

Two Purposes

- To subarrange the history of a topic by specific periods
 - Dates refer to the period of time covered in the resource being cataloged
- To separate older material from more recent material
 - Dates refer to the publication date of the resource being cataloged

Classification numbers representing time periods appear throughout the schedules, and they serve one of two purposes:

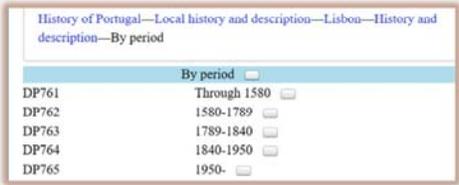
1. To subarrange the history of a topic by specific periods. In this case, the dates refer to the period of time that is covered in the subject matter of the resources.
2. The second is to separate older materials from the more recently published materials. Here, the dates refer to the publication dates of the resources.

Information about these policies is provided in CSM instruction sheet F 320, Classification and Time Periods.

In this module we will explain how to identify which numbers are which, and how to use them. We will begin with subarrangement by the period covered.

Time Period Covered

- Ending date of one period and the beginning of the next is the same
- Dates are significant in the history of the topic



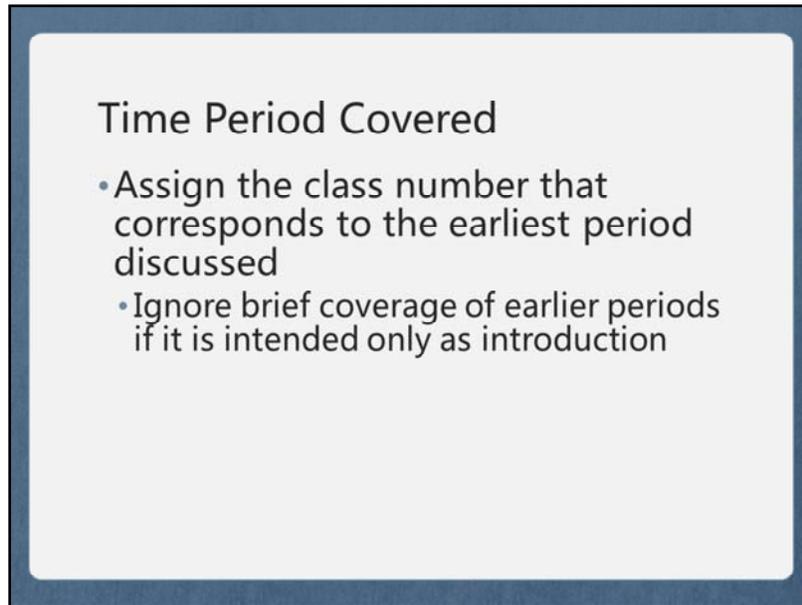
History of Portugal—Local history and description—Lisbon—History and description—By period	
	By period <input type="checkbox"/>
DP761	Through 1580 <input type="checkbox"/>
DP762	1580-1789 <input type="checkbox"/>
DP763	1789-1840 <input type="checkbox"/>
DP764	1840-1950 <input type="checkbox"/>
DP765	1950- <input type="checkbox"/>

When the dates refer to the time period covered in the resource, the dates are significant in the history of the place or topic.

You can recognize them because the opening date on one line is identical to the closing date on the preceding line. In other words, the date ranges overlap.

In this example for the history of Lisbon, Portugal, by period, the dates are **Through 1580**, then **1580-1789**, then **1789-1840**, **1840-1950**, and 1950 to the current time.

The dates overlap for two reasons. First, significant events in the history of a topic or place rarely occur at the exact turn of a year. Second, overlapping dates accommodate resources that might be about the period that ended in 1789, or the period that began in 1789.



Time Period Covered

- Assign the class number that corresponds to the earliest period discussed
- Ignore brief coverage of earlier periods if it is intended only as introduction

Resources often discuss time periods that span two or more classification numbers. We should assign the class number that corresponds to the earliest period that is discussed in a substantive way. We ignore any introductory material.

Time Period Covered

- Assign the class number that corresponds to the earliest period discussed
- Ignore brief coverage of earlier periods if it is intended only as introduction

	By period	
DP761	Through 1580	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP762	1580-1789	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP763	1789-1840	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP764	1840-1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP765	1950-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Let's go back to the time period breakdown for Lisbon.

