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*To our parents  
Elizabeth and Minta Dunn  
and  
Miriam and John Babuscio*

# PREFACE

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This is the fourth volume to appear in the *European Political Facts* series. Hence this book has been designed to be a companion to the existing *European Political Facts 1789–1848*, *European Political Facts 1848–1918* and *European Political Facts 1918–1973*. As with the preceding volumes, the authors have gathered in a single volume as many of the important political facts as possible for one of the most crucial periods of modern history.

Inevitably, for a period as far back as 1648 to 1789, reliable sources become ever more scarce. Dates are often difficult to give with absolute precision. Reliable economic or social statistics are even more difficult to find. Facts on Turkey have been excluded because of the difficulty of collating reliable information. The authors would like to be informed of error or inconsistency so that these may be taken into account in planning future editions of this book.

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# 1 HEADS OF STATE AND KEY MINISTERS

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AUSTRIA:  
*see under* Habsburg Empire\*

## DENMARK–NORWAY

### HEADS OF STATE

|             |                                                                           |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 Apr 1588  | Christian IV, son of Frederick II (House of Oldenburg),<br>b. 12 Apr 1577 |
| 28 Feb 1648 | Frederick III, son, b. 18 Mar 1609                                        |
| 9 Feb 1670  | Christian V, son, b. 15 Apr 1646                                          |
| 26 Aug 1699 | Frederick IV, son, b. 21 Oct 1671                                         |
| 12 Oct 1730 | Christian VI, son, 10 Dec 1699                                            |
| 6 Aug 1746  | Frederick V, son, b. 31 Mar 1723                                          |
| 14 Jan 1766 | Christian VII, son, b. 20 Jan 1749                                        |
| 13 Mar 1808 | Frederick VI, son, b. 28 Jan 1768                                         |

### KEY MINISTERS

|                  |                                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1643–51          | Corfitz Ulfeldt, Steward of the Court                                               |
| 1660             | Hannibal Sehested, Treasurer                                                        |
| 1664–99          | U. F. Gyldenløve, Statholder in Norway                                              |
| 1673–11 Mar 1676 | Peder Schumacher, Count Griffenfeld, Chan-<br>cellor                                |
| Mar 1676         | Frederick Ahlefeld, Chancellor                                                      |
| 1721             | Ditler Vibe, Statholder in Norway                                                   |
| 12 Oct 1730      | Baron Iver Rosenkrans, Chancellor; Count<br>Christian Ranteau, Statholder in Norway |
| 6 Aug 1746–1770  | Adam Gottlob Moltke, Master of the Royal<br>Household                               |

\* This applies to all chapters.



|                         |                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1751–13 Sep 1770        | Johann Hartwig Ernst (from 1767: Count) Bernstorff, Foreign Minister                                                              |
| 13 Sep 1770–17 Jan 1772 | Johann Friedrich (from 1771: Count) Struensee, Foreign Minister (from 13 Sept 1770) and Secretary of State and Regent (from 1771) |
| Jan 1772–1784           | Ove Høegh-Guldberg                                                                                                                |
| 13 Apr 1784–21 Jun 1799 | Andreas Peter, Count Bernstorff, Foreign Minister                                                                                 |

## FRANCE

### HEADS OF STATE

|             |                                                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4 May 1643  | Louix XIV, son of Louis XIII (House of Bourbon), b. 5 Sep 1638                 |
| 1 Sep 1715  | Louis XV, great-grandson, b. 15 Feb 1710 (Duke of Orleans Regent from 1715–23) |
| 10 May 1774 | Louix XVI, grandson, b. 23 Aug 1754; d. (guillotined) 21 January 1793          |
|             | Monarchy abolished 10 Aug 1792                                                 |

### KEY MINISTERS

#### *1643–9 Mar 1661: Mazarin*

|                |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Chief Minister | Jules Mazarin (Cardinal)        |
| Finance        | Nicholas Fouquet, 1653–Sep 1661 |

#### *1661–6 Sep 1683: Colbert*

|                 |                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister  | Jean Baptiste Colbert, Marquis de Seignelay, Controller-General of Finance                                                                                 |
| Foreign Affairs | Hugues de Lionne, Marquis de Berni, 1661–Jun 1671<br>Simon Arnould, Marquis de Pomponne, Jun 1671–Nov 1679<br>Charles, Marquis Colbert de Croissy, 1679–96 |
| Justice         | Voysin, 1661–(?)                                                                                                                                           |
| War             | François Michel Le Tellier, Marquis de Louvois, 1666–91                                                                                                    |

