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Abbreviations

References to and quotations from Pufendorf's Latin or German texts use the new *Gesammelte Werke*, gen. ed. W. Schmidt-Biggemann (Berlin, 1995–) (GW), wherever possible.

Where a cited work uses book, chapter and section divisions, then references cite them in that order, followed by the page numbers.

Full bibliographical details of Pufendorf's works are provided in the Bibliography. His most extensively used works are cited using the following abbreviated titles:

<i>Divine Feudal Law</i>	<i>The Divine Feudal Law: Or, Covenants with Mankind, Represented</i> , trans. Theophilus Dorrington [1695], ed. Simone Zurbuchen. Indianapolis, IN, 2002.
<i>Duty of Man</i>	<i>The Duty of Man and Citizen</i> , ed. James Tully, trans. Michael Silverthorne. Cambridge, 1995.
<i>Elements</i>	<i>Two Books of the Elements of Universal Jurisprudence</i> , ed. Thomas Behme, trans. William Abbott Oldfather, rev. Thomas Behme. Indianapolis, IN, 2009.
<i>Eris Scandica</i>	<i>Eris Scandica und andere polemische Schriften über das Naturrecht</i> , ed. Fiammetta Palladini. Berlin, 2002 (GW5).
GW	<i>Gesammelte Werke</i> , ed. Wilhelm Schmidt-Biggemann. Berlin, 1996–.
<i>History of Europe</i>	<i>An Introduction to the History of the Principal Kingdoms and States of Europe</i> , trans. Jodocus Crull [1695], ed. Michael J. Seidler. Indianapolis, IN, 2013.
<i>Law of Nature</i>	<i>Of the Law of Nature and Nations, Eight Books</i> , 2 vols., ed. and trans. C. H. Oldfather and

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