Time Period Covered

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- Ignore brief coverage of earlier periods if it is intended only as introduction

	By period	
DP761	Through 1580	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP762	1580-1789	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP763	1789-1840	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP764	1840-1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP765	1950-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lisbon in the 20th century
DP674

If the intent of the resource is to discuss the history of Lisbon in the 20th century, it may discuss the 19th century in order to introduce the primary topic. But because it is not substantive, comparatively, you should ignore the introductory material.

Look at the segment of the schedule on your screen. The 20th century is split between DP764, which is for **1840-1950**, and DP765, which is for **1950-** to the present time. Class the resource in DP764, because that is the earliest time period discussed in depth.

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- Ignore brief coverage of earlier periods if it is intended only as introduction

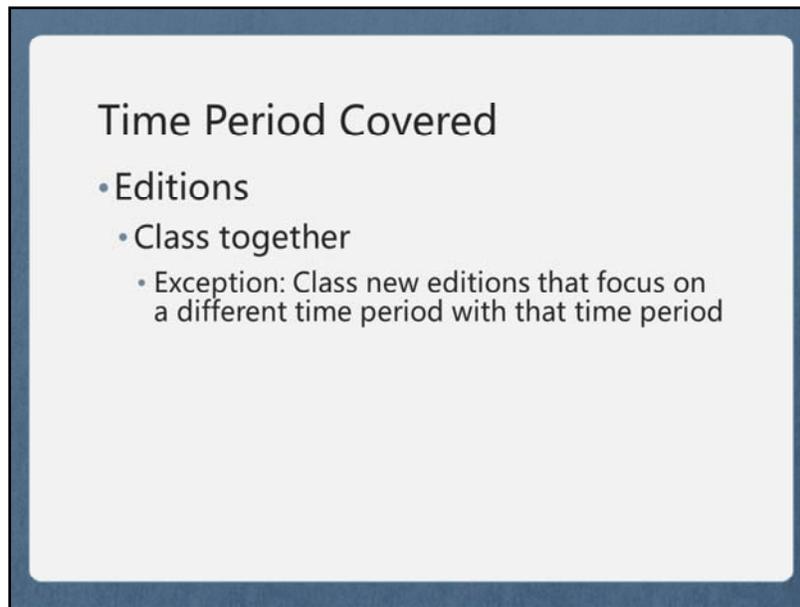
	By period	
DP761	Through 1580	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP762	1580-1789	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP763	1789-1840	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP764	1840-1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP765	1950-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lisbon in the 20th century
DP674

Lisbon since the end of the
Middle Ages
DP672

If the resource is about the history of Lisbon since the end of the Middle Ages until today, it is covered by DP762, DP763, DP764, and DP765.

You would class it in DP762, the earliest period discussed in a substantive way in the resource.



Editions are usually classed together when the dates refer to the time period covered.

The exception is when the time period covered differs from edition to edition.

In that case, the new edition with later or sometimes even earlier coverage should be classed with the time period that it discusses.

Time Period Covered

- Editions

Title: Modern Lisbon, a history
1st edition: Lisbon since 1920 DP764

	By period	
DP761	Through 1580	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP762	1580-1789	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP763	1789-1840	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP764	1840-1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP765	1950-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Going back to Lisbon again, let's say that there is a resource titled *Modern Lisbon, a History*. The first edition covered the history of Lisbon since 1920. It is classed in DP764, the time period **1840-1950**, because that is the earliest period covered.

Time Period Covered

- Editions

Title: Modern Lisbon, a history

1st edition: Lisbon since 1920 DP764

2nd edition: Lisbon since 1920 DP764

	By period	
DP761	Through 1580	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP762	1580-1789	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP763	1789-1840	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP764	1840-1950	<input type="checkbox"/>
DP765	1950-	<input type="checkbox"/>

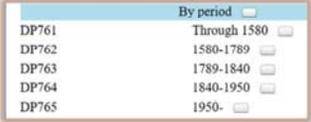
The second edition also covered the history of Lisbon since 1920. Like the first edition, the second edition also classes in DP764.

