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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Wolfers, Arnold, 1892-1968

TITLE: Arnold Oscar Wolfers papers

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 13.25 linear feet (31 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The papers are in English and German.

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, topical files, and writings which document Wolfers's academic and administrative career in economics and international relations. Wolfers destroyed his files in 1949, upon retiring as Master of Pierson College, in 1957, when he became professor emeritus at Yale, and again in 1966 when he retired from the Center for Political Research. The files which remain, therefore, are not representative of the full scope of Wolfers's activities and collegial and personal relationships.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers were the gift of Mrs. Arnold O. (Doris) Wolfers, 1969.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Biographical / Historical

Arnold O. Wolfers was born on June 14, 1892 in St. Gallen, Switzerland, the son of Otto Gustav and Clara Hirschfield Wolfers. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Zurich in 1917 with a degree in law. In 1917 Wolfers was admitted to the Swiss bar and he practiced law in St. Gallen from 1917 to 1919. From 1919 to 1924, Wolfers studied economics and political science in Switzerland, Germany, Britain, and the United States. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Giessen in 1924. From 1924 to 1930 he was a lecturer in political science at the Hochschule für Politik in Berlin, where he organized a new department of international studies. He became director of the Hochschule in 1930. From 1930 to 1933 he was a privadozent in economics at the University of Berlin.

Wolfers came to the United States in 1933, and was appointed visiting professor in international relations at Yale University in the same year. In 1935 he became a professor of international relations, and in 1949 he was named Sterling Professor of International Relations at Yale as well as the first director of the Division of Social Sciences. He was Master of Pierson College from 1935 to 1949.

Wolfers retired from Yale in 1957, and became the founding director of the Washington Center of Foreign Policy Research, an affiliate of the School of Advanced International Studies of The Johns Hopkins University in Washington. He retired from the position in 1965, but remained affiliated with the Center as a special advisor and research associate.

In addition to his teaching and administrative career, Wolfers was president of the World Peace Foundation in 1953; was a member of the resident faculty of the National War College in 1947, and a member of its board of consultants from 1947 to 1951. He was a special advisor to and lecturer at the School of Military Government in Charlottesville, Virginia from 1942 to 1944. He was a consultant to the Office of Strategic Services from 1944 to 1945, to the Civilian Advisory Group of the Army War College in 1962, and to the Institute of Defense Analysis from 1960 until his death. He was a member of the Council of the Institute for Strategic Studies in London in 1964.

In addition to many articles and chapters, Wolfers wrote *Britain and France Between Two Wars* (1940) and *Discord and Collaboration* (1962). He co-edited with L. Martin *The Anglo-American Tradition* (1956), and edited and co-authored *Alliance Policy in the Cold War* (1959). He founded the journal *World Politics*.

Wolfers died on July 16, 1968. That year, a professorship was established in his name at Yale University.

Scope and Contents

The Arnold O. Wolfers papers consist of correspondence, topical files, and writings which document Wolfers's academic and administrative career in economics and international relations. The papers were

the gift of Mrs. Arnold O. (Doris) Wolfers in 1969. The 13.25 linear feet of material are arranged in two series.

SERIES I, CORRESPONDENCE AND TOPICAL FILES, consists of correspondence with friends and colleagues, materials relating to organizations with which Wolfers was involved, publications and invitations to speak and write reviews, and personal files. The correspondence files also include condolence letters written to Mrs. Wolfers after the death of her husband. Wolfers destroyed his files in 1949, upon retiring as Master of Pierson College, in 1957, when he became professor emeritus of Yale, and again in 1966 when he retired from the Center for Political Research. The files which remain, therefore, are not representative of the full scope of Wolfers's activities and collegial and personal relationships.

Correspondence with friends and colleagues Alice and Julius Schmidhauser, Ernst Krenek, Dietrich Schindler, and his father-in-law Robert Forrer contain discussions of books, articles, and politics. Topical files include a minimal amount of material documenting Wolfers's involvement with the Deutsche Hochschule für Politik, the World Peace Foundation's Franco-American Conference, the Interim Council on Security and Defense Affairs, the United States Army War College, and the Yale Institute of International Studies. Personal files consist of certificates and diplomas, date books, and photographs.

