



Message from the Chair

It is with great sadness that the Association learned of the death, on 2 December 2009 at age 82, of our Honorary Vice-President, Gordon Smith. Gordon's contribution to the Association over three decades cannot be overstated: he was *Mitglied der ersten Stunde*, Chair in the late 1980s and a founding editor of *German Politics*. His funeral, which was held in London on 15 December 2009, was attended by several members of the Association. An appreciation by William Paterson of Gordon's life and contribution as a scholar of German and European politics can be found later in this newsletter.

On a rather happier note, Peter Pulzer, also an Honorary Vice-President of the Association, celebrated his 80th birthday in 2009. We are delighted that Peter continues to grace us with his presence at our events, most recently at last September's election trip! On behalf of the Association, I attended a celebratory dinner hosted by William Paterson and Peter's colleagues in Oxford in November.

Meanwhile, the 2010 CES conference took place in Montreal from 15-17 April. Together with our journal, the Association was well represented, including co-hosting a reception with over 350 participants. In Montreal, we also held the 2010 AGM, the minutes of which are included in this newsletter. Overall, there was widespread agreement that, with a strong political science presence and a wide range of papers on Germany, the CES represented a very good institutional base for the Association in North America. Its next conference will be in Boston in 2012, and we are therefore intending once again to be present, to include our AGM for that year; hopefully, our presence will be even more numerous! In the meantime, we are planning to profile the Association and especially the journal at the 2011 EUSA meeting also in Boston.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to an upcoming change in the Association, as the term of office of our Secretary, Dan Hough, and our Treasurer, Carolyn Rowe, draws to a close at the end of December 2010. Both have been in office since our merger in early 2007 and their contribution to making our joint Association function has been nothing short of magnificent. On behalf of the entire membership, I would therefore like to put on record the immense debt we as an Association owe them as well as our sincere gratitude for their tireless commitment on our behalf. And on a personal note, it has been a real privilege to work with both in taking the Association forward.

Their successors will be known by the end of the year, and this newsletter provides further information of the timing and nomination/voting procedure. I would particularly like to encourage members to think about putting themselves forward for these important positions, as they offer a unique opportunity to help shape the Association and its direction. To this end, this newsletter contains a brief 'job description' of what these offices entail. What is more, we are this year, for the first time, also putting a proposed change to the Constitution to the membership for voting on. This concerns the governance of our journal and I am most grateful to Simon Bulmer, Charlie Lees and Helga Welsh for developing the proposed reformulation.

With all best wishes for the autumn,

Professor Simon Green

IASGP Chair

Conference Report

COUNCIL FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Revenge of the European Model?

Montreal, Canada

15-17 April 2010

Although a number of IASGP members are regular attendees at Council for European Studies (CES) conferences, many of the 25 strong IASGP delegation that attended the 17th annual jamboree in Montreal have one very good reason for remembering this particular conference rather more than most. And that reason can largely be summed up in one barely pronounceable Icelandic word; Eyjafjallajökull! No one had trouble getting to Montreal, but over the course of the three days that the conference took place the Icelandic volcano sprung to life and prompted many a bemused European delegate at the Grand Plaza Hotel to wonder when on earth they were likely to be returning home. More of which later ...

The conference itself proved to be both an enjoyable and enlightening experience. IASGP members contributed to a dozen or so panels, providing a solid body of papers that either looked in detail at particular aspects of Germany's internal or external affairs, or took Germany as a case study when conducting broader, more comparative research. The CES conference also enabled IASGP members to engage with networks of scholars in particular thematic areas; the study of immigration and citizenship issues remains a real strength within the CES, whilst there was a wide variety of panels on various aspects of the EU.

The IASGP also held a very well attended reception on the Saturday evening where *German Politics's* managing editor, Thomas Saalfeld, and IASGP Chair, Simon Green, encouraged CES members to think about the journal as a prospective outlet for their research. It was at this point that the conference hotel, which was already creaking at the seams on account of the sheer number of delegates in attendance, did its best to keep numbers at the IASGP reception down – all of the lifts in the hotel failed, leaving a significant number of reception-attendees (including our very own Willie Paterson) stuck in limbo for approximately 45 minutes! Not ideal, but everyone emerged unscathed in the end and not too late to grab a much needed glass of wine.

Much the same can be said for the IASGP's European delegates as they tried to return home; everyone eventually got there, but a pretty stiff drink was needed on a number of occasions along the way! But, given that your newsletter editor is always more of a glass half full than a glass half empty man, the whole adventure did it least provide plenty of material with which to tell a decent story or two; Simon Bulmer, for example, attempted to rebook his BA flight back to the UK and was calmly told by the electronic voice at the other end of the phone line that "you are in a queue and we thank you for your patience. Your call will be attended to in approximately 346 minutes". Rather than hang on for a touch under 6 hours, Professor Bulmer sensibly left that particular task for another day and joined a group of IASGP members off out for dinner.

Simon Green did much the same when he was told that the first likely flight that he could catch could well be in mid-May! Canada is (very) nice, but, well ...

Special awards though to Stephen Padgett, who seriously contemplated returning to the UK via Casablanca (!) and to Charlie Jeffery who did indeed go for a route home that included New York, Miami, Madrid, and then overland (and Eurostar) to Scotland!! Ultimately, of course, most people returned home a mere 4 or 5 days late, but, for a while, it did feel like we'd all be teaching our Spring/Summer courses via satellite link from a Canadian hotel!

