



Message from the Chair

Professor Charlie Lees

Dear Colleagues,

In my email of a few months ago I said it was a great privilege to be elected Chair of our Association at such an exciting time. Germany had become more prominent in world affairs and with this prominence came a renewed need to first-class scholarship on Europe's leading power. For the first time in some time we were again at the forefront of academic and policy debates and our collective knowledge was once more at a premium.

You will not need me to tell you that Germany's role on the world stage has, if anything, become more pronounced. The Euro-crisis shows no signs of abating and recent elections in Greece and, of course, France have re-shuffled the European cards once again. These democratic developments, combined with the political crisis in the Netherlands over the potential costs of austerity, have increased the pressure on Berlin, limited Chancellor Merkel's room for manoeuvre, and there is an outside chance that it might even scupper Wolfgang Schäuble's chances of succeeding Jean-Claude Juncker as Euro-group chief. In short, we are still living in 'interesting times'.

So it is fitting that the Association's members have been so busy this year. It was my great pleasure to attend a workshop in February on 'The European Financial Crisis and German Politics and Policy' at the Sussex European Institute, organised by Dan Hough and sponsored by the Association. The workshop was a great success and I would expect members to be able to access the papers in some shape or form in due course. Late March (22-24th) saw a number of IASGP events (including our AGM) at the Council for European Studies conference in Boston. For those members who were able to attend our AGM, it was good to see you and many thanks for attending. For those of you who could not attend, the minutes of the AGM are to be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The next big event in the Association's calendar is our 38th Annual Conference on the 21-22 May, in German House, 34 Belgrave Square, London. We had a fantastic response to our call for papers and Michael Koss has put together a very strong program. I am particularly pleased that we have been able to secure the presence of Klaus Goetz, now at the University of Potsdam but formerly of LSE and in that capacity a long-standing member of the Association, to deliver this year's keynote *German Politics* lecture. I do hope that you can take part in the London conference and look forward to welcoming you to London in a couple of weeks.

Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing Chair, Simon Green, our officers, Louise Davidson-Schmich and Michael Koss, as well as Dan Hough and, last but not least, our outgoing Administrator Hannah Peters, for helping me ease my way into the position of Chair. I am sure members would like to join me in thanking Hannah for her sterling work as Administrator and in wishing her all of the best in her future career.

Best wishes,

Charlie



Minutes

2012 Annual General Meeting of the IASGP

at the 19th International Conference of Europeanists
Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Friday March 23, 2012
12:45 – 1:30 PM
Omni Parker House Hotel, Hutchinson Room

1. Present

Charlie Lees (Chair – CL), Louise Davidson-Schmich (LD-S), Barbara Donovan (BD), Alexander Caviedes (AC), Clay Clemens (CC), Dan Hough (DH), Wade Jacoby (WJ), Charlie Jeffrey (CJ), Melanie Kintz (MK), Isabelle Kürschner (IK), Margitta Mätzke (MM), William Patterson (WP), Michele Weinachter (MW), Sarah Wiliarty (SW), Julia von Blumenthal (JvB), Christina Xydias (CX), Reimut Zohlhöfer (RZ)

2. Apologies for absences

Ingolfür Blühdorn, Simon Bulmer, Katy Crossely-Frolick, Simon Green (SG), Michael Koß, Joyce Mushaben, Jonathan Olsen, Thomas Saalfeld, Ed Turner, and Jennifer Yoder.

3. Minutes from 2011 meeting

No one objected to the minutes from the 2011 AGM; they are accepted as the true record.

4. Chair's report

Charlie Lees thanked his predecessor Simon Green (SG) for his assistance in the transition of officers. He also thanked SG and CJ for their negotiations with Taylor & Francis on behalf of *German Politics*; our deal with the publisher is a very good one for a single country association. CL also took the opportunity to remember our recently-deceased colleagues Chris Allen and Peter Mair.

5. European Secretary's report

CL presented the European Secretary's report, thanking SG, Carolyn Rowe, and DH on behalf of MK for their assistance with his transition to Secretary. CL noted that we have a current balance of approximately £40,000 (\$60,000). We will have some upcoming future expenses, however, including funding a replacement for Hannah Peters (HP) who is transitioning out of her position. CL and his university are currently seeking a replacement based in Bath. The UK conference also continues to lose money, primarily due to high catering costs required by the conference venue. These expenses will not jeopardize the financial health of the IASGP and the Executive Committee is not recommending a dues increase.