#### *1699–1715: Torcy*

|                |                                         |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister | Jean Baptiste Colbert, Marquis de Torcy |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|

#### *1718–10 Aug 1723: Dubois*

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Chief Minister | Guillaume Dubois (Cardinal) |
|----------------|-----------------------------|

# HEADS OF STATE AND KEY MINISTERS

|                                   |                                        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Lord Chancellor                   | Marc René, Marquis d'Argenson, 1718–20 |
| Controller-General<br>of Finances | John Law of Lauriston, Jan–July 1720   |
| Minister of State                 | Louis Hector, Duc de Villars, 1718–33  |

## 22 Aug–2 Dec 1723: *Orléans*

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Chief Minister | Philippe, Duc d'Orléans (Regent) |
|----------------|----------------------------------|

## 1724–11 Jun 1726: *Bourbon et Condé*

|                |                                         |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister | Louis Henri, Duc de Bourbon et de Condé |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------|

## 1726–29 Jan 1743: *Fleury*

|                   |                                                                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister    | André Hercule de Fleury (Cardinal)                                           |
| Foreign Affairs   | Jean Jacques Amelot de Chaillou, 1737–44                                     |
| Minister of State | Camille, Comte de Tallard, Marquis de la Baume<br>d'Hostun, 1726–20 Mar 1728 |

## 18 Nov 1744–10 Jan 1747: *Argenson*

|                |                                                                        |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister | René Louis de Voyer de Paulmy, Marquis d'Argenson<br>(Foreign Affairs) |
| War            | Marc Pierre, Comte d'Argenson, Feb 1743–1 Feb<br>1751                  |
| Finance        | Jean Baptiste de Machault d'Arnounville, 6 Dec<br>1745–28 Jul 1754     |
| Navy           | Antoine Louis Rouillé, Comte de Juoy, 3 May<br>1749–Aug 1754           |

## 1754–25 Jun 1757: *Jouy*

|                          |                                                                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister           | Antoine Louis Rouillé, Comte de Jouy (Foreign<br>Affairs)             |
| War                      | Charles Louis Auguste Fouquet, Duc de Belle-Isle,<br>1751–26 Jan 1761 |
| Navy                     | Jean Baptiste de Machault d'Arnounville, 28 Jul<br>1754–1 Feb 1757    |
| Intendant of<br>Commerce | Jean Claude Marie Vincent de Gournay, 1747–59                         |

## 25 Jun 1757–1758: *Bernis*

|                                                |                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister                                 | François Joachim de Pierres de Bernis            |
| Home Affairs and<br>Administration<br>of Paris | Louis Prélypeaux, Comte de St Florentin, 1757–75 |

*1758-Dec 1770: Choiseul*

|                                     |                                                  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister and Foreign Affairs* | Étienne François, Duc de Choiseul                |
| Finance                             | Étienne de Silhouette, 4 Mar-21 Nov 1759         |
| Home Affairs                        | Louis Prélypeaux, Comte de St Florentin, 1757-75 |

*1770-74: Triumvirate (Aiguillon/Maupeou/Terray)*

|                  |                                                     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Foreign Minister | Armand Vigerol-Duplessis-Richelieu, Duc d'Aiguillon |
| Chancellor       | René Nicolas Charles Augustin de Maupeou, 1768-74   |
| Finance          | Joseph-Marie Terray, 23 Dec 1769-24 Aug 1774        |

*1774-88: Maurepas*

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chief Minister  | Jean-Frédéric Phélippeaux, Comte de Maurepas, 1774-21 Nov 1781<br>Charles Gravier, Comte de Vergennes, 1781-7<br>Étienne Charles de Loménie de Brienne (Cardinal), 1787-8                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Foreign Affairs | Charles Gravier, Comte de Vergennes, 1774-13 Feb 1787<br>Armand Marc, Comte de Montmorin St-Hérem, 1787-12 Jul 1789                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Finance         | Anne Robert Jacques Turgot, Baron de l'Aulne, 24 Aug 1774-12 May 1776<br>Jacques Necker, Jun 1777-12 May 1781<br>Jean François Joly de Fleury, 1781-Mar 1783<br>Henri François de Paule Le Fèvre d'Ormesson, Marquis d'Amboile, 30 Mar-3 Nov 1783<br>Charles Alexandre de Calonne, Nov 1783-7<br>Étienne Charles de Lomenie de Brienne, 1 May 1787-25 Aug 1788 |
| Home Affairs    | Chrétien Guillaume de Lamoignon de Malesherbes, 1775-12 May 1776<br>Charles Louis François de Paul de Barentin, May 1776-16 Jul 1789                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Justice         | Armand Thomas Duc de Miromesnil, 1774-87<br>Chrétien François de Lamoignon, 1787-8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| War             | Charles Louis, Comte de St-Germain, 25 Oct 1775-1777                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