All in all, and despite the problems encountered in trying to return to Europe, the CES event proved a more than apt venue for IASGP members to publicise their own research as well as to engage with scholars and networks that they might not necessarily have come across elsewhere. The next CES conference takes place in Barcelona in June 2011, before returning back across the Atlantic to Boston in the Spring of 2012. Let's hope the IASGP has a similarly strong presence there too

Dan Hough

University of Sussex



37th Annual Conference

*Annual Conference of the
International Association for the Study of
German Politics (IASGP)*

London

16 – 17 May 2011

The IASGP is pleased to announce that the Association's annual conference will take place in London (venue to be announced) on 16th – 17th May 2011. The conference will bring together researchers on German Politics based in the UK, US, Germany and beyond. Paper (and also panel) proposals can be submitted by members and non-members alike. Non-members whose papers are accepted will need to join the Association in order to present at the conference. The programme committee would be particularly interested to receive proposals on Germany's political economy, Germany's foreign policy, the recent German federal election and comparative research where Germany is a prominent case-study. Papers/panels on the politics of other German speaking countries are also very welcome. The deadline for submitting 200 word abstracts to the programme committee (through Dan Hough at d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk) is 15th January 2011.

Queries should be addressed to IASGP Administrative Assistant, Hannah Peters (hp51@sussex.ac.uk).

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International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP)

Annual General Meeting

**Grand Plaza Hotel, Montreal, Canada
Room: Degas, Mezzanine**

**Minutes
16th April 2010**

Present

Simon Green (Chair), Martin Behrens, Simon Bulmer, Louise Davidson-Schmich, Klaus Detterbeck, Dan Hough, Marianne Howarth, Wade Jacoby, Charlie Jeffery, Joyce Mushaben, Jonathan Olsen, Stephen Padgett, William Paterson, Thomas Poguntke, Thomas Saalfeld, Sarah Wiliarty, Jennifer Yoder, Benjamin Zyla.

Apologies

Nicola Corkin, Katy Crossley-Frolick, Michael Koß, Charlie Lees, Carolyn Rowe, Christian Schweiger

Minutes of the 2009 AGM (26 May 2009)

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting by Dan Hough (DH) and were agreed to be a true record.

Chair's report

Simon Green (SG) tabled a written report. Over and above this, SG made three additional points. Firstly, he advised that a working group under the leadership of Simon Bulmer (SB) had been working on a constitutional amendment to regulate the process of selecting *German Politics's* editors. SB had presented his amendment noting that the editorial Board's composition should reflect the diversity of the Association to the executive committee (that had met on 15 April) and it was widely welcomed. The amendment will now be put to a referendum of the IASGP's membership in the Autumn. The referendum will be conducted electronically at the same time as elections for a new Secretary, Treasurer and 4 members of the executive committee. More information on this process will be circulated in due course.

Secondly, SG noted the sad passing of one of the Association's founders, Gordon Smith, earlier this year. SG also noted that Gordon was one of our Vice-Presidents, and he recommended that Wolfgang Gibowski be nominated to replace him. The meeting agreed that this was a very good idea and SG will take this forward.

Finally, SG asked the meeting to consider where, if at all, the IASGP should have its institutional presence in North America in 2011. SG stressed that there was no question of the IASGP breaking its link with the GSA. At the same time, the comparative weakness of political science at the conference calls into question whether this venue remains the most appropriate to act as an institutional base for the Association in North America. Equally, the journal has little resonance within the GSA, as the vast majority of its participants publish their research in other outlets.

SG also noted that the CES conference meets biannually and given that the CES conveniently meets in the years when the IASGP has its AGM in North America it would seem logical to seek to return (to Boston) in 2012. SG noted that the CES will meet in Europe (Barcelona) in 2011, and, again, whilst IASGP members may indeed wish to attend, there would appear to be little point in the IASGP having an *institutional* presence there. The EUSA conference (again in Boston) in March 2011 may be an option, although there is the obvious drawback that many IASGP members do not do work that directly analyses the EU.

Louise Davidson-Schmich (LDS) emphasised that the lack of EU focus in the work of significant parts of the IASGP membership could indeed be something of a problem, whilst Joyce Mushaben (JM) enquired as to whether the CES might want the IASGP to form a 'research group' or 'network' within CES. SG advised that from what he could tell CES were unlikely to require this, although, of course, should the IASGP choose to do it anyway then it was unlikely that CES would object. Wade Jacoby (WJ) noted that the CES has changed its attitude towards its own networks over the years. There have been periods when it has stressed their importance and significance rather more than at other times. WJ felt that the IASGP should consider the idea of forming such a sub-group with CES carefully before taking the respective plunge; on the plus side, it may be a way of locking in more German-specific participation within CES, but on the negative side there could prove to be a considerable amount of extra administration. Both WJ and JM argued that it was probably best to keep an eye on developments within CES and also to keep liaising with the CES in a non-committal way on this.

William Paterson (WP) supported the thrust of this, but also noted that having a couple of panels and some sort of journal presence at EUSA also made sense. There was widespread support for this notion. Charlie Jeffery (CJ) wondered whether it may be possible to host a conference equivalent to the annual UK event in May in North America independent of the big congresses. He suggested that it might be worth pursuing links with institutions such as the Goethe Institute, the AICGS or German Embassy in Washington D.C. JM and Thomas Saalfeld (TS) were keen to stress that if done correctly, such an event could be a great recruitment tool. There followed a discussion on when such an event might take place, what the focus might be and who might organise it. Dan Hough (DH) agreed to take this forward both and to investigate whether such an event was viable.

