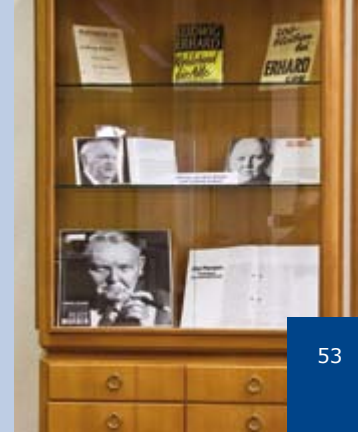


WITH ITS ARCHIVE, LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE, THE
REFERENCE AND RESEARCH SERVICES/
ARCHIVES OF CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC
POLICY (ACDP) DEPARTMENT RESEARCHES THE HISTORY
OF THE CHRISTIAN-DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, THE UNION OF THE CDU AND ALL
ITS REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND THE KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG ITSELF.



*A glass cabinet
that once belonged
to Ludwig Erhard*

RESEARCH AND PRESERVATION

The department "Reference and Research Services/Archives of Christian-Democratic Policy" effectively works as the memory of Christian democracy. Focussing on historical research and service, it aims to give fresh impetus to writings on the history of the CDU. In 2008, publications on the common European identity, an analysis on school-books, on the student revolt in 1968, a history of the CDU of Lower Saxony, a biography of Johannes Hoffmann, the first prime minister of the State of Saarland, the historical journal of the ACDP (Historisch-Politische Mitteilungen/HPM) and a volume on the CDU/CSU members of the Parliamentary Council were released.

The ACDP also placed particular emphasis on the Helmut Kohl era. The webpage www.Helmut-Kohl.de was completely redesigned, and the conference series "Colloquy on the Kohl Era", at which contemporary witnesses and researchers discussed the former chancellor's intra-German policy, was continued. The web pages with information on contemporary history are also being reworked in order to appeal to a broader audience. A new web portal on Konrad Adenauer, www.Konrad-Adenauer.de was also launched at the beginning of 2009. Smaller web sites recalling the 100th birthday of Josef Hermann Dufhues and the 100th anniversary of Franz Meyers' birthday were also well received.

HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

A central focus lay in securing documents belonging to CDU party bodies and office holders and elected officials at a state and federal level. The acquired and evaluated archive material came up to 250 metres of written material including pictures, films and posters.

Among the remarkable acquisitions were the files of former CDU secretary general Heiner Geißler. The files, substantial in both quantity and quality, document Geißler's start in politics as a minister in Rhineland-Palatinate and the changes within the CDU when he was its secretary general. In addition to the extensive correspondence the records contain speeches and drafts. The archive also took over the files belonging to Klaus Scheufelen, who co-founded the CDU's economic council, and papers from the former prime minister of Lower Saxony, Ernst Albrecht. In addition, the archives acquired a large photography collection of former German president Roman Herzog; the collection was presented to the public on the occasion of the nationwide Archives Day.

Aside from research of party materials at the federal, state and county level, third-party funded projects also play a substantial role. As in years gone by, the German Bundestag funded the acquisition and description of 90 metres of correspondence by the CDU's parliamentary group as well as records from members of parliament, which the general public now has access to. Part of this project allowed for the cataloguing and digitalisation of 500 CDU campaign posters from federal elections.



*Documents from the
office of Heiner Geißler.*



Picture archives (right).

Friendly employees help visitors in the library (left).



Information and research were just as crucial in 2008 as they were in previous years. The foundation's newly launched web site provides limited online access to archived items. Using the archive requires an inquiry in written form or by phone, or by personally visiting the archive. There were more than 100 visitors to the archives last year from within Germany and abroad; among them were researchers from Japan and the United States. Altogether, about 3,000 items from 180 record groups were obtained, and some 9,000 copies were produced.

Aside from the written material, audiovisual items were also particularly popular. Audio recordings, films, posters, flyers and pictures are an integral part of historical civic education – and they are often requested by publishers, movie production companies, and museums and to help illustrate schoolbooks. The poster, film and audio archives have also been available on the web since 2008. Similar to the holdings, which were made available for research in 2007, these archives are comprehensively searchable online. In addition to publications, conferences and guided tours, the exhibits the archive organises are also an important component of its public information work.

