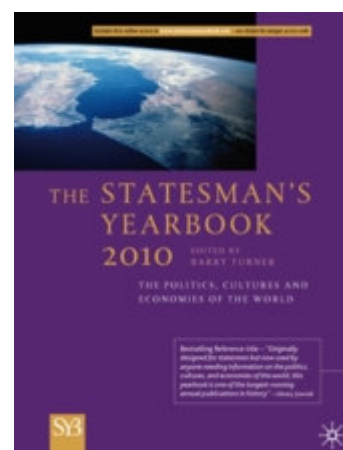


Making History Available Online

Palgrave Macmillan announces online publication of full 145-year archive of *The Statesman's Yearbook*

Throughout its history the much-acclaimed *The Statesman's Yearbook* has consistently published every year, including through two world wars, when paper was in short supply and the flow and collection of statistics was difficult. For the first time, the complete archive from 1864 to 2009 is now available online as part of site license access to www.statesmansyearbook.com



The archive presents a unique way to trace the constantly shifting landscape of culture, politics and economics across the globe. The prefaces offer a snapshot of the changing world, and delving further into the archive reveals how countries have evolved, merged and dissolved.

Descriptions of countries and boundaries are of particular interest in the wartime editions: in the 1944 edition, it is explained that 'A large proportion of the German forces in the west were overrun and rounded up in the break-out from Normandy of the Allied armies' and in the 1945 edition, in the entry for The Netherlands, it is triumphantly explained that 'After liberating France and Belgium the Allied armies reached Holland in September, 1944, and by November, 1944, the Provinces of Zeeland, South Brabant and Limburg were practically cleared of the enemy.' Once very imperialistic in its outlook, *The Statesman's Yearbook* has developed a truly global focus in the last few decades – most notably demonstrated by the rising star of the United States of America. Originally contained within the "foreign countries" section in early editions, the largest economy in the world today now has the most substantial entry.

For those interested in book history, the archive demonstrates changes in size and format, and traces the typography. The last major change was in 2006, when the existing format was no longer sufficient for the amount of information being published. Since the first edition, there have only been seven editors of the Yearbook, and it has always been published by Macmillan.

The Statesman's Yearbook Archive is a wonderful compilation of interesting and useful facts and figures through generations, offering an opportunity to survey changes at the global and individual country level over 140 years.

Information for editors

The Statesman's Yearbook 2010 published in July 2009, priced at £165. Access to the archives on www.statesmansyearbook.com is available to institutions via a site license from mid-September 2009

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The Statesman's Yearbook: Some Fascinating Facts from the Current Edition

- China has more than half of the world's ducks
- Liechtenstein's national anthem has the same tune as 'God Save the Queen'
- The name Venezuela comes from 'Little Venice' (Venice = Venezia in Italian) and was so-named by the Europeans who discovered it as it reminded them of Venice
- In Bhutan the handful of traffic lights were removed a few years back because they were considered to be eyesores
- Males on the planet outnumber females by 3,443 million to 3,387 million
- 24,000 people die of starvation daily
- One of the UNESCO world heritage sites in Canada is called Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump
- The current longest-serving prime minister – the prime minister of Bahrain – has been in office since 1971
- The only newspaper in the Falkland Islands is the *Penguin News*
- McDonald's is banned in Bermuda