Moving on, SG noted that the IASGP's Annual Conference in May is clearly better supported when it takes place in the London area. SG subsequently recommended that forthcoming May conferences be held, if at all possible, in and around the UK capital. Stephen Padgett registered his support for this idea, as did other members. JM noted that this was likely to make it easier for US colleagues to attend, although venues such as Edinburgh and Oxford also did have considerable appeal.

Secretary's report

DH tabled a written report and it was accepted by the meeting. DH stressed that the key event of the year had been the IASGP election trip and that it had gone very well. He noted the sterling efforts of Hannah Peters in helping to organise this.

Treasurer's report

Despite not being able to attend the conference, Carolyn Rowe (CR) had tabled a written report and it was accepted by the meeting. SG noted the IASGP's thanks to CJ for negotiating such a good deal on

German Politics with Taylor and Francis; this deal continued to ensure that the IASGP remained in an extremely strong financial position. SG also noted his thanks to DH and CR for their efforts throughout the year.

German Politics Editors' report

TS noted that all five editors of *German Politics* were at the CES conference and that they would be having a meeting on Saturday 17th April.¹

Members' Subs

It was agreed that members' subs should remain the same; £30 for those in full-time employment and £7.50 for retired members and postgraduates.

Any other business

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 13h15.

Dan Hough

IASGP Secretary

¹ See the next piece in this newsletter for Thomas Saalfeld's full report.

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German Politics Editors' Report

Prepared for the Annual General Meeting of the International Association for the Study of
German Politics (IASGP)
Grand Plaza Hotel, Montreal, Canada, 16 April 2010

This report is the written version of the verbal report I gave at the CES Conference in Montreal in April 2010. I apologise to members for the delay in producing a full written report. This was largely due to my recent move from the UK back to Germany and the associated demands on my time.

The editorial team has undergone some change since January 2009: At the beginning of 2009, the editorial team changed: Professor Kenneth Dyson retired from the team after many years of dedicated service and was succeeded by Dr. Dan Hough. Professor Thomas Saalfeld took over as Managing Editor from Professor Stephen Padgett. Professors Wade Jacoby, Stephen Padgett and Thomas Poguntke continued to serve as editors. Dr. Christian Schweiger succeeded Professor Graham Timmins as UK Review Editor. With the move to ManuscriptCentral, our electronic manuscript-management system, the extent of editorial assistance hitherto offered by Peter Sharpe was no longer required. The editors are very grateful to Peter for his sterling services over the years. Following Thomas Saalfeld's move to the University of Bamberg, Mirijam Böhme (Bamberg) took over some of Peter's tasks (albeit at a reduced level, i.e., 2 hours per week), including the checking and anonymising of incoming manuscripts, answering editorial queries and dealing with other routine matters.

In a number of strategic discussions, the new team of editors agreed that they could build on a strong basis, and that German Politics should continue to provide theoretically informed perspectives on the changing agendas of German politics with a focus on political science. As in the past, this should be done by engaging with themes that connect Germany comparatively with other states – the challenges of globalisation, changes in international relations, and the widening and deepening of the European Union. The journal should also continue to link work on Germany to wider debates and issues in comparative politics, public policy, political behaviour, and political theory.

In a more competitive environment for journals, the editors reaffirmed their aim to increase the visibility and impact of German Politics in the political-science community by attracting even more high-quality submissions. Following discussions with the IASGP Executive Committee, the editorial team decided to adopt a proactive strategy.

- Editors have increased their presence (as editors rather than individual participants) at international conferences, approaching potential authors directly at conference and giving advice on the advantages of publishing in German Politics.
- We also recognised that the journal's inclusion in the Thomson Reuters ISI Social Science Citation Index would be a crucial incentive for authors to consider German Politics as an outlet for their research. Applications for inclusion in the SSCI have to be submitted by publishers. The Managing Editor submitted the necessary paperwork to Routledge at the end of April 2009. We are still awaiting feedback from Thomson.
- High-quality special issues remain an important part of our strategy in this context.
- We continue to provide services to the German politics community by commissioning book reviews and short research notes on current events such as federal-state elections.

The more proactive approach to encouraging submissions of individual articles and proposals for special issues would not have been possible without the enhanced support IASGP is offering to editors attending suitable conferences, including the organisation of panels on behalf of the Association.

IASGP makes a total of GBP 7,250 available to support the editors' work (GBP 5,250 for editors, GBP 2,000 for editorial assistance [ex Peter Sharpe]). Each editor receives a general individual allowance of GBP 500 per annum, the UK review editor receives GBP 250. This contributes to basic costs and some travel expenses and leaves the managing editor with an annual fund of further GBP 2,500 that editors can draw on against receipts, if further travel expenses arise. The editors agreed that the likely travel expenses of the entire editorial team would be established in advance, but that generally there should be equality between the editors. It was agreed with the IASGP chair that the fee paid to Peter Sharpe in the past (GBP 2,000 per annum) would be added to the editors' fund, mainly with a view to pay for editorial assistance and language editing, but also to help with any remaining travel expenses. In 2009, some editors were able to raise funds from other sources, so there was a certain underspend. In 2010, the funds available were used fully.