In 2008, the archive again took part in a nationwide Archives Day organized by the Association of German Archivists. More than 100 visitors informed themselves about the archive's work during guided tours and presentations. In addition, an exhibition of posters and flyers visualized the subject of "Flight, Displacement and Migration." Another exhibit of posters and flyers was presented in connection with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung's Open House at the Berlin Academy in September.

Smaller short-term exhibits in the reading room area – held during anniversaries or special events – are a further aspect of public relations. A cabinet that used to belong to Ludwig Erhard attracted a fair amount of attention. Erhard used the cabinet, which had been in private hands, to store gifts he received when he was chancellor. The cabinet is now being used for rotating displays of documents about Erhard.

As in previous years, the archive provided internships for high school and university students, and for budding archivists. The project "Schools and Archives" will continue in coming years.

LIBRARY

The library's work last year focussed mainly on the expansion and maintenance of the collection. The number of volumes in the library rose to 175,550, thanks to purchases of literature on the Christian democratic movement, as well as systematically adding to the collection of party documents. The library was particularly blessed with a gift from Professor Hans Maier, who donated a meaningful collection of books on the philosophy of human rights, Enlightenment and the French Revolution, as well as on the historical and philosophical roots of Christian democracy in Europe.



The ACDP's poster collection expanded by a number of valuable items – here a campaign poster by the Zentrum party for the 1932 Prussian state elections.

The complete collection of books, magazines, essays and modern-day media is listed in the online public catalogue OPAC, researchers can call up via the archive's web site. In addition, readers can not only obtain the table of contents of collected editions or the information on the dust jacket but also information on reviews, magazine web sites and their archives. Readers have access to full text editions of more than 300 of the foundation's online publications, covering a wide variety of issues. During the past year, 6,619 research operations were carried out using the online catalogue.

The KAS library offers a wide range of information and research services for both employees and the general public. This includes literature research, processing requests, providing information on the special collections, access to the foundation's own publications and helping users of the database.

Among the library's long-term tasks is the active support of foundation employees in Germany and abroad in carrying out projects, events and publications. Staff are also informed on relevant books and magazines due to be published. All in all, 18,526 books were checked out directly from the library, while 1,075 volumes were checked out via interlibrary loan.

The 1,185 research requests received focused largely on the challenges faced by parliamentary democracy, the future of political parties, social development in a time of globalisation, the importance of science and education, and the consequences of the global financial crisis for the the economy and society.

The interest in history largely focused on events and anniversaries such as 40 years since the student revolution, the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, 60 years since the German currency reform, Parliamentary Council, the founding of Israel and so forth.

CENTRAL DOCUMENTATION

The central documentation department, with its press and media documentation units, is charged with obtaining a comprehensive overview of all published reports. It documents the most important reports from the print media and television, as well as essential publications of government institutions, political parties, associations, churches and community organisations.

A particular emphasis is placed on the work of political parties – about one third of the more than 300,000 documents consulted in 2008 were party-related.

There were some 80,000 publications added to the documentation department, from all policy areas, on events that took place abroad and in particular about cultural and intellectual life.

The complete collection of documents – digitally stored since 1994 – is available to every employee, either immediately or upon request. Students and researchers extensively use the press and media documentation service's comprehensive collection, particularly for queries on contemporary history. Aside from German researchers, scholars from Canada, France, Great Britain and the United States were among those who spent time in the documentation department in 2008.

Volume of the entire collection grouped into categories

■ Written documents (in running metres)

<i>Department 1:</i>	
<i>Bequests and deposits</i>	4,200
<i>Department 2:</i>	
<i>County branches</i>	3,642
<i>Department 3:</i>	
<i>Regional and district branches</i>	1,877
<i>Department 4:</i>	
<i>CDU organisations</i>	1,045
<i>Department 5:</i>	
<i>CDU state parliament groups</i>	817
<i>Department 6:</i>	
<i>Special collections</i>	603
<i>Department 7:</i>	
<i>National party</i>	1,295
<i>Central collection of the CDU of East Germany</i>	385
<i>Department 8:</i>	
<i>CDU/CSU parliamentary group</i>	1,032
<i>Department 9:</i>	
<i>Europe</i>	379
<i>Department 12:</i>	
<i>Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</i>	200
<i>Miscellaneous promotional material</i>	35
Total collection	15,510
■ Audiovisual material	
<i>Individual photos</i>	290,000
<i>Photo albums</i>	250
<i>Posters</i>	22,000
<i>Audio recordings (in running metres)</i>	235
<i>Films (in running metres)</i>	60