6. North American Secretary's report

LD-S presented her report thanking SG, DH, and HP in assisting with the transition of officers. She described the upcoming IASGP panel at the American Political Science Association, the presence of two Association members on the Board of the German Studies Association, and the IASGP involvement in the CES conferences in Boston and Barcelona. LD-S also called for newsletter submissions should members want to share information with others in the Association.

7. German Politics Editors' report

On behalf of Executive Editor Thomas Saalfeld (TS), *GP* Editorial Board member WJ presented the Editor's report. First he announced that Stephen Padgett (SP) has retired from the Editorial Board leaving four remaining members: TS, WJ, DH, and Thomas Poguntke, along with book review editor Christian Schweiger. The Editorial Advisory Board has recently been reshuffled to better reflect changes to the discipline and the gender balance of the field. ***The current Editorial Board's term of office expires 1. January 2013 and alternative slates of Editors can be proposed.***

Second, WJ reminded members that the contract with Taylor & Francis has been renewed and subscription / download rates are good. The more downloads there are, the better our bargaining position and WJ encouraged members to keep this in mind.

Third, he noted that the Editorial Board is now using a more routinized procedure for making decisions on Special Issues of the journal. These decisions will be made in May at the Editorial Board meeting at the annual IASGP London Conference. Members wishing to propose a Special Issue should keep this date in mind when submitting to the journal.

Fourth, WJ informed the members that, as requested last year, the journal undertook a gender audit of contributors beginning with 2009, the year Manuscript Central took over the administration of submissions. (No systematic record of submissions exists from the pre-2009 period making an accurate audit impossible.) Since 2009 approximately 30% of contributions have come from female authors or co-authors¹; this figure is lower for Special Issues with male editors – a point which the Editors will keep in mind when considering future Special Issue proposals. Equality audits will continue in the future.

There were no questions from the floor for the Editors.

8. Election results/ remit of new officers

CL introduced himself and welcomed the new / returning Board Members Ingolfur Blühdorn, Katy Crossley-Frolick, Peter G. LeMaistre, Christian Schweiger, and Jennifer A. Yoder.

9. Upcoming Conferences / Election Trip

Those present were reminded of the upcoming IASGP conference in London, 21-22 May 2012.

DH reported that he had recently spoken with the DAAD about the 2013 election trip and that they could not guarantee that the generous contribution we had received in the past would continue for the next election. It may be the case that fewer funds are available to support participation. Moreover, the large size of the group the last time made logistics (such as hotel accommodations or venues for events) and extensive discussion difficult. ***Not all members may be able to receive financing the next time around and the Association may have to establish criteria – such as previous participation in IASGP events – for receiving subsidies to attend the election trip.*** DH wanted to be up front about these constraints well in advance of the trip so that members are aware of the situation. WP suggested extending the trip by one day so that we could do extended post-election analysis.

10. Membership rates 2013

Those present unanimously supported the Executive Board's recommendation that dues remain unchanged: Full member rate: £30/US\$50 and Postgraduate member rate: £7.50/US\$12.

¹ North American Secretary's Note: The American Political Science Association reports that 42% of U.S. doctorates are now earned by women and 18% of full professors are female (<http://www.apsanet.org/imgtest/womeninpoliticalscience.pdf>).

11. Matters from the floor

WP announced that although SP is retiring, the two of them are editing a new version of *Developments in German Politics*.

CJ argued that since our financial position is so good we should think of ways to spend our money. CL agreed in principle but also observed that any such decisions should be taken in the context of requiring sustainability of funding in the future.

SW suggested using our funds to finance graduate student participation in conferences like APSA. CL suggested that good graduate programs finance such participation but a more challenging thing for graduate students is to get onto the program at APSA. He noted that the IASGP has funds from the CGGP that are earmarked for graduate student participation on the election trip – this trip allows for more extensive networking than a conference, more exposure to German politics than APSA provides, and would not usually be funded by a department, making it a better use of our funds. LD-S promised that for the 2013 APSA meeting she will put out a special call for graduate student proposals and circulate it to top graduate programs in order to provide space on our panel for emerging scholars. CC asked what % of our members are graduate students but those present were unable to answer that question. LD-S can check with Taylor and Francis who manage our membership.