IASGP support for the editors allowed the following promotional activities (conference attendance, presentation of papers, IASGP/German Politics receptions and IASGP panels, visits to the Routledge exhibition stalls):

- **May 2009:** IASGP Conference in Aston (Jacoby, Poguntke, Saalfeld)
- **September 2009:** APSA Annual Convention in Toronto (Hough, Jacoby, Saalfeld – Saalfeld organised IASGP Panel on the election 2009 and the Grand Coalition)
- **September 2009:** DVPW Kongress at the Christian-Albrecht-Universität Kiel with IASGP/ German Politics reception (Hough, Saalfeld – Saalfeld organised panel on the German election 2009)
- **September 2009:** ECPR Conference Potsdam (Hough)
- **October 2009:** German Studies Association Conference, Washington DC/Arlington, VA (Hough)

- **April 2010:** Political Studies Association Conference in Edinburgh (Hough, Padgett, Saalfeld)
- **April 2010:** CES Conference in Montreal with IASGP/ German Politics reception (Hough, Jacoby, Padgett, Poguntke, Saalfeld – Saalfeld organised panels on the Grand Coalition and the election 2009)
- **May 2010:** IASGP conference in London (Saalfeld)

Joanna Woodcock of Routledge attended the editors' meeting held at the CES Conference in Montreal and provided an up-to-date business report. Routledge 'feel that German Politics is performing well in the current market' (executive summary) with

- 176 full-rate (i.e., library subscriptions in 2009 (2008: 180);
- 16,622 full-text downloads via standard platforms (2008: 17,503; 2007: 12,138; 2006: 8,721; 2005: 6,960);
- Routledge online sales agreements 1,417 (2008: 763) and
- EBSCO circulation (full-text access to volumes prior to 04/09) 8,643 (2008: 6,123)

In short, the electronic presence of German Politics through various Routledge platforms has generally increased considerably. Full institutional subscriptions have remained virtually constant. Individual subscriptions (11 in 2009) are numerically irrelevant.

In line with a previous agreement between the editorial team and Routledge, the publishers emailed previous authors of German Politics from the USA to offer them a free 2009 IASGP membership and engaged in a host of further activities directed at the US market.

Routledge display the journal at all important international conferences in the US and Europe and provide advertising material in the form of posters, postcards, advertisements in journals and catalogues and leaflets.

At the editors' meeting in Montreal we took the following decisions:

- 1) Special issues have become increasingly important in securing a large number of high-quality submissions. This requires a tightening-up of the reviewing process. In 2009, we decided that there should not normally be more than two special issues per year, and that proposals for special issues would be evaluated competitively once a year at an editorial meeting. At the 2010 meeting, we agreed on a detailed review process those issues that have been accepted in principle: The full set of anonymous contributions will be evaluated initially by the (guest) editor(s) of the special issue themselves. The managing editor will then send all (improved) contributions to two external reviewers who provide an initial independent assessment of the coherence of the volume as a whole and advise the managing editor and the (guest) editors on those individual draft contributions that should be sent for further review. The managing editor will then liaise with the guest editor(s) about an appropriate strategy for revisions, further reviews and the final shape of the volume.

- 2) At the meeting in Montreal, we discussed two new proposals on special issues, one of which was rejected due to a lacking coherence and focus on German Politics, the second one was returned to the guest editors with a request for further clarification.
- 3) The concept of a special issue of Angela Merkel as a female political leader was accepted in principle. It was decided to send the entire set of essays out for initial external review.
- 4) The special issues on the Grand Coalition (ed. Dyson & Saalfeld) and the election of 2009 (ed. Poguntke & Saalfeld) are progressing well.
- 5) The editors decided to improve the gender and regional balance on the Editorial Advisory Board. The managing editor will approach a number of appropriate scholars and thank retiring members for their assistance. It was also agreed that more use should be made of the expertise on the Editorial Advisory Board in reviewing the journal's general progress and editorial strategy.
- 6) A plan for editors' conference attendance will be agreed in the last quarter of 2010.
- 7) In the future, some resources may have to be devoted to language editing of high-quality material submitted by authors whose first language is not English, although the general policy should remain that submissions have to fulfil adequate standards in this respect.
- 8) The next editorial meeting will be held in London in 2011.

Thomas Saalfeld, Managing Editor, *German Politics*



IASGP Constitutional Amendment

Over the course of the last few months a working group of committee members under the leadership of Simon Bulmer has been drafting an amendment to the IASGP's constitution. The amendment concerns the composition of the editorial team for *German Politics* and will, if accepted, replace point (6) in the constitution. The committee are subsequently recommending that the following text be adopted (see below). Members will have the opportunity to vote on the amendment at the 2011 AGM in London.

6. The Association shall publish a journal under a commercial agreement with a publisher. The editors of the journal shall be appointed upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, following consultation with the publisher and subject to the approval of the members of the Association present at an Annual General Meeting. The composition of the editorial team should have regard to the diverse composition of the Association's membership. The term of editorial appointments shall be five years. Any mid-term vacancies arising within an editorial team shall be filled in one of two ways: either for the remainder of the term of appointment of the team or as an individual appointment for five years. Vacancies or a call for a new editorial team shall be advertised amongst the Association's membership. No individual editor may serve more than two terms of office of five years. Procedural details shall be laid down in a protocol to this Constitution. The editorial team shall provide written reports to both the Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting, with a full review every three years.



IASGP Elections

Secretary and Treasurer

Both Dan Hough (Secretary) and Carolyn Rowe (Treasurer) come to the end of their terms in office on 31 December 2010. The Association is therefore seeking nominations for both of these positions. The tenure is three years, starting on 1 January 2011. Both Dan and Carolyn will, of course, work closely with their successors to ensure a smooth handover. Both are also willing to field any questions (in confidence if necessary) from interested parties (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk and c.s.rowe@aston.ac.uk).