Time Period Covered

- Editions

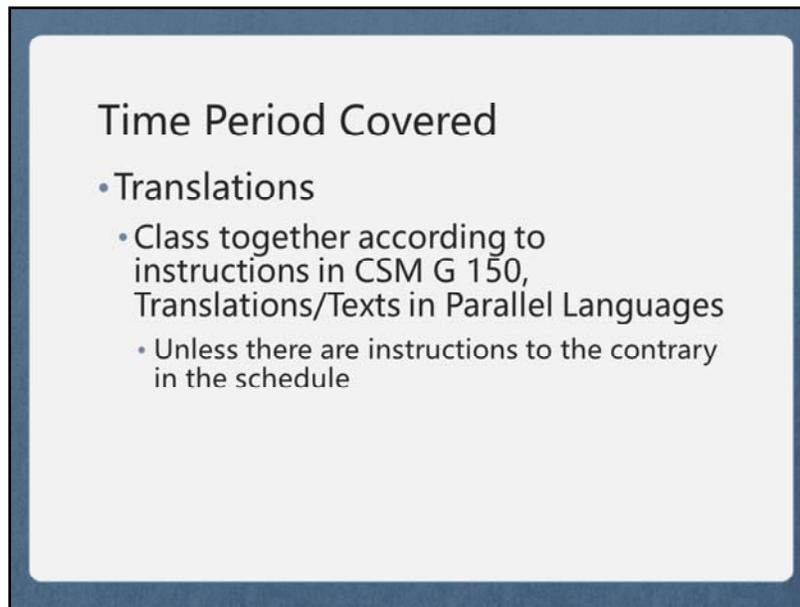
Title: Modern Lisbon, a history

1 st edition: Lisbon since 1920	DP764
2 nd edition: Lisbon since 1920	DP764
3 rd edition: Lisbon since 1960	DP765



By period	
DP761	Through 1580
DP762	1580-1789
DP763	1789-1840
DP764	1840-1950
DP765	1950-

The time period discussed changed significantly with the third edition. The third edition covered the history of Lisbon since 1960, and is therefore classed in DP765, corresponding to the new time period that was covered.

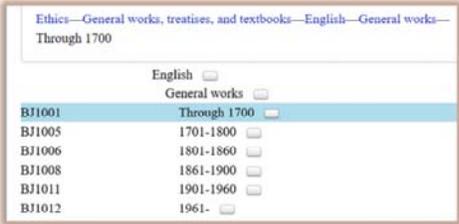


When the dates refer to the time period covered, translations are classed with the work in its original language, unless there are instructions to the contrary.

We will cover the treatment of translations in great detail in a later module.

Date of Publication

- Ending date of one period and the beginning of the next do not overlap
- Dates are generally round numbers



Ethics—General works, treatises, and textbooks—English—General works—Through 1700	
English	<input type="checkbox"/>
General works	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1001	Through 1700 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961- <input type="checkbox"/>

Let's now discuss what happens when the chronological breakdown refers to the *date of publication*.

This situation can be recognized by the fact that the dates on successive lines do *not* overlap. As you can see in this excerpt for **General works** on ethics in English, each line is one integer higher:

Through 1700,
1701-1800,
1801-1860,
1861-1900,
1901-1960, and
1961-to the present time.

Also notice that the spans close on round years: 1700, 1800, 1860, 1900, and 1960.

The lack of overlap in the dates makes sense because there cannot be any doubt about where to class a resource.

Say that the end of the span **1901-1960** was 1901-1961 instead, and the next line was still 1961. If you had to catalog a resource published in 1961, you would not know where to class it.

Date of Publication

- Assign the class number that corresponds to the publication date of the resource being cataloged

When the date arrangement refers to the date of publication, assign the class number that corresponds to the publication date of the resource that is being cataloged.

Date of Publication

- Assign the class number that corresponds to the publication date of the resource being cataloged

	English <input type="checkbox"/>	
	General works <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1001	Through 1700 <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1005	1701-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1006	1801-1860 <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1008	1861-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1011	1901-1960 <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1012	1961- <input type="checkbox"/>	

Published in 1999
BJ1012

A general resource in English about ethics, published in 1999, should be classed in BJ1012, which is for resources published from **1961-** until today.

Date of Publication

- Assign the class number that corresponds to the publication date of the resource being cataloged

	English	<input type="checkbox"/>
	General works	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1001	Through 1700	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Published in 1999
BJ1012

Published in 1680
BJ1001

A resource published in 1680 would be classed in BJ1001, resources published **Through 1700**. By the way, **Through 1700** should be interpreted as “up to and including 1700.”

