

Left-wing protagonists weave, and archivists care for, the fabric from which history will later be written. Analogue and digital documents pertaining to left-wing activities do not belong in the cellar or the bin. The archive is the right place for documents about:

### Committees

(particularly of executive boards and staff offices, task forces, working groups, commissions of enquiry, investigative committees)

- electoral documents (electoral platforms, responses to policy surveys, candidates' campaign documents)
- minutes (proposals, decisions) from meetings and conferences
- planning documents, correspondence
- legislative initiatives, amendment requests, and inquiries
- documentation and files on particular subject areas
- publicity materials (posters, photos, sound and video recordings, leaflets, flyers, promotional materials, other miscellany)
- press releases and newspaper articles, documents pertaining to events and conferences

### Individuals

(particularly elected representatives, functionaries, and left-wing personalities)

- personal files and correspondence
- drafts of speeches, publications, press releases and articles
- travel activities
- political association activities
- parliamentary activities
- offline copies of websites
- material about the person
- posters, photos, sound and video recordings, leaflets, flyers, promotional materials, other miscellany

### SUPPORT

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ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG

# ARCHIVE OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM



The **Archive of Democratic Socialism** (ADS) is responsible for collecting, cataloguing, preserving, and making publicly available documents pertaining to the development of DIE LINKE and its two predecessor organizations, the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) and Labour and Social Justice – The Electoral Alternative (WASG). It was established in 1999 as the party archive for the main political currents of democratic socialism. The archive records begin with the SED/PDS party conference in December 1989. Together with the library, the history unit, and the documentation of the life of Rosa Luxemburg, it forms part of the Historical Centre for Democratic Socialism at the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

In order to comprehensively document the creation and development of DIE LINKE (from 2007), the WASG (2004–2007), and the PDS (1990–2007, from 2005–2007 known as the Linkspartei.PDS, or Left Party.PDS), the archive accepts materials that document the following:

- Executive and federal committees and their central subdivisions
- Regional associations and selected local organizations
- Factions at the federal and regional levels
- Members of the Bundestag and state parliaments, their offices and staff
- Party officials
- People who have been particularly significant for the development of DIE LINKE.

The archive holds more than 1,600 linear meters of documents and 7.7 terabytes of digital objects. The collection contains over 1,200 audio recordings, 2,200 posters, 1,000 flyers and leaflets, 700 photos, and 200 other objects and artefacts.

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In accordance with the common documentation and collection protocol of the archives of German political foundations for securing the development of its associated party's archive, the ADS provides:

- appraisal and acquisition of relevant sources
- orderly transfer procedures
- evaluation of the materials' appropriateness for the archive
- safeguarding and processing of the materials as part of the cataloguing strategy
- making the archive holdings available in accordance with legal regulations

#### COLLECTIONS:

##### Individuals

- politicians
- members of parliament
- significant left-wing figures

##### Parties

- Die Linke (executive committee; regional associations; local organizations; organizations, associations and institutions associated with the party)
- the WASG (federal executive; regional associations; local organizations; organizations, associations, institutions associated with the party)
- the PDS (executive committee; regional associations; local organizations; organizations, associations, institutions associated with the party)

##### Parliamentary cooperation

- European Parliament (delegation in the Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left (GUE/NGL))
- Bundestag (parliamentary party)
- state parliaments (parliamentary parties)

##### Artefacts pertaining to movements, organizations, associations, and institutions

##### The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung collection

**Other objects** (primarily posters, photos, sound and video recordings)

#### A SELECTION OF PUBLISHED FINDING AIDS:

- **Finding Aid 14:**  
The executive committee of the PDS: The Gysi Era (1989 to 1993)
- **Finding Aid 12:**  
Labour and Social Justice – The Electoral Alternative (WASG) (2004 to 2007)
- **Finding Aid 01:**  
The PDS faction in the GDR Volkskammer (March to October 1990)
- **Finding Aid 02:**  
The PDS in the Bundestag (1990 to 1994)
- **Finding Aid 06:**  
The PDS in the Bundestag (1994 to 1998)
- **Finding Aid 09:**  
The PDS in the Bundestag (1998 to 2002)
- **Finding Aid 07:**  
Dr Gregor Gysi, MP (1990 to 2002)
- **Finding Aid 08:**  
Prof Dr Christa Luft, MP (1994 to 2002)



#### COMPOSITION OF THE ARCHIVE OF THE ROSA-LUXEMBURG-STIFTUNG

(End 2021)