There were no other spending suggestions from the floor.

WJ called upon those present to consider proposing a Special Issue of *German Politics* on political economy/ the current Eurozone crisis. Someone suggested dedicating such a special issue to Chris Allen and all agreed this was an excellent idea. LD-S pointed out that the Association can offer £2000 toward a workshop that will lead to publication of a Special Issue.

Michele Weinachter inquired why there were so few French-speaking members of IASGP and asked whether they were welcome to join. CL responded that the dearth of such members likely lies in the institutional history of the two founding organizations (one based in the US and the other in the UK). He stressed that the Association was open to all interested in German politics regardless of national origin.

There were no more matters from the floor and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise K. Davidson-Schmich

IASGP North American Secretary



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.

Announcements of Interest



Available for free download

German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES) Data

The **German Longitudinal Election Study (GLES)** (<http://www.gles.eu/index.en.htm>) is the largest national election study ever undertaken in Germany. Over three subsequent periods of funding, it examines the German federal elections 2009, 2013, and 2017. The data generated by this study allow analyses of the electoral process over an extended period of time and at an unprecedented level of detail. Using state-of-the-art methodologies, the project aims to generate a comprehensive, complex, and integrated data base that links cross-sectional with longitudinal data, both short-term and long-term. Its design combines a broad variety of interlocking and complementary data sources, including several surveys of voters and candidates as well as various analyses of media content. It spans three subsequent elections, covering both campaign periods and the time in-between elections. The study seeks to address all major theories and concepts of electoral behaviour in a comprehensive manner, but at the same time has a special focus on processes of political communication and electoral information flows.

The GLES is funded by the German National Science Community (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG) and carried out in close cooperation with GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (<http://www.gesis.org/en/home/>) and the German Society for Electoral Research (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wahlforschung DGfW; cf. <http://dgfw.eu/index.php?lang=en>). The principal investigators are Hans Rattinger (University of Mannheim), Sigrid Roßteutscher (University of Frankfurt), Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (University of Mannheim), Bernhard Weßels (Social Science Research Center Berlin), and Christof Wolf (GESIS Mannheim).

All data generated by this hitherto most comprehensive program of German electoral research are treated as a public good and made immediately accessible to all interested social scientists worldwide for free download (<http://www.gesis.org/en/elections-homme/gles/>). To improve access and utility of the GLES data for the international scientific community English language versions of the most important data sets collected at the 2009 German federal election and their documentation have been prepared and are already freely available or will be available soon to all interested researchers:

- A cross-section survey conducted face to face in two evenly split waves, one pre- one post-election (N = 4,288; 882 variables)

- A pre-post panel survey conducted by telephone with the pre-election wave run as a rolling cross-section survey over two months with 100 per day on average (N = 6,008 (first wave) resp. 4,027 (second wave), 536 variables)
- A seven-wave campaign panel conducted online (N = 4,552, 3540 variables)
- A three-wave long-term panel conducted face-to-face covering the federal elections 2002, 2005 and 2009 (N = 1,107, 802 variables; release of English-language dataset planned for mid April 2012)
- A content analysis of TV primetime news on the four most important public and commercial channels during the election campaign (news reports and statements from 364 newscasts, 115 variables)

In addition to these datasets the GLES offers a quarterly series of online tracking surveys for which regularly calls for questions are issued to the scientific community, as well as data from a mixed-methods sub-project on the televised debate of the large parties' chancellor candidates (experimental, survey, content and RTR data). While also freely accessible to all interested scientists, these data so far are only available in German.

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Announcements of Interest



Call for Questions for GLEES Online Tracking

Dear Colleagues,

The pilot scheme of a call for questions within the scope of the GLEES online tracking has by now been well-established. Therefore, we would like to open the study for external proposals again in the second phase of project grant (2012-2014). We provide the opportunity to submit proposals of single questions or topics (5 minutes at most). The tracking, which will be launched in September 2012, will be available for these submissions to a limited extent. In 2013 and 2014, online surveys will be continued quarterly. This call refers to all tracking studies in the second phase of the project grant.