\*Choiseul succeeded by his cousin, fifth Duke of Choiseul-Praslin, 13 Oct 1761, as Foreign Minister, but took ministries of marine and war.

## HEADS OF STATE AND KEY MINISTERS

Lord Chamberlain    Louis Auguste Le Tonnelier, Baron de Breteuil,  
1783–7

*Aug 1788–90: Necker*

Chief Minister        Jacques Necker, Aug 1788–11 Jul 1789  
and Finance        Louis Auguste Le Tonnelier, Baron de Breteuil,  
11–14 Jul 1789  
Chief Minister        Jacques Necker, 14 Jul 1789–Sep 1790

## GERMAN STATES

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Holy Roman Emperors**

*House of Habsburg (1439–1740 and 1745–1806)*

12 Feb 1637–2 Apr 1657    Ferdinand III, son of Ferdinand II, b. 13 Jul  
1608  
18 Jul 1658                Leopold I, son, b. 9 Jun 1640  
5 May 1705–17 Apr 1711    Joseph I, son, b. 26 Jul 1678  
12 Oct 1711–20 Oct 1740    Charles VI, brother, b. 1 Oct 1658

*House of Bavaria (Wittelsbach)*

24 Jan 1742–20 Jan 1745    Charles VII, son of Elector Maximilian (Maximilian II) of Bavaria; b. 6 Aug 1697

*House of Habsburg*

13 Sep 1745                Francis I, son of Duke Leopold Joseph  
Hyacinth of Lorraine, b. 8 Dec 1708  
18 Aug 1765–20 Feb 1790    Joseph II, son, b. 13 Mar 1741

## 1 *Baden*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Margaraves**

*Baden–Durlach line (Protestant from 1555)*

12 Apr 1622    Friedrich V, son of Georg Friedrich, b. 6 Jul 1594  
8 Sep 1659    Friedrich VI, son, b. 16 Nov 1617  
31 Jan 1677    Friedrich VII, Magnus, son, b. 23 Sep 1647  
25 Jun 1709    Karl III, Wilhelm, son, b. 17 Jan 1679  
12 May 1738    Karl Friedrich, grandson; from 8 May 1803: Elector; from 5  
May 1806: Duke; b. 22 Nov 1728

## 2 *Bavaria*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Dukes**

15 Oct 1597 Maximilian I, son; from 25 Feb 1623: Elector; b. 15 Apr 1573

#### **Electors**

27 Sep 1651 Ferdinand, son, b. 31 Oct 1636

26 May 1679 Maximilian II, son; Stadholder of the Spanish Netherlands 1691, expelled from Bavaria 1704, restored 1714; b. 11 Jul 1662