Date of Publication

- Assign the class number that corresponds to the publication date of the resource being cataloged

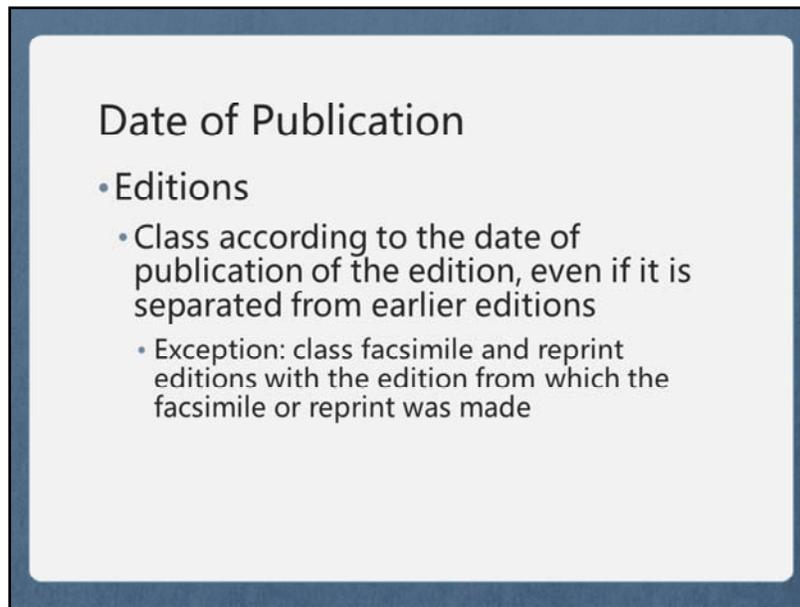
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	General works <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1001	Through 1700 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961- <input type="checkbox"/>

Published in 1999
BJ1012

Published in 1680
BJ1001

Published in 1861
BJ1008

Finally, a resource published in 1861 would be classed in BJ1008, with the time span **1861-1900**.



Date of Publication

- Editions
 - Class according to the date of publication of the edition, even if it is separated from earlier editions
 - Exception: class facsimile and reprint editions with the edition from which the facsimile or reprint was made

Editions are classed according to the date of publication, even though this means that newer editions are often separated from older ones.

We will talk about editions in detail in a later module, but for now, just know that the standard practice is to class editions together. Therefore, it feels somehow wrong to separate editions from each other when the subarrangement is by date of publication.

Remember, though, that the purpose of this type of arrangement is to separate older resources on the topic from newer resources on the topic.

There is one exception to this policy: *facsimile and reprint editions* are classed with the edition from the which the facsimile or reprint was made. Again, this is logical because by definition the content could not have changed.

Date of Publication

- Editions

Title: An introduction to ethical principles
1st edition: published in 1950 BJ1011

English <input type="checkbox"/>	
General works <input type="checkbox"/>	
BJ1001	Through 1700 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961- <input type="checkbox"/>

The title *An Introduction to Ethical Principles* has gone through several editions. The first edition was published in 1950 and was classed in BJ1011, resources published between 1901 and 1960.

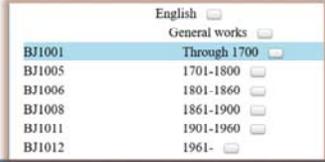
Date of Publication

- Editions

Title: An introduction to ethical principles

1st edition: published in 1950 BJ1011

2nd edition: published in 1959 BJ1011



The screenshot shows a classification tree with the following structure:

- English
- General works
- Through 1700
- 1701-1800
- 1801-1860
- 1861-1900
- 1901-1960
- 1961-

BJ1001	Through 1700	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961-	<input type="checkbox"/>

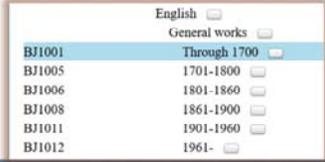
The second edition was published in 1959 and was again classed in BJ1011.

Date of Publication

- Editions

Title: An introduction to ethical principles

1 st edition: published in 1950	BJ1011
2 nd edition: published in 1959	BJ1011
3 rd edition: published in 1965	BJ1012



English	<input type="checkbox"/>
General works	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1001	Through 1700 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961- <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

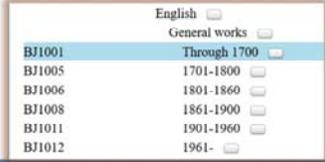
The third edition was published in 1965, so the class number had to be changed. The third edition was classed in BJ1012, resources published in 1961 and later.