The online tracking is a (non-representative) cross-section survey within the scope of the German Longitudinal Election Study (GLEES), which aims to measure the change and stability of political attitude and behavior at the individual level from one election to the next. Since the federal election in 2009, an online survey has been implemented regularly in which 1.000 respondents are selected each time; as of now, from an offline recruited pool. The long-term online design is not only a valuable method to answer research questions, which cannot be studied in the framework of other GLEES-components. It is also well suited for experimental designs. Furthermore, the component considers the multi-level-governance of Germany and includes federal, state-, and European elections.

The questionnaire time of each online survey is about 30 minutes and consists of a core questionnaire which is obligatory in any tracking survey. In addition to these core questions, variable topics are surveyed. In the attached appendix you can find a time schedule and an overview of the main questions and the variable question program of the second phase of the project grant. Within the scope of the variable modules, proposals for single questions and question modules are welcome. To guarantee comparability, all submissions must be structured as follows.

1. Academic statement, relevance for study aim to explain voting behavior in Germany; the degree of methodical innovation, if applicable use of predetermined question program. (Data and/or questionnaires of earlier online-tracking surveys can be downloaded; see: <http://www.gesis.org/wahlen/gles/daten-und-dokumente/daten/>)
2. Concepts for data analysis and publication of results
3. Source of instruments, if applicable comparability with other studies
4. Methodical quality of questions (if statements are possible)
5. Analysis of instruments (if applicable filtering, experimental design)

The items 1 to 4 should not exceed 6.000 characters (without references). The recommended instruments should be described in item 5.

We will also accept recommendations concerning the time of implementation for submitted proposals and will try to consider these suggestions. The German Society for Electoral Studies (DGfW) will decide about the proposals. All applicants will be informed immediately about the decision. The selected proposals will be further developed and tested by the GLES project team in cooperation with the authors. The authors of accepted instrument proposals commit themselves to analyze data and to publish the results. This could be handled as a GLES working draft (for example on the basis of ANES Pilot Study Reports; see <http://www.electionstudies.org/resources/papers/pilotrpt.htm>).

For further requests please do not hesitate to contact us. Please submit your proposals to project member responsible for the online tracking: Ina Bieber (Goethe-University Frankfurt), e-mail: bieber@soz.uni-frankfurt.de by 21st May 2012.

Best regards

Sigrid Roßteutscher on behalf of GLES

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



Forthcoming in *German Politics* (21/1)

- The Baden-Württemberg State Election of 2011: A Political Landslide (Silke Keil & Oscar Gabriel)
- The Berlin Land Election 2011 (Joanna Mckay)
- Age, Period and Cohort Effects in the Decline of Party Identification in Germany: An Analysis of a Two Decade Panel Study in Germany (1992–2009) (Ruth Dassonneville, Marc Hooghe & Bram Vanhoutte)
- Contextualised Capital: Policy Reforms and Inward Flows in Germany (Michel Goyer)
- Recovering Space Lost? The German Bundestag's New Potential in European Politics (Timm Beichelt)
- European Integration and Prime Ministerial Power: A Differential Impact on Cabinet Reshuffles in Germany and Sweden (Hanna Bäck, Henk Erik Meier, Thomas Persson & Jörn Fischer)

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



Gendering the European Union: New Approaches to Old Democratic Deficits

Gabriele Abels and Joyce Marie Mushaben

(Palgrave Macmillan, 2011)

This volume is a holistic assessment of six decades of European integration as seen through a gender lens. It features the insights of scholars from nine countries, who analyze new and old barriers to gender equality in all realms of EU activity. The first part of the volume offers a critique of mainstream integration theories and situates women across core institutional settings. It traces women's roles as formal actors, as participants in expert networks, and as creative conceptualizers introducing paradigm-changing frameworks and strategies. It also recognizes women as policy innovators contributing to the larger integration project. In the second part the contributors pay special attention to the development and effects of gender mainstreaming. They explore 'gendering' dynamics and outcomes in EU policy domains, including agriculture, the employment and social policy fields, the research, science and technology sector, and the emergent EU migration and citizenship policy arena.