Each of the officers carries out these sets of respective tasks;

Secretary

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

- To oversee the day-to-day running of the Association's affairs.
- To ensure that the IASGP remains well networked with other academic associations (i.e. EUSA, Council for European Studies, GSA and so forth)

MAIN TASKS AND DUTIES

- To deal with all Association correspondence. This includes
 - Correspondence with Taylor and Francis concerning membership issues
 - Correspondence with the editor of *German Politics* on journal issues
- To organise the IASGP's Annual Conference in the UK in April/May every year.
- To organise the IASGP's election trip. This involves both liaising with the DAAD, constructing the IASGP's own programme in conjunction with DAAD events and also arranging the logistics (i.e. accommodation, local travel etc.).
- To edit the twice yearly IASGP newsletter
- To work closely with the IASGP's Administrative Assistant to ensure that the membership are kept up to speed with events and issues pertinent to them.

DUTIES IN RELATION TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- To organise the academic programme.
- To arrange a venue and to work with the local organiser in ensuring the smooth running of the event
- To work with the DAAD in ensuring that two high profile German participants are invited.

Treasurer

PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

- To maintain oversight of IASGP current and savings accounts, and to ensure all payments due to and from IASGP accounts are transacted in a timely manner
- To contribute financial information and advice to the IASGP Executive Committee for decision-making and strategic purposes

MAIN TASKS AND DUTIES

- Deliver budget forecasts and budget reviews to IASGP AGM on an annual basis
- Deliver budget updates to IASGP Executive Committee meetings
- Control all expenditures and receipts, process invoices, internet payments and overseas transactions as and where required
- Receive annual royalty payments from Taylor and Francis relating to the journal and annual income from subscriptions
- Ensure regular payments are made to the Association's admin support

DUTIES IN RELATION TO THE EDITORIAL TEAM OF GERMAN POLITICS

- Receive annual monies from Taylor and Francis relating to forward spend for the editors
- Make individual payments to editors for their assistance to the journal
- Liaise with editorial lead to ascertain individual allowances and in line with this, make individual payments to editors with regard to expenditures incurred on marketing efforts, primarily through conference activity

DUTIES IN RELATION TO THE IASGP'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Maintain oversight of incomes and expenditures associated with annual conference
- Liaise with Chair and Secretary of the Association to establish level of annual conference fee
- Process all payments received for IASGP annual conference and deliver receipts to individuals as required
- Report on overall conference budget to IASGP Executive Committee

Nominations will open on 1 October 2010 and close on 31 October 2010. Should you wish to nominate anyone (or, indeed, nominate yourself!) to be either Secretary or Treasurer, then please email Hannah Peters (hp51@sussex.ac.uk) to make her aware of this. If you are nominating someone else, please make sure you acknowledge that you have their permission to do so. If needed, elections will take place from 10 November 2010 – 30 November 2010, with the results being announced in the first week of December.



IASGP Elections

Executive Committee, 2011-2012

As usual at this time of year, the IASGP is also seeking nominations for four positions on the Executive Committee. Four members of the current committee (Simon Bulmer, Nicola Corkin, Michael Koß, Jonathan Olsen) have reached the end of their current two-year term, although they are of course eligible for re-election. Nominations (and all four of the retiring committee members do have the option of standing again, should they wish to) will open on 1 October 2010 and close on 31 October 2010. Should you wish to nominate anyone (or, indeed, nominate yourself!), then, as with officer elections, please email Hannah Peters (hp51@sussex.ac.uk), to make her aware of this. If you are nominating someone else, please make sure you acknowledge that you have their permission to do so. If needed, elections will take place from 10 November 2010 – 30 November 2010, with the results being announced in the first week of December.



Gordon Smith

1927-2009

An Appreciation

In the development of the study of German politics, Gordon Smith occupies a central place. The plans for the foundation of the IASGP's flagship journal, *German Politics*, were discussed at a conference in Berlin in 1990, but it was Gordon's strong relationship with Frank Cass that transformed an aspiration to establish a leading academic journal to analyse the politics of post wall Germany into reality with amazing speed. As the Editor of *West European Politics*, there was no doubt that Gordon was the senior editor and his experience and judgement saved his fellow editors from many errors. Indeed, he was also very generous and diverted articles originally meant for *West European Politics* in our direction.

Gordon was also instrumental in encouraging Steven Kennedy at Palgrave to extend the 'Developments in British Politics' series to cover Germany and three volumes were produced. The first volume coincided rather awkwardly with German unity but the subsequent volumes presented reliable and insightful analyses of the politics of a unified Germany. As a member of an editorial team, Gordon not only insisted on high standards of production but was always full of ideas. Collaboration for Gordon involved friendly contestation so that the volumes always had a freshness alongside their sought for reliability

When Geoffrey Roberts and I canvassed colleagues about founding the Association for the Study of German Politics, Gordon was one of the first to respond and he played a central role in the development of the Association. Accompanied by his late wife, Dorothea, he participated in every conference of the fledgling association. Gordon's LSE location was a great help and Committee meetings were often held there. From 1986-88 Gordon was Chair of the Association, and in recognition of his huge contribution, Gordon was made an Honorary Vice President. Beyond the Association, Gordon did much to push the study of German politics in the European Consortium for Political Research and at the European University Institute.