26 Feb 1726 Karl Albert, son; from 24 Jan 1742: Holy Roman Emperor Charles VII; b. 6 Aug 1697

20 Jan 1745 Maximilian III, son, b. 28 Mar 1727

30 Dec 1777 Karl Theodor, son of Johann Christian of Pfalz-Sulzbach; from 1742: Elector Palatine; b. 11 Dec 1742

## 3 *Brandenburg–Prussia*

### *Brandenburg*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Electors (from 1618 also Dukes of Prussia)**

##### *House of Hohenzollern*

1 Dec 1640 Frederick William, son of George William, b. 16 Feb 1620

29 Apr 1688– Frederick III, son; from 18 Jan 1701: King of Prussia; b. 11

25 Feb 1713 Jul 1657

### *Prussia*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### *Regents of the House of Hohenzollern*

18 Aug 1618– The Electors of Brandenburg were also Dukes of Prussia

18 Jan 1701

#### *Kings*

18 Jan 1701 Frederick I, previously Elector of Brandenburg

25 Feb 1713 Frederick William I, son, b. 4 Aug 1688

31 May 1740 Frederick II, the Great, son, b. 24 Jan 1712

17 Aug 1786 Frederick William II, nephew, b. 25 Sep 1744

16 Nov 1797 Frederick William III, son, b. 3 Aug 1770

## HEADS OF STATE AND KEY MINISTERS

### KEY MINISTERS (BRANDENBURG-PRUSSIA)

#### *Prime Ministers\**

|                        |                                                                                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1619–40                | Adam, Count Schwarzenberg                                                          |
| 1653–8                 | Georg Friedrich, Count (from 1682: Prince) Waldeck                                 |
| 1658–4 Nov 1679        | Otto, Baron Schwerin                                                               |
| 1695–Dec 1697          | Eberhard, Baron Danckelmann                                                        |
| 1697–early 1711        | Johann Kasimir (from 1699: Count) Kolbe von Wartenberg                             |
| early 1711–16 Dec 1728 | Heinrich Rüdiger von Ilgen                                                         |
| 1728–18 Mar 1739       | Friedrich Wilhelm von Grumbkow                                                     |
| Jun 1749–3 Jan 1800    | Karl Wilhelm, Count Finck von Finckenstein                                         |
| 1749–20 Oct 1753       | Georg Dietlof von Arnim-Boitzenburg, in similar capacity                           |
| 1777–15 May 1802       | Friedrich Anton, Baron Heinitz, Secretary of State and head of various departments |
| 8 Nov 1786–1798        | Friedrich Wilhelm, Count Arnim, Secretary of State                                 |

#### *Foreign Affairs*

|                         |                                                     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1728–May 1741           | Adrian Bernhard, Count Borck                        |
| 1728–30                 | Friedrich Ernst, Baron Inn-und-Knyphausen           |
| 1730–29 July 1760       | Heinrich Count Podewils                             |
| 27 Nov 1731–4 Aug 1740  | Wilhelm Heinrich von Thulemeir                      |
| 1741–8 Mar 1747         | Caspar Wilhelm von Borcke                           |
| 10 Mar 1747–24 Jun 1748 | Axel von Mardefeld                                  |
| Jun 1749–3 Jan 1800     | Karl Wilhelm, Count Finck von Finckenstein          |
| 5 Apr 1763–Jul 1791     | Ewald Friedrich, Baron (from 1787: Count) Hertzberg |

#### *Lord High Chancellors and Ministers of Justice*

|                  |                                                             |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1746–4 Oct 1755  | Samuel, Baron von Cocceji; Minister of Justice from 1738    |
| (?)-9 Nov 1770   | Philipp Joseph von Jarriges                                 |
| 1770–11 Dec 1779 | Karl Joseph Maximilian, Baron Fürst und Kupferberg          |
| 1770–89          | Karl Abraham, Baron Zedlitz; Minister of Education, 1771–88 |
| 1779–14 Feb 1795 | Johann Heinrich Kasimir (from 1798: Count) von Carmer       |

\*There were often two or more chief ministers at the same time.

#### 4 *Brunswick*

##### HEADS OF STATE

###### **Dukes**

|           |                         |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| 1635–66   | August II               |
| 1666–1704 | Rudolf August           |
| 1685–1714 | Anton Ulrich (co-ruler) |
| 1714–31   | August Wilhelm          |
| 1731–5    | Ludwig Rudolf           |
| 1735      | Ferdinand Albrecht      |
| 1735–80   | Karl                    |
| 1780–1806 | Karl Wilhelm Ferdinand  |

#### 5 *Cologne*

##### HEADS OF STATE

###### **Electors and Archbishops**

|                         |                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 May 1612–13 Sep 1650 | Ferdinand, Prince of Bavaria, son of Duke Wilhelm V; from 18 Dec 1596: co-adjutor; b. 6 Oct 1577 |
| 26 Oct 1650–3 Jun 1688  | Maximilian Heinrich, Prince of Bavaria, nephew; from 17 May 1642: co-adjutor                     |
| 19 Jul 1688             | Josef Klemens, Prince of Bavaria, brother of the Elector Maximilian II, b. 5 Dec 1671            |
| 6 Feb 1761              | Maximilian Friedrich, Count Königseck und Rothenfels                                             |
| 15 Apr 1784–27 Jul 1801 | Maximilian Franz, Archduke of Austria, son of the Emperor Francis I, b. 8 Dec 1756               |

#### 6 *Courland and Semigallia*

##### HEADS OF STATE

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28 Nov 1561 | After Livonia was annexed by Poland, the territory south of the Duna was made a hereditary duchy under the last Master of the Teutonic Knights, who did homage on 5 March 1562 |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

