

# Gerhard Colm Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Gerhard Colm Papers

**Span Dates:** 1953-1968

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1940-1968)

**ID No.:** MSS31518

**Creator:** Colm, Gerhard, 1897-1968

**Extent:** 9,100 items ; 26 containers ; 10.4 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Economist. Correspondence, articles, congressional testimony, reports, lectures, speeches, conference papers, book reviews, notes, course outlines, bibliographies, background material, and newspaper clippings documenting Colm's career as an economic policy advisor and professor of economics at the New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y., and George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

## 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.

### People

Colm, Gerhard, 1897-1968.

### Organizations

George Washington University--Faculty.

New School for Social Research (New York, N.Y. : 1919-1997)--Faculty.

United States. Congress. House. Committee on Ways and Means.

United States. Congress. Joint Economic Committee.

United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Finance.

### Subjects

Economics--Study and teaching--New York (State)--New York.

Economics--Study and teaching--Washington (D.C.)

Economics.

Money--Germany.

### Places

Germany--Economic policy--1945-1990.

United States--Economic policy.

### Occupations

Economists.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Gerhard Colm, economist, were given to the Library of Congress by the National Planning Association in 1970.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Gerhard Colm is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Gerhard Colm are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Gerhard Colm Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1897, June 30	Born, Hanover, Germany
1921	Doctor of Political Science, University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany
1921-1927	Statistician, Federal Statistical Bureau, Berlin, Germany
1922	Married Hanna Nicolassen
1927-1933	Professor and director of research, Institute for World Economics, Kiel University, Kiel, Germany
1933	Immigrated to the United States
1933-1939	Professor of economics, New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.
1939	Naturalized as a United States citizen
1939-1940	Fiscal advisor, Commerce Department, Washington, D.C.
1940-1946	Fiscal analyst, Fiscal Division, Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D.C.
1940-1962	Professorial lecturer, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1946	Advisor, American military government financial reform mission to Germany
1946-1952	Chief economist, Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
1952-1968	Chief economist, National Planning Association
1964	Awarded Bernhard Harms Prize, Institute for World Economy, Kiel University, Kiel, Germany
1968, Dec. 25	Died, Chevy Chase, Md.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gerhard Colm (1897-1968) span the years 1935-1968, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1940-1968. The collection documents Colm's career as an economic policy advisor and educator. Included are correspondence, articles, congressional testimony, reports, and speeches. The material is organized in three series: [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), and [Subject File](#).

The [General Correspondence](#) series consists primarily of copies of Colm's outgoing correspondence, but there are some incoming letters as well. Topics include publication endeavors, participation in conferences and symposia, and discussions of economic theories by Colm with his colleagues.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series contains articles, book reviews, conference papers, speeches, and lectures by Colm. Also included are Colm's testimony on economic subjects before congressional committees such as the House Ways and Means Committee, the Joint Economic Committee, and the Senate Committee on Finance.

The [Subject File](#) includes material pertaining to the organizations, conferences, and task forces in which Colm participated. His contribution to the German currency reform program following World War II is well documented. Colm's teaching career at George Washington University and the New School for Social Research is represented by course outlines, bibliographies, notes, and background material.

## Organization of the Papers

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- [Subject File, 1935-1966](#)

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