



34TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

German House, Conference Room, 1st floor
34 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB
27-28 May 2008

Tuesday 27th May

Registration and Coffee 10h30 – 11h15
Welcome from the IASGP Chair 11h15 – 11h30

Recent Developments in German Party Politics 11h30 – 13h00

Chair: Dan Hough (Sussex)

Melanie Haas (Berlin) The Grand Coalition and Party Programmes: How have the SPD and CDU developed in the “Große Koalition” since 2005?

Hilde Coffe (Halle/Utrecht) The Merger Process of Political Parties. The Case of Die Linke

Ingolfur Blühdorn (Bath) Reinventing Green Politics: On the Strategic Repositioning of the German Green Party

LUNCH 13h00 – 14h00

German Politics Lecture 14h00 – 15h15

Susanne Schuettemeyer (Halle)

Deparliamentarisation: how seriously is the Bundestag affected?

COFFEE 15h15 – 15h45

Policy and Policy-Making 15h45 - 17h30

Chair: Helga Welsh (Wake Forest)

Eric Langenbacher (Georgetown) Public Opinion and the Memory of German Suffering: Responses in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic

Nils Bendelow (Braunschweig) Germany’s Health Reform

Lothar Funk (Duesseldorf) Scolding Export Champion Germany: How Justified?

Tuesday 27th May (cont.)

IASGP Executive Meeting and Reception

17h30 onwards

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ANNUAL DINNER (at the Gay Hussar, <http://www.gayhussar.co.uk/index.asp>) **19h30**

Wednesday 28th May

Political Participation, Democracy and Local Elites

09h00 – 10h30

Chair: Rosanne Palmer (Cardiff)

Helga A. Welsh (Wake Forest)

Citizen Involvement and Local Politics

Marion Reiser (Halle)

Political Style of Local Politicians in Germany – A Comparison of Non-Partisan Councillors and Party Politicians.

Jürgen Petersen (Frankfurt Main)

Local Concepts of Representation: Actors' Conceptual Theories in Germany and the US

COFFEE

10h30-11h00

Germany's Foreign and Security Policy

11h00 – 12h45

Chair: William Paterson (Birmingham)

Laura Chappell (Birmingham)

Developing the European Security and Defence Policy: The Perceptions and Contributions of Germany

Katarzyna Makowska (Birmingham)

The Role of the Franco-German 'Couple' in the Development of the European Defence Agency (EDA)

Emil Kirchner (Essex)

Germany's Role in /ESDP Development: aims versus action

Jan Ryjáček (Prague)

Losing the power of parliament? Participation of the *Bundestag* in decision making concerning military deployments abroad.

LUNCH

12h45 – 13h45

Changing Dynamics in Party Development; Recruitment and Organisation

13h45 – 15h00

Chair: Thomas Poguntke (Bochum). TBC

Melanie Kintz (Leipzig)

German members of the Bundestag – recruitment and legislative careers

Sebastian Bukow (Berlin)

Towards a Common Concept of Party Organisation in Germany

COFFEE

15h00 – 15h15

Wednesday 28th May (cont.)

Supranational, National and Regional Dimensions

15h15 – 16h45

Chair: Charles Lees (Sheffield)

David Broughton (Cardiff) Der Rodeopolitiker oder der Konsenspolitiker? The
Landtagswahlen in Hessen und Niedersachsen, 2008

Jens Tenscher (Koblenz-Landau) Grand National Coalition – Small Regional Campaigns?

Mike Adkins (Birmingham) The 1999 European Parliamentary Election: British and
German Party Utilisation of Euroscepticism

16h45

Participants depart



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Hotel Recommendation

London has a plethora of hotels to suit more or less every price range. The DAAD – our hosts for the IASGP's 34th Conference – recommend that their guests use the Diplomat Hotel in Belgravia. The rates are seen as generally being quite competitive. The address of the Diplomat is

The Diplomat Hotel
2 Chesham Street
Belgravia SW1X
London
England
Email: diplomat.hotel@btinternet.com

The hotel's website is <http://www.btinternet.com/~diplomat.hotel/>

Travel

London now has five (!) airports from which one can get into the centre of the city (relatively) easily; Heathrow; Gatwick, London City, (London) Stansted and (London) Luton. *Heathrow* has the best array of international flights, and the conference venue (a ten minute walk from Victoria station – see <http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=SW1X+8QB&ie=UTF8&ll=51.49982,-0.152435&spn=0.011408,0.028925&z=15>) is easily accessible either via the high speed train link to London Paddington or via the Piccadilly Line (underground). The train link to Paddington is quick (15 minutes), but pricey (£14.50 single, £28 return if booked online). You'll also have to take the tube from Paddington to Victoria (£4). The underground connection from Heathrow takes longer (50 minutes, changing at Hammersmith) but is much cheaper (£4 single).

Gatwick, despite its distance from central London (it's about 30 miles north of Brighton), will also enable you to get to the conference speedily. You can either take the Gatwick Express to Victoria or the slower 'Southern' service (also direct to Victoria). The Gatwick Express takes 30 minutes, but is expensive (£16.90 single or £28.80 return). The 'Southern' service takes longer (45-50 minutes) but is cheaper (£9.50 single, no return tickets available).

London City airport is to be found in the east end of the city, and has a number of city hopper connections to other parts of the UK as well as to selected European cities. The easiest link from City is via the 'London City Airport' station on Docklands Light Railway to 'Bank' underground station (20-25 minutes). There is a direct link from 'Bank' to Victoria on the District Line (15 mins) and the entire journey costs £4 (single).

London Luton is well served by value airlines such as EasyJet and Flybe. Train connections from Luton Airport Parkway to St Pancras take 30-45 minutes (depending on connection) and cost £9.90 single (no returns available). St Pancras is a short underground journey away from Victoria (£4). There are also a couple of bus links from outside the terminal at Luton into central London; Green Line's service (bus 757) takes 90 minutes and costs £12 single, £17 return. There's also an 'Easybus' service for those who've flown EasyJet direct to Victoria bus station (90 minutes, although allow longer) that will be cheaper.

London Stansted is one of Ryan Air's key hubs, and carriers such as Air Berlin and GermanWings also fly there frequently. There is an (alleged) high speed train link into Liverpool Street (45-55 minutes, £16 single, £26 return). There are also two decent bus links – National Express charge £10 single and £17 return (journey time 75 minutes, although again allow longer), whilst 'Terravision' charge £8 single,

£14 return (same journey time). Both go direct to Victoria coach station, which is very convenient for the conference venue.