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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Saul K. Padover Papers
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<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1947-1972
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.2 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located onsite in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This very small collection consists of Saul Padover's writings, course materials, and research materials. Padover was an Austrian-American political scientist, scholar of Soviet propaganda and American foreign policy, and professor at the New School for Social Research.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Saul K. Padover Papers, 1946-1972. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Padover Papers).

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## Biographical History

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Saul Kussiel Padover was born in Vienna, Austria, on April 13, 1905. At the age of fifteen, he came to the United States with his father Keva Padover, an American citizen, and mother Frumet Goldmann Padover. He received an A.B. from Wayne State University in Detroit in 1928. He took graduate courses at Yale University in 1928-1929 and went on to receive an A.M. (1930) and Ph.D. (1932) in history from the University of Chicago. After taking research positions at the University of Chicago (1932) and the University of California (1933-36), he worked at a number of posts in the U.S. Department of the Interior (1938-1944). He then served as a London-based political analyst for the Federal Communications Commission (1944) and as an intelligence officer for the Office of Strategic Services (1944) and the U.S. Army (1944-1946). After working as an editorial writer (1946-1948) for PM, a left-leaning and short-

lived New York City newspaper, he joined the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research (1949) and taught political science. He remained an active member of the faculty until his death in 1981.

Padover wrote or edited books about many eminent American and European political figures, among them Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Joseph II of Austria, Louis XVI of France, James Madison, and Karl Marx. He also wrote several books about twentieth-century American and European politics, a memoir of his experiences as an intelligence officer, and several works on foreign policy. A liberal anti-communist, he asserted in the 1950s that the Soviet Union was a serious threat and should be treated as such.

Toward the end of his life, Padover contemplated writing a book about the American Council for Emigres in the Professions (ACEP), an organization established to help refugees fleeing Nazi Germany and Austria. To that end, Padover secured physical possession of the ACEP files and housed them in his New School office. Padover passed away on February 22, 1981, in New York City, before he could complete this project.

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## Scope and Contents

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The materials in this collection were originally housed in a folder labeled "Foreign Affairs" that was inadvertently inserted into the files of the American Council for Emigres in the Professions (ACEP), which were sent to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives in 1974. Saul Kussiel Padover, who kept the ACEP files in his office at the New School for Social Research, apparently created and misfiled this folder. The ACEP files were sent to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, which photocopied them for preservation purposes. The M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, which sent the ACEP files to the Immigration History Research Center at the University of Minnesota after photocopying, retained possession of Padover's "Foreign Affairs" folder.

Owing to its origins, this collection is limited in scope. Scholars seeking information about Padover's early life, his work as a journalist, or his writings on Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Karl Marx, and other political figures will find little of interest in it. However, those searching for materials that illuminate his attitude toward the Soviet Union and the Cold War and that document his work as a faculty member of the New School for Social Research will find it useful.

The collection contains seven typescript scholarly articles and two typescript fragments of longer articles. Eight were written in the fifteen years following the end of the Second World War. The ninth may have been written circa 1970; however, it may have been written in the 1950s and revised in 1964, 1970, and 1972. These articles document Padover's staunch anti-communist views and his interest in the relationship between American public opinion and American foreign policy. Several articles also discuss some of his work as an intelligence officer during the Second World War.

The collection also contains syllabi, student-written presentation outlines, and lecture notes that were generated between 1955 and 1970 and shed light upon Padover's work in the classroom. Materials

that Padover prepared while leading the General Seminar, the New School's ongoing interdisciplinary seminar for faculty members, help to document his own activities and the workings of the General Seminar itself.

Other materials in the collection consist of assorted documents that Padover found relevant to his academic work. Of particular note is a May 3, 1972 circular letter from New School President John R. Everett concerning student protests against the Vietnam War.

Whenever possible, the original order of the papers was preserved. However, many of the documents were in substantial disarray (e.g., portions of a single typescript were scattered throughout the folder). As a result, much of the material was rearranged to facilitate its use. Several newspaper clippings were photocopied for preservation purposes.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection has three series, arranged chronologically.

- 1 **Series 1 - Scholarly Writings**, 1947-1970
- 2 **Series 2 - Course Materials**, 1955-1970
- 3 **Series 3 - Research Materials**, 1947-1972

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## Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Information

The documents in this collection were originally housed in a folder inserted into the files of the American Council for Emigres in the Professions (ACEP), which the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives photocopied for preservation purposes in 1974. This folder was evidently the creation and personal property of Saul K. Padover and was thus separated from the ACEP collection.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Political Science
- Propaganda, Russian.
- Political scientists -- United States.
- Austrians -- United States.
- United States -- Foreign relations -- 20th century.
- Padover, Saul Kussiel, 1905-1981
- New School for Social Research (New York, N.Y.)

