

Democratic Theory

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Blakeley, Georgina, and Valerie Bryson, eds. 2002. *Contemporary Political Concepts: A Critical Introduction*. London: Pluto.

Chapter or other part of a book

Hudson, Peter. 1988. "Images of the Future and Strategies in the Present: The Freedom Charter and the South African Left." In *State, Resistance, and Change in South Africa*, ed. Philip Frankel, Noam Pines, and Mark Swilling, 259–277. Johannesburg: Southern Book Publishers.

Translations

Schmitt, Carl. 1985. *The Crisis of Parliamentary Democracy*. Trans. Ellen Kennedy. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Translated titles

Bernet, Moshe. 2009. *A Nation Like Any Nation: Toward the Establishment of an Israeli Republic*. [In Hebrew.] Jerusalem: Carmel.

Wikan, Unni. 1995. *Mot en ny norsk underklasse* [Toward a new Norwegian underclass] Oslo: Gyldendal.

Journal article (always include the doi)

Schulzke, Marcus, and Amanda Carroll. 2011. "Judicial Review in Context: A Response to Counter-majoritarian and Epistemic Critiques." *Theoria* 58 (127): 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.3167/th.2011.5812702>.

Article in a newspaper or magazine

Butt, Riazat. 2011. "Cameron Calls for Return to Christian Values as King James Bible Turns 400." *Guardian*, 16 December. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/dec/16/cameron-king-james-bible-anniversary>.

Paper presented at a meeting or conference

Szebehely, Marta. 2007. "Carework in Scandinavia: Organisational Trends and Everyday Realities." Paper presented at the 5th Annual ESPAnet Conference, Vienna, 20–22 September.

Report

Christoplos, Ian, Simon Anderson, Margaret Arnold, Victor Galaz, Merylyn Hedger, Richard J. T. Klein, and Katell Le Goulven. 2009. *The Human Dimension of Climate Adaptation: The Importance of Local and Institutional Issues*. Report to the Commission on Climate Change and Development, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm.

Thesis, dissertation, or unpublished manuscript

Olson, Julia. 1997. "The Cultural Politics of Fishing: Negotiating Community and Common Property in Northern Norway." PhD diss., Stanford University.

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Dedyk, Claudia. 1933. Linguistics Memos, Rossiskii Gosudarsvenyi Isoricheskii Arkhiv [RGIA], fond 1129, opis 1, delo 491, 11 February, 74–83, 116–119. Russian State Historical Archives, St. Petersburg.

Egmont Manuscripts. n.d. Phillips Collection. University of Georgia Library, Athens.

Websites and blogs

Access dates are only required when no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source.

Marshall, Ruth. 2011. "Falling on the Sword of the Spirit." *Immanent Frame*, 28 February. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/02/28/falling-on-the-sword-of-the-spirit>.

WHO (World Health Organisation). 2000. "Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade—Notification—Mexico—Tequila." <http://docsonline.eto.org/TBT/Notif.00/168> (accessed 9 April 2000).

Online video

Rubinstein, Arthur. 2011. "Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2, Op. 18, I Moderato." Video, 10:16. Uploaded 8 November. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Vv0Sy9FJrc&list=PLDB11C4F39E09047F>.

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