

Research Guide (Fall 2015)

FYSP 043: Life in Totalitarian Societies / Prof. Sammartino

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Germany (East) -- Social life and customs

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[Histories of everyday life in totalitarian regimes](#) / Gale Cengage, 2015

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online: [e-book version](#)

print: Main Reference DK14 .E53 2004 (4 vols) LIBRARY USE ONLY

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