Available at a discount using the attached flier.

Conference of Interest



SUSSEX EUROPEAN INSTITUTE (SEI)

GERMANY AND THE EURO CRISIS: WHICH WAY NOW?

On February 24th the Sussex European Institute (SEI) and International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP) hosted a one day conference to discuss and analyse the politics of the Euro crisis in and beyond Germany. The aim was to pinpoint why German politicians had developed the stances that they had and how these positions were likely to affect the EU's crisis management in the future.

The seven speakers came at the subject from a range of disciplinary angles, as both the politics and economics of the crisis were analysed in depth. Daniela Schwarzer from the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Berlin started the ball rolling by analysing the federal government's crisis management strategy. Schwarzer made a compelling case, arguing that whilst Angela Merkel's government has been more reactive than pro-active, the penchant for a rules based solution had remained a constant. The notion that profligate nations needed to put their respective financial houses in order had dominated discourse, and led both the public at large and the federal government to be very wary of underwriting what they perceived as wasteful spending choices.

Lucia Quaglia (from 2006-12 an SEI Senior Lecturer in Contemporary European Studies) followed this up with a detailed analysis of the financial institutions' - both within and without Germany - behaviour during the crisis, before SEI Visiting Fellow Charlie Lees (University of Bath) and SEI Reader in Politics Dan Hough analysed the strategies and tactics of the opposition parties. Both Lees and Hough stressed that, with Euroscepticism *a la* the UK not being on the table, all of the parties faced a tricky task in developing politically popular critiques of Merkel's positions. Indeed, the Social Democrats in particular found themselves calling for *even more* EU intervention than the governing Christian Democrats - something that did not necessarily resonate with public opinion that was suspicious of more centralised powers leading to larger German contributions. Hough in particular noted that the most prominent opposition to the current government's stances had come from within its own ranks, whether it be in the form of conservative politicians in the Christian Social Union, the Christian Democrats' Bavarian sister party, or from renegades from the liberal Free Democrats, the junior governing coalition partner.

The final panel of the day saw Willie Paterson (Aston University) and Kai Oppermann (Cologne University, and a 2010-11 SEI Marie Curie Visiting Fellow), discuss Germany's European vocation and, indeed, its role in the wider world. Paterson gave something of a *tour de force*, elaborating on how German behaviour within the EU had inevitably changed over time leading it to reluctantly take on the role not just of economic powerhouse, but also political leader. Many Germans remained uneasy with this, but they nonetheless realised it was something Germany would have to increasingly come to terms with. Oppermann, meanwhile, analysed whether we could expect to see the Eurocrisis lead to a more outspoken Germany in broader international debates. He argued that Germany was indeed likely to be more forthcoming in articulating its positions and in defending its interests, but that this need not be seen as an undue threat.

All in all, the conference covered a great deal of ground in a short period of time, and the contributions would make very interesting reading when they appear in the *German Politics* journal in autumn 2012.

Upcoming Conferences



37th 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
21 – 22 May 2012**

MONDAY 21ST MAY

Registration and Coffee 10.15 – 10.45

Welcome from the IASGP Chair & Dr Rudolf Adam (German Embassy, tbc)

10.45 – 11.00

Panel 1: Multi-Level Politics 11.00 – 12.30

Chair: Dan Hough (Sussex)

- 1) Thomas Krumm (Chemnitz): German federalism and the disproportionality of the second vote
- 2) Jörg Mathias (Aston): Does Germany need a territorialisation of welfare politics? Federal Regulation and Local Implementation of the post-2004 Reform
- 3) Ossip Fürnberg (GESIS Mannheim): Landtag Elections in the Shadow of Bundestag Elections – The Independence of Landtag Elections from the National Campaign

Lunch 12.30 – 13.30

Panel 2:

Political Elites & Political Interactions 13.30 – 15.00

Chair: Ed Turner (Aston)