SERIES II, WRITINGS, contains a large number of unpublished addresses, articles, course lecture notes, lectures, and notes written by Wolfers over the course of his career. These include addresses and lectures delivered at Yale University and the National War College. Also included in this series are many of his published articles, chapters, and books dating from 1917 to 1968. Writings of Julius Schmidhauser and Carl Schmitt, and photocopies of memoirs of Mrs. Doris Wolfers are included at the end of the series.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series: I. Correspondence and Topical Files, 1903-1973. II. Writings, 1911-1969.

Collection Contents

Series I: CORRESPONDENCE AND TOPICAL FILES, 1903-1973

The material within this series is arranged alphabetically by name of individual (for the correspondence files) and by type of material and/or organization or institution (for the topical files). Letters from unidentified correspondents and condolence letters received by Mrs. Wolfers after the death of her husband follow the alphabetical run of correspondence.

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	A	
b. 1, f. 2	Ba-Be	
b. 1, f. 3	Bi-Bla	
b. 1, f. 4	Bo-Bru	
b. 1, f. 5	Bu-Buz	
b. 1, f. 6	Ca-CI	
b. 1, f. 7	Co-Cu	
b. 1, f. 8	Da-Daw	
b. 1, f. 9	De-Du	
b. 1, f. 10	E	
b. 1, f. 11	F	
b. 1, f. 12	Forrer, Robert	1927
b. 1, f. 13	G	
b. 1, f. 14	Ha-Hin	
b. 1, f. 15	Ho-Hy	
b. 1, f. 16	I	
b. 1, f. 17	J	
b. 2, f. 18	Ka-Ke	
b. 2, f. 19	Kha-Ku	
b. 2, f. 20	Krenek, Ernst	1937-1939
b. 2, f. 21	L	
b. 2, f. 22	Ma-Man	
b. 2, f. 23	Mar-My	
b. 2, f. 24	Na-Nei	

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b. 2, f. 25	No-O	
b. 2, f. 26	P-Q	
b. 2, f. 27	R	
b. 2, f. 28	Sa-Sch	
b. 2, f. 29	Schindler, Dietrich	1940-1966
b. 2, f. 30	Schmidhauser, Alice	1946-1960, 1961-1966
b. 2, f. 32	Schmidhauser, Julius (Gralai)	1923-1966
b. 2, f. 33	Sco-Spy	
b. 2, f. 34	Sta-Step	
b. 3, f. 35	Ster-Sz	
b. 3, f. 36	T-U	
b. 3, f. 37	Tillich, Paul J.	1923-1963
b. 3, f. 38	V	
b. 3, f. 39	Wa-Wh	
b. 3, f. 40	Wi-Wy	
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b. 3, f. 42	Unidentified	
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b. 3, f. 44	Condolence letters: former students	
b. 3, f. 45	Condolence letters: miscellaneous	
b. 3, f. 46	Condolence letters: official	
b. 3, f. 47	Condolence letters: personal	
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b. 3, f. 48	Articles, book reviews, etc: requests declined	1960-1961
b. 3, f. 49	Articles, book reviews, etc: requests declined	1962
b. 3, f. 50	Conference on Theory of International Politics	1954
b. 3, f. 51	Deutsche Hochschule für Politik	1929/1930- 1933/1944
b. 4, f. 52	Franco-American Conference: Duroselle, Jean B.	1955-1956
b. 4, f. 53	Franco-American Conference: fund letters	1954-1955

Topical Files (continued)

b. 4, f. 54	Franco-American Conference: fund letters	1955
b. 4, f. 55	Franco-American Conference: general correspondence	1953-1956
b. 4, f. 56	Franco-American Conference: Goormaghtigh, John	1954-1955
b. 4, f. 57	Franco-American Conference: paper delivered	
b. 4, f. 58	Franco-American Conference: printed material	1956-1958
b. 4, f. 59	Franco-American Conference: program committee correspondence	1954-1956
b. 4, f. 60	Interim Council on Security and Defense Affairs	1961
b. 4, f. 61	Lecture and conference invitations, declined	1962
	Personal files	
	Awards	
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b. 4, f. 62	Academic and government appointments	1926-1965
b. 4, f. 63	Arnold Wolfers Professorship	1968
b. 4, f. 64	Biographical information	1966-1968
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b. 4, f. 66	Certificates See also: Common Folio box 4, folder 72	1892-1967
b. 32	Certificates (cont'd)	1892-1967
b. 4, f. 67	Date books	1956-1959
b. 5, f. 68-69	Date books	1960-1967
b. 5, f. 70	Diplomas: honorary	1934-1965
b. 5, f. 71	Miscellaneous notes and receipts	1923-1966
b. 5, f. 72	Passports	1939-1973
b. 5, f. 73	Photographs: military	1903, 1915, undated
b. 5, f. 74	Photographs: group	1943-1965, undated
b. 5, f. 75	Photographs: portrait	1952, undated
b. 32	Photographs: portrait (cont'd)	1952, undated
b. 5, f. 76	Pierson College, Yale University: Wolfers portrait	1951-1958
b. 5, f. 77	St. Gallen High School diploma	1905
b. 5, f. 78	Speaking engagement lists	1933-1956

