geographic subdivision is through **-Germany** regardless of time period covered, not through **-Germany (East)** or **-Germany (West)**.

LC practice:

Note: Individual records in which geographic subdivision occurs through -Germany (East) or -Germany (West) may be corrected as they are being reviewed for other reasons. Large-scale correction of the bibliographic database is being deferred and may be done as a special project in the future.

2. Geographic subdivision. (Continued)

The headings **Berlin (Germany)**, **Berlin Metropolitan Area (Germany)**, **Berlin Suburban Area (Germany)**, and **Berlin Region (Germany)**, which were formerly assigned directly after topics, follow standard geographic subdivision practice and are divided through **Germany**.
Examples:

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650 #0 $a Education $z Germany $z Berlin.  
650 #0 $a Commuting $z Germany $z Berlin Metropolitan Area.  
650 #0 $a Aquatic sports $z Germany $z Berlin Region.
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3. GAC practice. Assign the GAC **e-gx** for Germany as a whole regardless of time period. Use **e-ge** for works limited to the eastern part of Germany before 1949 or after 1990 as well as to works on the German Democratic Republic during the period 1949-1990. Use **e-gw** for works limited to the western part of Germany before 1949 or after 1990 as well as to works on the German Federal Republic during the period 1949-1990. Use **e-gx** for all other regions, localities, cities, etc., in Germany, including **Germany, Northern; Germany, Southern; Prussia (Germany)**; etc.

4. (Germany) as geographic qualifier. In place names established as subject headings, such as names of rivers, lakes, etc., use the qualifier **(Germany)** for all headings. Subdivide broader term references by **-Germany**, not by **-Germany (East)** or **-Germany (West)**.