Date of Publication

- Editions

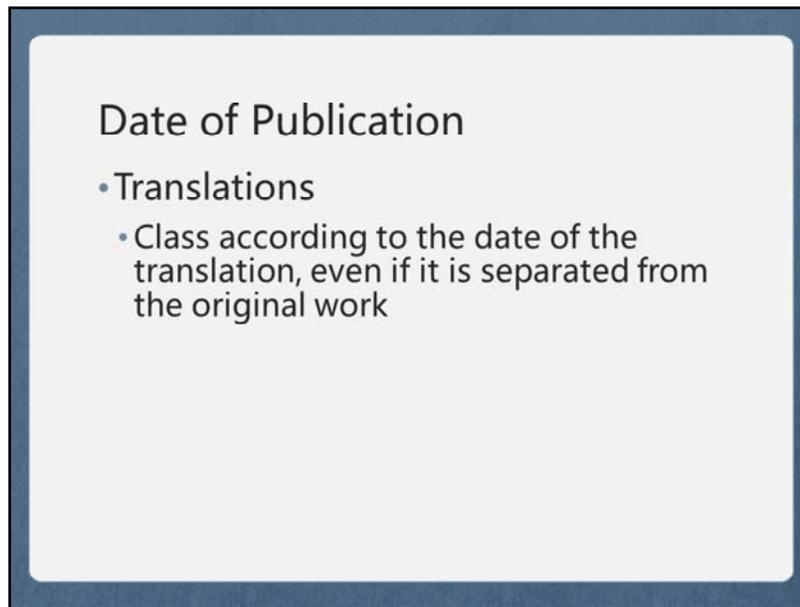
Title: An introduction to ethical principles

1 st edition: published in 1950	BJ1011
2 nd edition: published in 1959	BJ1011
3 rd edition: published in 1965	BJ1012
Facsimile of 1 st edition, published in 1980	BJ1011



English	<input type="checkbox"/>
General works	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1001	Through 1700 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960 <input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961- <input type="checkbox"/>

It turns out that the first edition was so important that a facsimile was published in 1980. Facsimiles and reprints are classified with the edition from which the facsimile or reprint was made, so it is classed in BJ1011 with the first edition.



Translations are also classed by the date of publication of the translation, which means that translations are often separated from the original.

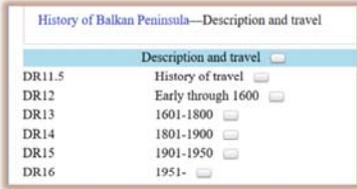
This again feels counterintuitive because the standard policy is to class translations with the resource in the original language (we will cover policy on translations in a later module).

Remember that the intent of this arrangement is to keep older resources separated from newer resources.

Date of Publication

- Translations

Title: Travels in the Balkans
Published in 1949 DR15



The screenshot shows a classification tree for 'History of Balkan Peninsula—Description and travel'. The tree is structured as follows:

History of Balkan Peninsula—Description and travel	
	Description and travel <input type="checkbox"/>
DR11.5	History of travel <input type="checkbox"/>
DR12	Early through 1600 <input type="checkbox"/>
DR13	1601-1800 <input type="checkbox"/>
DR14	1801-1900 <input type="checkbox"/>
DR15	1901-1950 <input type="checkbox"/>
DR16	1951- <input type="checkbox"/>

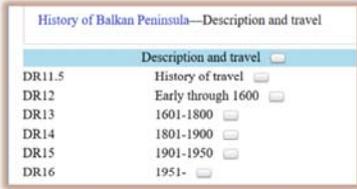
Here is an example.

The title *Travels in the Balkans* was originally published in English in 1949. It is classed in DR15, resources published from **1901-1950**.

Date of Publication

- Translations

Title: Travels in the Balkans
Published in 1949 DR15
Croatian translation published in 1957 DR16



The screenshot shows a classification tree for 'History of Balkan Peninsula—Description and travel'. The root node is 'Description and travel' with a dropdown arrow. Below it are several sub-nodes, each with a dropdown arrow: 'History of travel', 'Early through 1600', '1601-1800', '1801-1900', '1901-1950', and '1951-'. To the left of these nodes are call numbers: DR11.5, DR12, DR13, DR14, DR15, and DR16.

Call Number	Sub-Category
DR11.5	History of travel
DR12	Early through 1600
DR13	1601-1800
DR14	1801-1900
DR15	1901-1950
DR16	1951-

It was translated into Croatian and published in 1957.

Resources published beginning in 1951 are classed in DR16, so that is the class number assigned to this translation.

