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List of Abbreviations

BAS	<i>Bureau d'Aide Sociale</i>
CAD	<i>Centre d'Action Démocratique</i>
CD	<i>Centre Démocrate</i>
CDS	<i>Centre des Démocrates Sociaux</i>
CEDEP	<i>Centre National d'Etudes et de Promotion</i>
CERES	<i>Centre d'Etudes, de Recherche et d'Education Socialistes</i>
CFDT	<i>Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail</i>
CFTC	<i>Confédération Française de Travailleurs Chrétiens</i>
CGC	<i>Confédération Générale des Cadres</i>
CGT	<i>Confédération Générale du Travail</i>
CGT-FO	<i>Confédération Générale du Travail – Force Ouvrière</i>
CIR	<i>Convention des Institutions Républicaines</i>
CNJA	<i>Centre National des Jeunes Agriculteurs</i>
CNPF	<i>Conseil National du Patronat Français</i>
CODER	<i>Commission de Développement Economique Régional</i>
DATAR	<i>Délégation à l'Aménagement du Territoire et à l'Action Régionale</i>
DDE	<i>Direction Départementale de l'Equipeement</i>
FEN	<i>Fédération de l'Education Nationale</i>
FGDS	<i>Fédération de la Gauche Démocrate et Socialiste</i>
FNSEA	<i>Fédération Nationale des Syndicats d'Exploitants Agricoles</i>
FSD	<i>Fédération des Socialistes Démocrates</i>
GAM	<i>Groupe d'Action Municipale</i>
HLM	<i>Habitation à Loyer Modéré</i>
INC	<i>Institut National de la Consommation</i>
MDSF	<i>Mouvement Démocrate Socialiste de France</i>
MRG	<i>Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche</i>
MRP	<i>Mouvement Républicain Populaire</i>
OAS	<i>Organisation de l'Armée Secrète</i>
PCF	<i>Parti Communiste Français</i>

PR	<i>Parti Républicain</i>
PS	<i>Parti Socialiste</i>
PSA	<i>Parti Socialiste Autonome</i>
PSU	<i>Parti Socialiste Unifié</i>
PTT	<i>Postes, Télégraphes et Téléphones (Postes et Télécommunications)</i>
Rad.	<i>Parti Radical</i>
RI	<i>Républicains Indépendants</i>
RPF	<i>Rassemblement du Peuple Français</i>
RPR	<i>Rassemblement pour la République</i>
SAC	<i>Service d'Action Civique</i>
SFIO	<i>Section Française de l'Internationale Ouvrière</i>
SIVOM	<i>Syndicat Intercommunal à Vocation Multiple</i>
TPE	<i>Trauvau Publics de l'Etat</i>
UCRG	<i>Union des Clubs pour le Renouveau de la Gauche</i>
UDF	<i>Union pour la Démocratie Française</i>
UDR	<i>Union des Démocrates pour la République</i>
UDSR	<i>Union Démocratique et Socialiste de la Résistance</i>
UFC	<i>Union Fédérale des Consommateurs</i>
UFD	<i>Union des Forces Démocratiques</i>
UGCS	<i>Union des Groupes et Clubs Socialistes</i>
UGS	<i>Union de la Gauche Socialiste</i>
UNM	<i>Union pour la Nouvelle Majorité</i>
UNR	<i>Union pour la Nouvelle République</i>
URP	<i>Union des Républicains pour le Progrès</i>

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Glossary

An explanation or translation of some of the French words and phrases which the student of contemporary French politics will encounter most frequently is given on the page or pages indicated:

adjoint 193; alternance 74, 95; aménagement du territoire 197; apparenté 170; arbitrage 87, 125; arrondissement 193; l'audiovisuel 64; autogestion 37; ballottage 168; bilan social 227; blancs et nuls 69; bloc de la constitutionnalité 225; bulletin de vote 167; cabinet ministériel 124; candidat à la candidature 97; candidat fantaisiste 97; canton 193; chargé de mission 100; cogestion 227; commission 170; commune 193; conseil général 73, 193; Conseil des Ministres 125; conseil municipal 73, 193; conseil restreint 125; conseiller technique 100; contentieux électoral 222; contre-pouvoirs 142, 204; contresens 87; courant 153; cumul des mandats 72, 197; décrispation 93, 179; démagogie 238; département 193; désistement réciproque 152; discipline républicaine 152; domaine de la loi 175; domaine réservé 253; droits de l'homme 5; la durée 117; électeur inscrit 69; élections anticipées 73, 117; élections cantonales 193; élections partielles 168; élus locaux 196; élus sociaux 204; énarque 101; exode rural 197; filière 130; force de dissuasion 90; force de frappe 90; forces vives 73; grands corps 129; groupuscules 40; irrecevable 127; incompatibilité 129, 166; intéressement 227; intergroupe 170; interlocuteurs 204; interpellation 179; investiture 87; isoloir 168; loi de finances 176; loi d'habilitation 176; loi organique 176; majorité présidentielle 96; marketing politique 66; Médiateur 224; motion de censure provoquée 173; motion de censure spontanée 172; navette 177; non inscrit 170; notable 34, 71; panachage 194; parlementarisme rationalisé 85, 165; parrain 97; parti attrape-tout 148; politique politicienne 74; pouvoirs publics 5; préfet 193; projet de loi 127; projet de société 74, 227; proposition de loi 127, 176; quinquennat 237; rassemblement 27, 41; rééquilibrage 153; remaniement ministérielle 123; sans étiquette 195; septennat 97; la société civile 204; suffrages exprimés 168; suppléant 167; troisième tour 73; tutelle 197, 199; vote préférentiel 194

General Editor's Foreword

This book is one of a series designed primarily to meet the needs of two types of students – modern linguists and social scientists with an interest in contemporary France. It is assumed that both will be seeking to acquire a deeper understanding of various aspects of French society and at the same time to improve their command of the language used by members of that society.

Accordingly, while the descriptive and analytical sections of the book are in English, each is illustrated by suitable texts in French aimed at providing examples of an appropriate technical vocabulary as well as an appreciation of the various approaches adopted by French authors who write in different language varieties and for different readerships. Based on these texts are the linguistic exercises which have been constructed not only to develop competence in the foreign language, but also to involve students in a critical appraisal of the arguments and the ways in which they are expressed. The selected and annotated bibliographies at the end of each chapter are intended to give useful guidance to authoritative and specialised works and also to up-to-date source material; here the aim is to provide readers with the stimulus and help to undertake further independent study in areas of particular interest to them.

This presentation of interlinked descriptive, analytical and illustrative materials and their linguistic exploitation is the means by which the authors of the books in the series attempt to promote an interdisciplinary study of French and certain facets of French civilisation which form part of the indivisible sociocultural context in which the language is used and developed.

As an introductory work the present volume should be invaluable to modern linguists who are seeking to understand the unfamiliar concepts of a new discipline and to social scientists who, already familiar with the conceptual framework of their discipline, wish to extend its field of reference to another European society. It is hoped, however, that the book will be of interest and help to more general readers wishing to increase their knowledge of French life and institutions.

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