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Association for the Study of German Politics

Faculty of Advocates, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

29th - 30th May 2007

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Tuesday, 29 May 2007

10:00 – 10:45 Registration and Coffee

10:45 – 11:00 Introductions

11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Sessions I (2 Panels)

PANEL I

German Federalism in the 21st Century

Chair: **Rosanne Palmer** (Cardiff)

Wolfgang Renzsch (Magdeburg) – Federalism Reform
Stage II: Money, Money, Money

PANEL II

Parties and Party Systems II

Chair: **Stephen Padgett** (Strathclyde)

Kai Arzheimer (Essex) – In the eye of the beholder.
Citizens' images of parties and the party system in
Germany

Lothar Probst (Bremen) – Grand Coalitions in Post-
Unification Germany: Evidence of Structural Change in
the German Party System?

David Broughton (Cardiff) – German Parties and Public
Opinion

Conference details also available at: <http://www.asgp.ac.uk/>

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

(Executive Committee meeting during lunch)

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13:45 – 15:15 Parallel Sessions II (3 Panels)

PANEL I	PANEL II	ROUNDTABLE I
<p><i>Germany's External Relations I</i> Chair: Emil Kirchner (Essex)</p> <p>Rüdiger Würzel (Hull) - German EU Presidencies and Environmental Policy. A Comparison of the 1994, 1999 and 2007 German Presidencies of the EU</p> <p>Mario Kölling (Zaragoza) – Actors and Institutions – Preference Formation and Negotiation Behaviour of Germany in the Negotiation of the EU's Financial Framework 2007-2013</p> <p>Nicola Corkin (Birmingham) – The EU's influence on Abstract Judicial Review in Germany and Austria's Constitutional Courts</p>	<p><i>Parties and Party Systems I</i> Chair: Jonathan Olsen (Parkside, Wisconsin)</p> <p>E. Gene Frankland (Ball State University) – From Power to Opposition and Back Again? The Challenges of the Greens in Germany</p> <p>Kimmo Elo (Turku, Finland) – The <i>Linkspartei.PDS</i> and Long-Term Developments in the German Party System</p> <p>Hartwig Pautz (Glasgow Caledonian University) – The Modernisation of German Social Democracy; Third Way, <i>Neue Mitte</i> and Agenda 2010</p>	<p><i>Policy Convergence in the UK and Germany</i> Chair: Ed Turner (Birmingham)</p> <p>Lothar Funk (FH Düsseldorf) - Policy Convergence in Employment-Related Public Policies? A British-German Comparison</p> <p>Simon Green (Birmingham) - Divergent Traditions and Convergent Responses: Immigration and Integration Policies in the UK and Germany</p>

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee

15:45 – 17:15 **PLENARY I**

Wolfgang Gibowski

(Staatssekretär, Plenipotentiary of the Land of Lower Saxony to the Federation)

The Germans and Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Public Attitudes on European Integration

17:15 Transfer to University of Edinburgh for evening events

17:30 - 18:30 Annual General Meeting of the Association

18:30 Reception

19:30 Annual Dinner

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09:00 – 10:15 Parallel Sessions III (2 Panels)

PANEL I	PANEL II
<p data-bbox="240 465 651 499"><i>Germany's External Relations II</i></p> <p data-bbox="240 499 651 533">Chair: Graham Timmins (Stirling)</p> <p data-bbox="161 544 730 611">Katarzyna Makowska (Birmingham) – Defining Germany's 'Special Relationship' with France</p> <p data-bbox="161 629 730 663">Jeremy Leaman (Loughborough) and Fotios Mavromatidis (Loughborough) – Germany and the Balkans: Hegemony by Default or Hegemony by Design?</p>	<p data-bbox="959 465 1329 499"><i>Parties and Party Systems III</i></p> <p data-bbox="943 499 1345 533">Chair: David Broughton (Cardiff)</p> <p data-bbox="820 544 1469 645">Christian Schweiger (Durham) – The end of the <i>Volkspartei</i>? Changes in the German Party System under the current Grand Coalition</p> <p data-bbox="807 663 1477 790">Christian Junge (Göttingen/Columbia, NY) – Parties without Traits? The Diffusion of Organisational Identity in German Political Parties and its Effects on Membership Identification: The Cases of the CDU and SPD</p> <p data-bbox="895 808 1390 875">Mike Adkins (Birmingham) – Party-Based Euroscepticism in Germany</p>

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee

10:45 – 12:00 PLENARY II - The German Politics Lecture

Jackson Janes

(Executive Director of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C; ASGP President)

***Germany and the USA:
Perspectives on the Transatlantic Relationship for the Post-Bush Era***

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12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:15 Parallel Sessions IV (2 Panels)

<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL I</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gender, Ethnicity and German Politics</i> Chair: Simon Green (Birmingham)</p> <p>Melanie Kintz (Western Michigan University) – Women in the German Bundestag: Who are they and how did they get there?</p> <p>Joyce Marie Mushaben (University of Missouri-St Louis) – Up the Down Staircase: True Stories of Gendered Migration and Ethnic Employment in Germany</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUNDTABLE II</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Austrian Federal Election of 2006</i> Chair: Charlie Jeffery (Edinburgh)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Richard Luther (Keele)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peter Pulzer (All Souls, Oxford)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fraser Duncan (Glasgow Caledonian)</p>
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14:15 – 14:30 Coffee

14:30 – 16:00 Parallel Sessions V (2 Panels)

<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL I</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Politics Across the Levels</i> Chair: Carolyn Moore (Birmingham)</p> <p>Edward Turner (Birmingham) – Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose? Do parties matter in the <i>Länder</i>?</p> <p>Sabine Kuhlmann (Potsdam) – Policy success or implementation failure? Evaluating the New Public Management-reform in German local governments</p> <p>Ruth Wittlinger (Durham) and Gerd Strohmeier (Passau) Politicising the Presidency: An Interim Assessment of Horst Köhler's First Term in Office</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUNDTABLE III</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>GDR and Post-GDR Research in the UK</i> Chair: Peter Barker (Reading)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mike Dennis (Wolverhampton)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anna Saunders (Bangor)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Flockton (Surrey)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dan Hough (Sussex)</p>
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16:00 – 16:45 **PLENARY III**

David Barclay

Executive Director, German Studies Association and Kalamazoo College, Michigan

***Transatlantic Co-operation in an Age of Transnationalism:
The Future of German Studies***

17.00 Closing remarks by **Ingo Radcke**, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Edinburgh, followed by drinks reception