###### **Dukes**

###### *House of Kettler*

|             |                                       |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| 17 Aug 1641 | Jakob, son of William, b. 28 Oct 1610 |
| 1 Jan 1682  | Friedrich Kazimir, son, b. 1650       |

## HEADS OF STATE AND KEY MINISTERS

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 Jan 1698          | Friedrich Wilhelm, son, b. 19 Jul 1692                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1698–1710            | Council of Regency under the leadership of:<br>1698–1701: Christoph Heinrich von Puttkamer<br>1701–8: Friedrich von Brackel-Kuckschen, b. 1634<br>1708–10: Heinrich Christian von der Bricken-Sessilen |
| 21 Jan 1711–<br>1737 | Ferdinand, uncle of Friedrich Wilhelm, b. 1655                                                                                                                                                         |

### *House of Biron*

|                             |                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 Jul 1737                 | Ernst Johann (originally Bühren), exiled 1740–63; b. 1 Dec 1690 |
| 24 Nov 1769–<br>28 Mar 1795 | Peter, son, b. 15 Feb 1724                                      |

## 7 *East Friesland*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Counts**

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1628–48   | Ulric II                              |
| 1648–60   | Enno Ludwig                           |
| 1660–5    | Georg Christian                       |
| 1665–1708 | Christian Eberhard                    |
| 1708–34   | Georg Albricht                        |
| 1734–44   | Carl Edzard, Prince of East Friesland |

## 8 *Hanover*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Dukes**

|             |                                                                                          |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 Dec 1641  | Frederick, brother of George; from 1 Oct 1636–10 Dec 1648: Duke of Celle; b. 24 Aug 1574 |
| 10 Dec 1648 | George William, nephew, from 15 Mar 1665–28 Aug 1705: Duke of Celle; b. 16 Jan 1624      |
| 15 Mar 1665 | John Frederick, brother, Duke of Calenberg and Hanover; b. 25 Apr 1625                   |
| 20 Dec 1679 | Ernest Augustus I, brother; from 1692: Elector; b. 20 Nov 1630                           |

#### **Electors**

|             |                                                                                                                              |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 Dec 1698 | George I, son; from 1 Aug 1714: King of England, through mother, Sophia, granddaughter of James I of England; b. 28 May 1660 |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|



|             |                                                                 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 Jun 1727 | George II, son, King of England, b. 30 Oct 1683                 |
| 25 Oct 1760 | George III, grandson; from 1815: King of Hanover; b. 4 Jun 1738 |

## 9 *Hesse–Cassel*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Landgraves**

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| 1637–63   | Wilhelm VI   |
| 1663–70   | Wilhelm VII  |
| 1670–1730 | Karl         |
| 1730–51   | Friedrich I  |
| 1751–60   | Wilhelm VIII |
| 1760–85   | Friedrich II |
| 1785–1803 | Wilhelm IX   |

## 10 *Hesse–Darmstadt*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Dukes**

|             |                                          |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| 27 Jun 1626 | Georg II, son of Ludwig V, b. 7 Mar 1605 |
| 11 Jun 1661 | Ludwig VI, son, b. 25 Jan 1630           |
| 24 Apr 1678 | Ludwig VII, son, b. 22 Jun 1658          |
| 31 Aug 1678 | Ernst Ludwig, brother, b. 15 Dec 1667    |
| 12 Sep 1738 | Ludwig VIII, son, b. 5 Apr 1691          |
| 17 Oct 1768 | Grand Duke Ludwig IX                     |

## 11 *Mainz*

### HEADS OF STATE

#### **Electors and Archbishops**

|                         |                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 19 Nov 1647–12 Feb 1673 | Johann Philipp, Count Schönborn           |
| 13 Feb 1673             | Lothar Friedrich, Baron Metternich        |
| 3 Jul 1675–6 Dec 1678   | Damian Hartrad von der Leyen              |
| 9 Jan–26 Sep 1679       | Karl Heinrich, Baron Metternich           |
| 7 Nov 1679              | Anselm Franz von Ingelheim                |
| 30 Mar 1695–30 Jan 1729 | Lothar Franz, Count Schönborn             |
| 7 Apr 1729–18 Apr 1732  | Franz Ludwig, brother of Elector Palatine |
|                         | Karl Philipp                              |
| 9 Jun 1732–20 Mar 1743  | Philipp Karl, Baron Eltz                  |