## Collection Inventory

### Scholarly Writings, 1947-1970

Physical Description: 0.07 cubic ft.

#### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

#### Scope and Contents

This series consists of nine typescript essays (two of which are fragments) concerning Soviet propaganda initiatives, American efforts to counter it, the influence of public opinion on American foreign policy, and notes on related topics. One of these essays appeared in published form in *Psychological Warfare*, a pamphlet published by the Foreign Policy Association in 1951. Other essays in this series may also have been published. Also included in this series are notes that Padover wrote while working on these essays. Almost all of the materials in this series were written in the late 1940s and early 1950s, but the last essay in the series may have been revised in 1964, 1970, and 1972. As a result, it has been dated circa 1970.

Title/Description	Instances	
Soviet Propaganda Themes Against the U.S. (unpub. TS), and Notes, 1947-1948	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 1
Fragment, "Psychological Warfare" (unpub. TS), and Notes, ca. 1951 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 2
Psychological Warfare (unpub. TS), 1952 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 3
Psychological Warfare (unpub. TS), 1953 <u>Digital Object</u> : <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a>	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 4
American Opinion in an Age of World Revolution (unpub. TS), 1953	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 5
The Age of Stalin? (unpub. TS), 1953	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 6
The Soviet Propaganda Apparatus (unpub. TS), ca. 1953	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 7
Fragment on Communist Propaganda in the Philippines (unpub. TS), ca. 1955	Box 1 (1-Scholarly Writings)	Folder 8
Notes on New York Times Article, 1956		

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Fragment, "Foreign Policy and Public Opinion" (unpub. TS), ca. 1970	Box 1 (1- Scholarly Writings)	Folder 10
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## Course Materials, 1955-1970

Physical Description: 0.1 cubic ft.

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains assorted materials generated in connection with Padover's teaching activities. Included are syllabi for a number of graduate and undergraduate courses, lecture notes, outlines of and notes about student presentations on various aspects of American foreign policy, and materials Padover created when leading the New School's General Seminar for faculty members.

Title/Description	Instances	
Syllabus, "Basic Factors in World Politics", 1955	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 11
Stock Price List and Notes on Total War and on U.S. Foreign Policy, 1956	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 12
Miscellaneous Notes, 1967	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 13
Notes on U.S. Troops Abroad and Clipping on Pakistan, 1967	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 14
Wells, "[Suez Crisis] Chronology" (unpub. TS), 1967	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 15
Syllabus, "The Noble Tradition: Men Who Made American Democracy", 1969	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 16
List of [Presentation] Topics, "American Foreign Policy" Course, 1969	Box 1 (2- Course Materials)	Folder 17

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Smith, "American Foreign Policy: The Purchase of the Virgin Islands" (unpub. TS), and Maps, 1969



	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 18
Notes on Kramm Presentation, "Lend-Lease," and on Smith Presentation, "V.I. Acquisition", 1969	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 19
Syllabus, "American Foreign Policy", 1970	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 20
Notes on U.S. Foreign Policy, ca. 1970	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 21
Fast, "U.S.-Philippine Relations 1945-1947" (unpub. TS), ca. 1970	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 22
Tortorella, "Dwight D. Eisenhower and His Concept of the Presidency" (unpub. TS), ca. 1970	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 23
General Seminar syllabus, "American Foreign Policy: Case Studies", ca. 1970	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 24
Definitions (unpub. TS), ca. 1970	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 25
Notes on the Nature of Power and on the Philippines, Undated	Box 1 (2-Course Materials)	Folder 26

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## Research Materials, 1947-1972

Physical Description: 0.03 cubic ft.

### Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

### Scope and Contents

This series consists of materials that Padover collected for their informational value: a United Nations Information Service flier, newspaper clippings about the Voice of America and foreign policy expert George F. Kennan, an article concerning the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to hear a case concerning the constitutionality of American involvement in Vietnam, and a letter from the President of the New School concerning protests against the Vietnam War.

### Title/Description

### Instances

United Nations Information Service, News Brief, 1947

	Box 1 (3- Research Materials)	Folder 27
Clippings on Voice of America and George F. Kennan, 1956	Box 1 (3- Research Materials)	Folder 28
Court Rejects Case Concerning the Legality of the War (pub.), 1967	Box 1 (3- Research Materials)	Folder 29
Letter from New School President Concerning Vietnam War Protests, 1972	Box 1 (3- Research Materials)	Folder 30

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