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b. 5, f. 79	Swiss Army military service	1911
b. 32	Swiss Army military service (cont'd)	1911
b. 5, f. 80	University of Berlin	1913-1923
b. 5	University of Berlin (cont'd)	1913-1923
b. 5, f. 81	University of Lausanne	1912-1913
b. 5, f. 82	University of Munich	1913-1923-1924
b. 32	University of Munich (cont'd)	1913-1923-1924
b. 6, f. 83	University of Zurich	1915-1917
b. 32	University of Zurich (cont'd)	1915-1917
b. 6, f. 84-85	Red Cross International Committee	1961-1962, 1965-1967
b. 6, f. 86	United nations Association	1961
b. 6, f. 87	United Nations Army War, College	1962
b. 6, f. 88	World Peace Foundation	undated
b. 6, f. 89	Yale Institute of International Studies: correspondence	1948-1951
b. 6, f. 90	Yale Institute of International Studies: newspaper clippings	1951
Awards		
b. 6, f. 90a	Das Grosse Verdienst Kreuz	1965
b. 6, f. 90b	National War College	1965

Series II: WRITINGS, 1911-1969

The material within this series is arranged alphabetically by type of writing. Published articles, chapters, and books are interfiled within "publications." Material within each writing type is arranged chronologically. Writings of others and Wolfers's research note cards follow the writings of Wolfers.

b. 7, f. 91-103	Addresses	1933-1939
b. 8, f. 104-113	Addresses	1940-1944
b. 9, f. 114-123	Addresses A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1945-1947
b. 10, f. 124-133	Addresses	1948-1952
b. 11, f. 134-143	Addresses	1953-1959
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b. 15, f. 183-192	Book outlines	1940-1967
b. 16, f. 193-194	Book outlines	undated
b. 16, f. 195	Book reviews	1936, 1938
b. 16, f. 196-206	Course lecture notes	1930-ca. 1950s
b. 17, f. 207	Course syllabus: Foundations of National Power A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1944-1945
b. 17, f. 208	Dissertation written for law degree	1924
b. 17, f. 209	Fellowship drafts	1959
b. 17, f. 210-219	Lectures	1924-1962
b. 18, f. 220-222	Lectures	1965-1967
b. 18, f. 223-228	Lectures: Current event talks at Pierson College, Yale University	1934-1946
b. 18, f. 229-231	Lectures: National War college	1946-1951

b. 19, f. 232-233	Lectures: National War college	1961
b. 19, f. 234-238	Memoranda	1932-1962
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b. 19, f. 246	Notes: topics	undated
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b. 20, f. 257-263	1926-1928, 1930	1926-1928, 1930
b. 21, f. 264-271	1931-1940	1931-1940
b. 21, f. 272-277	1940-1946	1940-1946
b. 22, f. 278-282	1947, 1949	1947, 1949
b. 22, f. 283-286	1950-1951	1950-1951
b. 23, f. 287-292	1952-1956	1952-1956
b. 24, f. 293-298	1957-1958	1957-1958
b. 25, f. 299-308	1959	1959
b. 26, f. 309-321	1960-1961	1960-1961
b. 27, f. 322-332	1962-1963	1962-1963
b. 28, f. 333-338	1963-1965	1963-1965
b. 29, f. 339-343	1966, 1968, undated	1966, 1968, undated
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b. 29, f. 344-345	Schmidhauser, Julius	1922, 1927, undated
b. 30, f. 346-350	Schmidhauser, Julius	1961, undated
b. 30, f. 351	Schmitt, Carl. Excerpts from "Der Begriff des politischen,"	1964
b. 30, f. 352	Wolfers, Doris (Mrs. Arnold)	1969
b. 31	Research note cards	undated

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Educators
International relations
Philosophy
Political science -- Study and teaching

Names

Schindler, Dietrich, 1864-
Schmidhauser, Julius, 1893-
Tillich, Paul, 1886-1965
Wolfers, Arnold, 1892-1968

Corporate Bodies

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