Date of Publication

- Translations

Title: An introduction to ethical principles
Published in 1960 BJ1011

Ethics—General works, treatises, and textbooks—English—General works—
Through 1700

English

General works

BJ1001	Through 1700	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1005	1701-1800	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1006	1801-1860	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1008	1861-1900	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1011	1901-1960	<input type="checkbox"/>
BJ1012	1961-	<input type="checkbox"/>

Finally, sometimes there are separate hierarchies for the language of the resources.

Going back to *An Introduction to Ethical Principles*:

It was originally published in English in 1960, so it is classed in BJ1011. Notice that the hierarchy is for general works on ethics *in English*.

This schedule provides separate arrangements for other languages.

Date of Publication

- Translations

Title: An introduction to ethical principles
Published in 1960 BJ1011
German translation published in 1963 BJ1114

Ethics—General works, treatises, and textbooks—English	
BJ1001	
BJ1005	
BJ1006	
BJ1008	
BJ1011	
BJ1012	

Ethics—General works, treatises, and textbooks—German	
German	
General works	
Through 1700	
BJ1101	1701-1800
BJ1104	1801-1860
BJ1107	1861-1900
BJ1111	1901-
BJ1114	

The German translation published in 1963 is classed at BJ1114, general works on ethics *in German* published beginning in 1961.

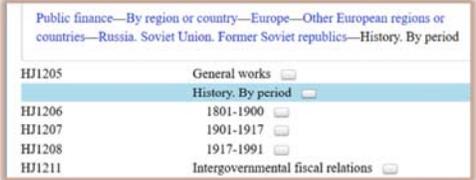
How do we know that a German translation of an English-language book would be placed with the ethics books that were originally written in German? I can't find anything in the CSM to explain this. Why is this not a situation where a German translation would be indicated through use of the Translation Table in G150?

Because in General works hierarchies (and probably others), the language listed is the language of the resource in-hand, regardless of publication history. The idea here is to provide all of the books in English, and then all of the books in French, and so forth, to aid the user. I don't think the policy is specifically documented anywhere, although it does fall into the general idea that the hierarchies mean what they say they mean: English books about ethics, German books about ethics, etc.

I guess I was seeing a difference between a German book vs. a book in German. My assumption was that distinction would be made.

Mixed Spans

- Different styles within a span
- Use context to determine the meaning



The screenshot shows a hierarchy pane with the following structure:

- Public finance—By region or country—Europe—Other European regions or countries—Russia, Soviet Union, Former Soviet republics—History, By period
 - HJ1205 General works
 - HJ1206 1801-1900
 - HJ1207 1901-1917
 - HJ1208 1917-1991
 - HJ1211 Intergovernmental fiscal relations

On occasion, successive captions will have a mixture of date range styles. When that happens, use the context of the number to determine whether the captions refer to the time period covered or to the date of publication.

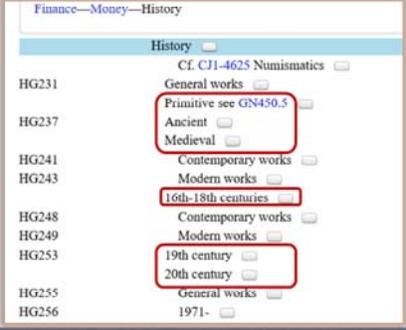
The example on your screen shows such a mixture: **1801-1900**, **1901-1917**, and **1917-1991**. The first and second date spans do not overlap, but the second and third do.

Look at the hierarchy pane. HJ1206-HJ1208 refer to the public finance of Russia, the Soviet Union, and the former Soviet republics, and the hierarchy line directly above the date captions gives the instruction **By period**. Therefore, the dates refer to the periods covered in the resources. The fact that the first and second date spans do not overlap should be considered to be an accident or an anomaly.

Tangentially, you may be asking yourself why the dates end at 1991. It appears that there has not been a resource about the public finance of former Soviet republics collectively. If a number is ever needed for the period after 1991, it can be proposed.

Mixed Spans

- Sometimes provide for both time period covered and publication date



The screenshot shows a portion of the Library of Congress Classification schedule for Finance—Money—History. The hierarchy is as follows:

- History
- Cf. CJ1-4625 Numismatics
- General works
- Primitive see GN450.5
- Ancient
- Medieval
- Contemporary works
- Modern works
- 16th-18th centuries
- Contemporary works
- Modern works
- 19th century
- 20th century
- General works
- 1971-

Red boxes in the original image highlight the following sub-classes: Primitive see GN450.5, Ancient, Medieval, 16th-18th centuries, 19th century, and 20th century.