Gordon was appointed to a Lectureship in German Politics at the London School of Economics in 1972 where he remained on the staff for the next two decades. In the intervening period he progressed to Professor and Chair of the Government Department. Gordon arrived at the LSE after many years in institutions which centred on teaching and he had developed teaching skills of a very high order and, especially at the Masters level, he won many converts to the study of German Politics. Indeed, he continued to offer Masters courses for many years after he had officially retired. His teaching vocation reached a wider audience through his best selling textbook 'Democracy in Western Germany' (1) and the Developments series.

The story of how Gordon came to the study of German politics, and the nature and influence of his ideas, are set out with great clarity in the Festschrift edited by Stephen Padgett and Thomas

Poguntke(2). Gordon's work on German politics was especially influential in the areas of the party system and the politics of centrality. In his autobiographical piece for Hans Daalder (3), Gordon singles out his article on 'The German Volkspartei and the Career of the Catch-all Party'(4) as the contribution that stands up best. It is also illustrative of his abiding fascination with the dynamics of party systems.

His wider contribution, the idea that the politics of (West) Germany are animated by the politics of centrality, derives from his interest in party systems. It is prefigured in his PhD thesis 'Party System and Party Structure in Western Germany' where he assigns a great deal of significance to the manner in which the legal restrictions of the western allies on the activities of the extreme right and left in a 'protected party system' had acted in favour of a party system based on moderation in the run up to the Federal Republic (5). In later arguing that the Federal Republic itself was characterised by a politics of centrality, he no longer emphasised the legal constraints but the way in which negative reactions to the Nazi legacy and the challenge from the German Democratic Republic created ideological 'no go' areas and imparted a profound centrist drive to the system. In that sense it was an extension to Ralf Dahrendorf's 'Society and Democracy in Germany'(6). Dahrendorf argued that the unintended consequences of the Third Reich had been to sweep away many of the obstacles that had impeded the establishment of liberal democracy in Germany. Some years later Peter Katzenstein was to provide a seminal institutional account of the policy consequences of this consensus based system (7), whilst Gordon and myself, showinh more confidence in the system than some contemporary West German political scientists, advanced the idea of a West German Model (8).

For members of the German Politics community Gordon was an inspiration, gadfly, and friend. We shall miss him greatly but he lives on in his ideas, our memories and two important academic journals.

Professor William E. Paterson

Aston University

Notes

- (1) G. Smith, *Democracy in Western Germany :Parties and Politics in the Federal Republic* (London: Heinemann, 1976).
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Congratulations ...

... to long-standing IASGP member, Richard Luther! Richard, currently convenor of the Keele European Parties Research Unit, has been awarded the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art, one of the Austrian state's highest honours, created to recognise "persons from Austria and abroad who have distinguished themselves by virtue of their contribution to the sciences or arts".

The medal was presented on behalf of the Austrian Federal President by the Austrian Ambassador, Dr Gabrielle Matzner, at a decoration ceremony and reception hosted at her London residence. The laudatory address was given by Professor Wolfgang Müller of Vienna University, who referred to Dr. Luther as "a fine scholar who has done a significant amount of excellent research on Austrian politics". Having reviewed in particular Dr. Luther's work on Austrian federalism, consociationalism and political parties he said Dr Luther "is not 'just' a specialist on Austrian politics, but has made significant contributions to the discipline of Political Science more generally, providing many and important collective goods to the discipline". Richard's fine year was rounded off when he was awarded a Chair in Comparative Politics in March 2010. Well done Richard, an award thoroughly deserved!



Richard receiving his award from the Austrian Ambassador at her residency in London.

Forthcoming Events



EUSA BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Boston, 3rd – 5th March, 2011

Call for papers and panels

The European Union Studies Association invites scholars and practitioners engaged in the study of Europe and the European Union to submit panel and paper proposals for its 2011 Twelfth Biennial International Conference, 3rd – 5th March, in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. This conference also marks the 22nd anniversary of EUSA. The Programme Committee plans to promote the broadest possible exchange of theoretical approaches, disciplinary perspectives and research agendas. Please note the following:

1. On the basics of paper and panel proposals:

- We welcome both paper and panel proposals, particularly those that foster transatlantic dialogue. Panel proposals need to consist of three to four papers.
- Participants are limited to two appearances on the conference programme (two papers or one paper and one discussant role; chair roles do not count toward the appearance limit). Participants should therefore submit no more than two proposals.
- For organisational reasons, the programme is subdivided into seven substantive sections (integration theory, institutions, economics and political economy, political sociology, law and public policy, external relations). Please indicate for which section you would like to be considered. Note that there is no fixed number of panels for each section. Choosing one section rather than another does not enhance or diminish your chances of having your paper or panel accepted.

2. Other conditions:

- The Programme Committee reserves the right to make changes to organised panel proposals, including their composition.
- You do not need to be an EUSA member to submit a proposal, but all those appearing on the conference program must be current EUSA members.
- * We cannot honour individual scheduling requests; by submitting a proposal you agree to be available from 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 3rd through 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5th.

The firm **deadline** for receipt of paper and panel proposals is **September 30, 2010**. We regret that we cannot consider proposals received after this date. You will be notified of the Program Committee's decision regarding your proposal by December 15, 2010.

All proposals must be submitted via our online proposal submission forms, which will be located at www.eustudies.org. Proposals must be submitted via the website. **We do not accept proposals by e-mail, regular mail or via facsimile.** Address all questions about the proposal process to eusa@pitt.edu.

