



Message from the Chair

Professor Charlie Lees

Dear Colleagues,

First, may I say Seasons' Greetings! I hope all IASGP members and their families enjoy a restful Christmas and New Year.

It has certainly been a busy year. In my first Chair's message almost a year ago I mentioned how, after a period of relative quietude in which the study of Germany might have seemed a little dull to some of our academic peers, Germany had once again taken a central role in European and, I would argue, world affairs. Some of the hysteria that initially underpinned the Euro-crisis has dissipated but we are left with the long haul of financial retrenchment in the less competitive European Union states and institutional reform at the level of the Union itself. The key driver of both processes is Germany and the outcome of the 2013 Federal election will be more closely watched than it has for many years. As an Association, we have the capacity and expertise to help define how policy makers and opinion formers around the world perceive Germany's role in these processes of change and upheaval. It is an exciting time.

The Association intends to have an organized presence at the Federal election and we give you more information on this nearer the event. In the meantime, there is much to do. The deadline for submissions to the IASGP's APSA panel on 'Power, Persuasion, and Foreign Policy' has just passed and I for one look forward to seeing what our panel looks like this year. The German Studies Association is meeting in Denver and the deadline for papers is mid-February. And of course, the Association's own Annual Conference takes place this year at German House, in London between 13 – 14 May 2013. The deadline for proposals is 27 January 2013. Further details of these conferences are in this newsletter.

Last but by no means least I would like to extend my thanks, on behalf of the Association, to Dr. Jack Janes, who steps down as the Association's Honourary President at the end of December. We are very grateful to Jack's outstanding contribution to the Association over the years. I am also delighted to welcome Dr. Eva Högl MDB, who has very kindly agreed to become our new Honourary President. More information about Dr Högl can be found at: <http://www.eva-hoegl.de>

Best wishes,

Charlie



Announcements of Interest

IASGP Funding Opportunity

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 North American and European Secretaries.
- 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.

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



German Politics (21/3)

Delegation, Accountability and Legislator Moonlighting: Agency Problems in Germany
Benny Geys & Karsten Mause

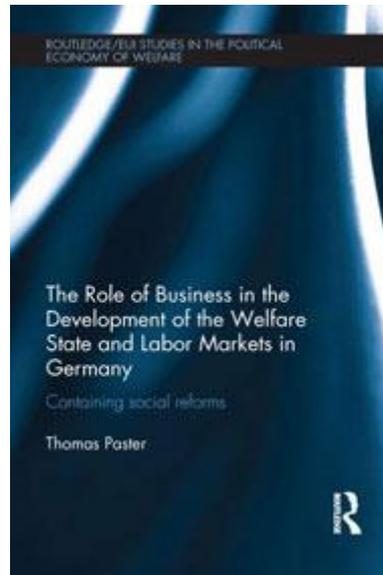
Is Germany Going Bananas? Life Cycle and Cohort Effects on Party Performance in Germany
from 1953 to 2049
Corina Wagner, Laura Konzelmann & Hans Rattinger

Why Voters Decide Late: A Simultaneous Test of Old and New Hypotheses at the 2005 and
2009 German Federal Elections
Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck & Julia Partheymüller

Online Campaigning in Germany: The CDU Online Campaign for the General Election 2009 in
Germany
Andreas Jungherr

Sports Cars, Sleaze and Gamma Rays: Rhineland-Palatinate Elects its First Red-Green
Government
Kai Arzheimer

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The Role of Business in the Development of the Welfare State and Labor Markets in Germany: Containing Social Reforms

Thomas Paster

(London: Routledge, 2012)

This book assesses the role of employers in the development of welfare state and labour market institutions. Building on an in-depth analysis of Germany, a market economy known to often provide economic benefits to firms, this book explores one of the most contested issues in the comparative and historical literature on the welfare state.

In a departure from existing employer-centered explanations, the author applies new empirical data to contend that the variation in acceptance of social reform depends more on changes in the types of political challenges faced by employers, than on changes in the type of institutions considered economically beneficial. Covering major reforms spanning more than a century of institutional development in unemployment insurance, accident insurance, pensions, collective bargaining, and codetermination, this book argues that employers support social policy as a means to contain political outcomes that would have been worse, including labour unrest and more radical reform plans. Using new and controversial findings on the role of employers in welfare state development, this book considers the conditions for a peaceful coexistence of a generous welfare state and the business world.

http://www.mpifg.de/pu/books_wz/2012/wz_thp_2012-3.asp

Upcoming Conferences / Calls for Papers



THE GERMAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION'S

37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

OCTOBER 3-6, 2013 / DENVER, COLORADO, USA

The German Studies Association's Program Committee cordially invites proposals on any aspect of German, Austrian, or Swiss studies, including (but not limited to) history, *Germanistik*, film, art history, political science, anthropology, musicology, religious studies, sociology, and cultural studies. Proposals for entire sessions and for interdisciplinary presentations are strongly encouraged. Individual paper proposals and offers to serve as session moderators or commentators are also welcome. Please check the GSA website (<https://www.thegsa.org/index.html>) for information about the submission process, which opens on **January 5, 2013**. ALL proposals must be submitted online; paper forms are not used. The deadline for proposals is **February 15, 2013**. Please note that presenters must be members of the German Studies Association. Information on membership is available on the GSA website in the [Member Services Section](#).

For more information, contact members of the 2013 Program Committee:

- Carol Hager, Political Science, Bryn Mawr College
(chager@brynmawr.edu)
- Jason Coy, Program Director, College of Charleston (coyj@cofc.edu)
- Maria Makela, Interdisciplinary, California College of the Arts
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"ENERGY TURNING POINT"

THE ROCKY ROAD TO AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FUTURE IN GERMANY AND BEYOND

OCTOBER 3-6, 2013 / DENVER, COLORADO, USA

The German Studies Association political science section seeks 10-15 participants for a seminar with the working title *"Energy Turning Point" - the Rocky Road to an Alternative Energy Future in Germany and Beyond*. GSA seminars are a pilot project designed to foster intensified discussion of particular topics at the annual conference. This seminar will take Germany's commitment to renewable energies as a springboard for comparative discussion, with an eye toward developing an edited volume for publication. Seminar participants commit to meeting over three days of the conference during the first morning slot (8:30-10:15), in order to foster extended discussion, rigorous intellectual exchange, and intensified networking. We hope to enrich the seminar by connecting to the many local institutional resources on this topic in the Denver area. We seek proposals from both faculty members and students. Interested individuals should send an email by **December 15, 2012**, to Carol Hager, political science session coordinator, at chager@brynmawr.edu. Please state name, affiliation, and tentative paper title/brief description of the proposed paper. Respondents should also indicate their willingness to serve as a seminar organizer.

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39th Annual Conference

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

*German House, German Embassy 34 Belgrave Square, SW1X 8BZ
London 13 – 14 May 2013*

The IASGP is pleased to announce that the Association's annual conference will take place in London on 13th – 14th May 2013. The conference will bring together researchers on German Politics based in the UK, US, Germany and beyond. The **German Politics Lecture** will be delivered by Andreas Busch (Göttingen). **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 Michael Koß at mkoss@uni-potsdam.de) is **27th January 2012**.

Queries should be addressed to IASGP Administrative Assistant, Martine Huberty
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