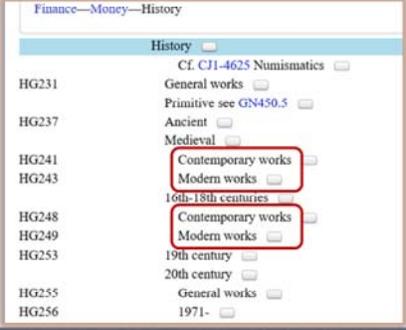
Some hierarchies provide for both the time period covered and the publication date, as in this excerpt from the schedule.

This range refers to the history of money, not limited to a particular region or country.

The first level of hierarchy refers to the time period covered: ancient, medieval, 16th-18th centuries, the 19th century, and the 20th century.

Mixed Spans

- Sometimes provide for both time period covered and publication date



The screenshot shows the LCC hierarchy for Finance—Money—History. The hierarchy is as follows:

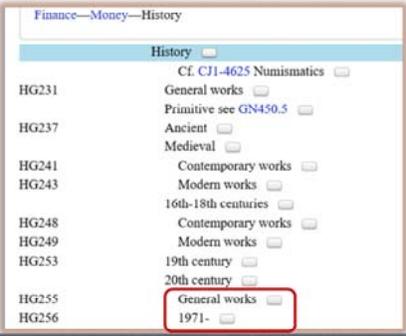
- Finance—Money—History
 - History
 - Cf. CJ1-4625 Numismatics
 - General works
 - Primitive see GN450.5
 - Ancient
 - Medieval
 - Contemporary works
 - Modern works
 - 16th-18th centuries
 - Contemporary works
 - Modern works
 - 19th century
 - 20th century
 - General works
 - 1971-

The next level chiefly refers to the date of publication. These captions have an implied date range. HG241-HG243 refers to the publication date of the resources about money in the medieval period. **Contemporary works** is used for resources that were published during the medieval period, that is, contemporaneous to the period that they discuss. HG243 is used for resources published after that period.

HG248-HG249 should be understood the same way: HG248 is for resources published in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, and HG249 is for resources published later.

Mixed Spans

- Sometimes provide for both time period covered and publication date



The screenshot shows a table of Library of Congress Classification numbers for the subject 'Finance—Money—History'. The table is organized into columns for 'History' and various sub-topics. The sub-topics include 'Cf. CJ1-4625 Numismatics', 'General works', 'Primitive see GN450.5', 'Ancient', 'Medieval', 'Contemporary works', 'Modern works', '16th-18th centuries', '19th century', '20th century', and '1971-'. The classification numbers are listed on the left, and the corresponding sub-topics are listed on the right. A red box highlights the 'General works' and '1971-' sub-topics under the '20th century' heading.

Classification Number	Sub-topic
	Cf. CJ1-4625 Numismatics
HG231	General works
	Primitive see GN450.5
HG237	Ancient
	Medieval
HG241	Contemporary works
HG243	Modern works
	16th-18th centuries
HG248	Contemporary works
HG249	Modern works
HG253	19th century
	20th century
HG255	General works
HG256	1971-

Now let's look at the captions under **20th century**. There is a **General works** number for the **20th century**, which is used for resources about the 20th century as a whole – or at least as far as the publication of the resource. For example, a resource about money in the 20th century that was published in 1940 should be classed in HG255.

What is HG256 used for? The caption says **1971-** to the present time. Does this mean date of publication, or time period covered? Think about the context. If the preceding number is used for resources about the entire 20th century, then it stands to reason that the next caption is for a portion of the 20th century. So then, it refers to the time period covered, *not* publication date.

Mixed Spans

- Sometimes provide for both time period covered and publication date

Excerpt from F 320

If it is desirable to leave a major time period open, set it off by means of a separate caption with the minor periods listed underneath, e.g.,

1945-	20th century
General works	General works
1945-1958	1971-
1958-1971	
1971-	

As in many cases, the CSM is helpful in understanding policy. The instruction sheet on time periods, F 320, should be consulted in this case. This excerpt from section 1, which is about time periods covered, shows a similar situation.

It has a time period, **1945-** to the present day, with a **General works** number and date ranges underneath, just like the schedule did.