Forthcoming Events



Call for Papers

The 2011 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting will be convened in San Francisco from 1st – 4th September 2011. The IASGP has a reserved panel and we actively encourage members to submit ideas on what the theme of this panel might be. At the 2010 congress our panel was entitled ‘The 2009 German Federal Election in the Light of the German Longitudinal Election Study’ and focused on presenting the findings of the now annual German election study. The IASGP Committee would like to hear from members who would be interested in taking the lead in organising the Association’s panel in 2011.

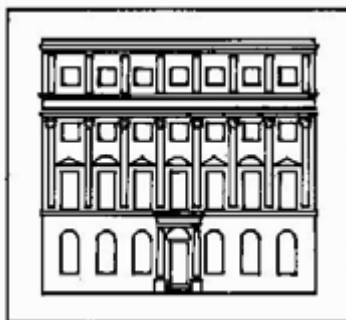
The APSA panel is a great opportunity to bring our work closer to a huge political science community and the Association is very keen to use it as a showcase event illustrating what it is that political scientists knowledgeable on Germany have to offer.

For UK-based members, if you are a PSA (Political Studies Association) member then you can also apply for a travel grant to help cover costs. See <http://www.psa.ac.uk/members/Overseas.htm>

Interested parties should contact Dan Hough (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk) by 1st December 2010.

Forthcoming Events

GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE LONDON



Forthcoming Seminars, Lectures and Conferences

The GHIL regularly holds seminars and lectures on topics of general interest to British and German historians. Seminars are usually held every second Tuesday at 5pm during term time, but please check the GHI's website (see below) for further details. Seminar papers are normally presented in English; knowledge of the German language is not necessary for participation.

Seminars - Autumn 2010

13 October (6.30pm)

Professor Christoph Cornelissen (Kiel)

Rediscovery of Poverty in Germany and Great Britain since the 1970s

19 October

Professor Wolfgang Hardtwig (HU Berlin)

Academic History and Party Dominance: The Humboldt University, 1945-1990

30 November

Wiebke Wiede (Trier)

Das arbeitslose Subjekt. Konzepte und Techniken sozialer Mobilisierung in Grossbritannien und der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, 1949-90

9 December

Professor Philipp Gassert (Augsburg)

Much ado about Nothing? The NATO Double Track Decision and West German Political Culture

Seminars are held at 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the German Historical Institute.

Tea is served from 4.30 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is available after the seminars.

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17 Bloomsbury Square
London, WC1A 2NJ
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http://www.ghil.ac.uk/events_and_conferences/calendar_of_events.html

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

The CDU and the Politics of Gender in Germany Bringing Women to the Party

Sarah Wiliarty

Cambridge: CUP, 2010 (ISBN: 978-0521765824)



This book develops the concept of the corporatist catch-all party to explain how the German Christian Democratic Union (CDU) has responded to changing demands from women over the past forty years. Otto Kirchheimer's classic study argues that when catch-all parties reach out to new constituencies, they are forced to decrease the involvement of membership to facilitate doctrinal flexibility. In a corporatist catch-all party, however, societal interests are represented within the party organization and policy making is the result of internal party negotiation. Through an investigation of CDU policy making in the issue areas of abortion policy, work-family policy, and participation policy, this book demonstrates that sometimes the CDU mobilizes rather than disempowers membership. An important lesson of this study is that a political party need not sacrifice internal democracy and ignore its members in order to succeed at the polls.

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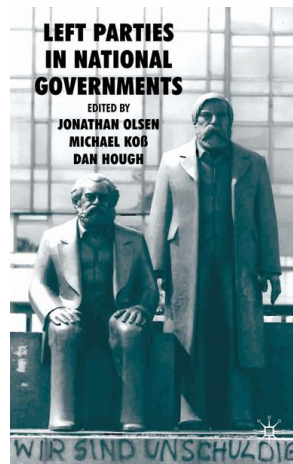
Introduction: a democratic paradox?

1. The puzzle of CDU policy making on women's issues
2. The corporatist catch-all party model
3. The postwar CDU: origins of a corporatist catch-all party
4. The emergence of the Women's Union, 1969–1982
5. The Women's Union in the dominant coalition, 1982–1989
6. Looking eastward: the Women's Union and cobbled coalitions, 1989–1998
7. The rise of Angela Merkel: policy and personnel decisions of the CDU in unified Germany
8. Christian democracy with and without corporatism: policy making on women's issues in Austria, Italy and the Netherlands
9. Conclusion

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

Left Parties in National Governments

Jonathan Olsen, Michael Koß, Dan Hough (eds.)
London: Palgrave, 2010 (ISBN: 978-0-230-23650-9)



Left Parties in National Governments analyses why Left Parties enter national government, what they do when they get there and what effect this has on both their programmatic positions and their electoral prospects. The book looks at how we should expect parties to the left of the main social democratic actor – what we term here as Left Parties – to behave when government participation becomes a possibility. It includes nine detailed case studies, encompassing every Left Party in Europe that has either been part of a national coalition or taken on support party status. The contributors also look at parties – in Germany and the Netherlands – that have thus far been interested observers without actually taking the plunge. This book is a systematic insight into the complex relationship Left parties have with governing at the national level.

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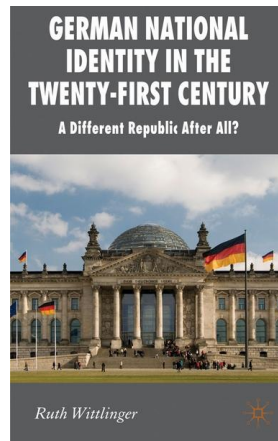
1. From Pariahs To Players? Left Parties In National Government. *Jonathan Olsen, Dan Hough and Michael Koß*
2. The Norwegian Socialist Left Party; Office-Seekers in the Service of Policy? *Jonathan Olsen*
3. The French Extreme Left and its Suspicion of Power. *David Bell*
4. Between a Rock and a Hard Place; The Governing Dilemmas of Rifondazione Comunista. *Jim Newell*
5. A Poisoned Chalice? Finland's Left Alliance and the Perils of Government. *Richard Dunphy*
6. The Spanish United Left – The Belated and Troublesome Transition from Policy- to Office-Seeking. *Tania Verge*
7. Close to, but Still Out of, Government; The Swedish Vänsterpartiet. *Michael Koß*
8. The Danish Socialist People's Party; Still Waiting After All These Years. *D. A. Christensen*
9. From Pariah to Prospective Partner? The German Left Party's Winding Path Towards Government. *Dan Hough*
10. Ready to Get Their Hands Dirty; The Socialist Party and Groenlinks in the Netherlands. *Dan Keith*
11. Conclusion. Left Parties in National Governments. *Jonathan Olsen, Dan Hough & Michael Koß*

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

German National Identity in the 21st Century

Ruth Wittlinger

London: Palgrave, 2010 (ISBN: 978-0-230-57775-6)



The national identity of West Germany - the Bonn Republic - was based on a consensus of which the main pillars were a legacy of Germany's Nazi past. In spite of numerous assurances by the political elites at the time of unification that united Germany would be characterised by continuity rather than change, two decades after the fall of the wall the overall picture is rather different.

Wittlinger focuses on the recent dynamics of collective memory of Germany's Nazi past, the question of 'inner unity' between east and west, the decline of the Modell Deutschland and its impact on German political culture, the new Germany in the enlarged European Union and Germany's new foreign policy identity (which has abandoned its traditional 'culture of restraint' and is characterised by a much more participatory approach to international affairs). Due to the external pressures of the post-Cold War world and domestic developments, Germany has re-emerged as a confident nation which is less hesitant to assert its national interest.

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6. Germany's New Foreign Policy Identity
7. German National Identity in the 21st Century

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

Honecker's Children: Youth and Patriotism in East(ern) Germany, 1979-2002

Anna Saunders

Manchester: MUP, 2011 (ISBN: 0-719-08213-7)

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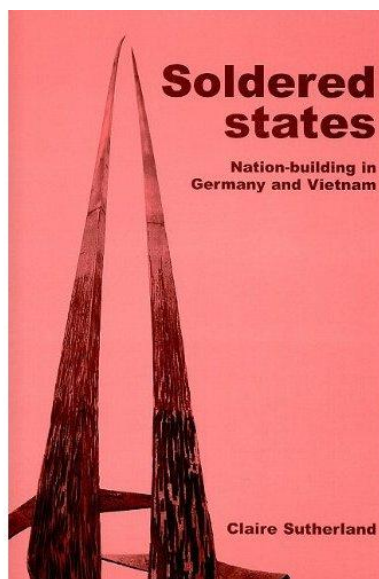
This book examines the shifting identities and state loyalties of young people in East(ern) Germany during a unique period straddling the last decade of the GDR and the first decade of united Germany. It provides insight into the functioning of the GDR state, the process of German unification, the formation of national and regional identities, and ongoing challenges within post-communist societies.

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

Soldered States: Nation-Building in Germany and Vietnam

Claire Sutherland

Manchester: MUP, 2010 (ISBN: 978-0-719-07931-3)



The book examines the power of nationalism to solder nation-states back together rather than break them apart. In this innovative, cross-continental comparison of nation-building in Germany and Vietnam, the focus is on their shared experience of division, communism and regional integration, offering original insights into how governments go about maintaining nation-state legitimacy in the twenty-first century.

Neither German nor Vietnamese governments have succeeded in effacing national division, for a host of historical, economic, psychological, sociological and even climatic reasons. Yet their efforts tell us a great deal about how national identity is negotiated today. The study offers a fresh perspective on nationalist ideology which will be of interest to specialists and students in comparative politics, European and Southeast Asian studies as well as nationalism studies. For the general reader, it provides a fascinating introduction to contemporary nation-building in a unique combination of cases across two continents.



Other News

IASGP Funding Opportunities

The IASGP offers members of the Association the opportunity to apply for financial support in organising events that directly help to profile the Association's activities. The committee has earmarked a maximum of £2,000 annually for this purpose. The scheme will run for 5 years (until the end of 2013) when it will be reviewed with a view to extension and/or expansion.

Members wishing to take advantage of this scheme should take notice of the following points

- Members should be hosting, or heavily involved in organising, an event that clearly raises the profile of the IASGP.
- Applications should contain details of the event, an explanation of why it is in the IASGP's interest to support it and how the IASGP's contribution will be spent.
- Preference will be given to events that are linked to publications, especially and explicitly those that involve *German Politics*
- A two page event report will be provided within three months of the event's conclusion. This report will be published on the IASGP's website and in the IASGP's newsletter.
- The IASGP, its logo and its website should be advertised in any marketing related to the event, the event's programme and literature produced thereafter.
- This scheme is not intended to support the individual participation of members at conferences.
- Applications will be reviewed and assessed by members of the executive committee. The committee's decision will be final
- Members should send their applications (via email) to the Secretary.
- There is no deadline (i.e. members can apply at any point in the year). Applications do, however, need to be received at least two months prior to the proposed event taking place.

Dan Hough

IASGP Secretary