- 1) Sebastian Bukow (Düsseldorf): Renewing political parties in Germany - SPD organizational reform 2009-2011
- 2) Joyce Mushaben (Missouri-St Louis): Navigating Between Scylla and Charybdis: The “Chancellor Powers” of Angela Merkel, 2009-200?
- 3) Marcel Lewandowsky (Bonn): Intuition beats Calculation? Narratives and Practices of Strategy and Professionalization in Electoral Campaigning in the German States

Coffee 15.00 – 15.30

Panel 3: Foreign & EU Politics 15.30 – 17.00

Chair: Carolyn Rowe (Aston)

- 1) Simon Bulmer (Sheffield) & William Paterson (Aston): Germany as the EU's hegemonic power? Ten theses on Germany's new role in the European Union
- 2) Bernd Finger (Freiburg): The Quest for Soft Power – Cultural Diplomacy in the 21st century
- 3) Stefanie John (Bochum): How national party policy decisions and decision making in the EP fit together – A theoretical and empirical view on political behavior of German parties?

The German Politics Lecture 17.00 – 18.15

Chair: Charles Lees (Bath)

Klaus H. Goetz (Potsdam): Crisis Politics: Is Democracy Timed Out?

Discussant: Simon Bulmer (Sheffield, tbc)

IASGP Reception 18.15 – 19.30

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20.00 onwards

Pantechnicon
10 Motcomb Street
London SW1X 8LA

TUESDAY 22ND MAY**Panel 4: Economic Policy and its Consequences 09.00 – 10.30**

Chair: Joyce Mushaben (Missouri-St Louis)

- 1) Henrik Scheller (Potsdam): Changing Patterns of Fiscal Governance in Times of Crisis
- 2) Patricia Hogwood (Westminster): (In)security and wellbeing in Germany
- 3) Lothar Funk (Düsseldorf): Germany's 'extraordinary trader' position revisited: continuity or break-up of a 'self reinforcing iron triangle'

Coffee 10.30 – 11.00

Panel 5: Voters & Policy Positions 11.00 – 12.30

Chair: Michael Koß (Potsdam)

- 1) Manuela Kulick (GESIS Mannheim): To vote or not to vote that is the question – How young voters make up their minds at Federal elections in Germany and Britain
- 2) Sandra Brunsbach (Düsseldorf): Paint It Grey? Political Parties, the growing Grey Vote and Policy Positions
- 3) Reimut Zohlnhöfer (Heidelberg) & Frank Bandau (Bamberg): Policy or Office and Votes? The Determinants of Programmatic Change in Western European Political Parties

Lunch 12.30 – 13.30

Panel 6:**Political Corruption & (The Politics of) Transparency 13.30 – 15.00**

Chair: Patricia Hogwood (Westminster)

- 1) Christian Weyand (Cologne): Party Socialisation or Instrumental Anticipation of Voter Support? Why Political Elites in Germany Support Governmental Transparency
- 2) Dan Hough (Sussex): Corruption and Anti-Corruption in Germany
- 3) Danyel Tobias Reiche (Beirut): The prohibition of online sports betting: A comparative analysis of Germany and the United States

Participants depart 15.00 –



37th Annual Conference

**German House, German Embassy 34 Belgrave Square, SW1X 8BZ London
21 – 22 May 2012**

All participants (speakers and non-speakers) must be a member of the Association. If you are not a member then please add the appropriate fee below.

Bookings received after 15th April 2012 will be subject to a £40 late booking fee

All registrations are binding

Please return the following form (no matter how you intend to pay!) to

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Payment Method (please delete as appropriate)	(1) Electronic Payment (2) Pay at registration (i.e. on 21 May) Only for US-based members for whom transferring money causes serious problems!
Signature and Date	

Category	Price	Tick as appropriate
STANDARD MEMBER Conference rate (21/22 May 2010, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£100.00	
GRADUATE/RETIRED MEMBER Conference rate (21/22 May 2010, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£70.00	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER (nearby at the Pantehnicon (http://www.thepantehnicon.com/)).	£40.00	
Non-members – please add membership fee; Full rate £30.00 / Postgraduates - £7.50	£30/£7.50	
Total Payable		

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For those with UK and European bank accounts, you're encouraged to transfer the funds electronically. The Association's bank account details are:

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Account holder's name: International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP)

Intra-UK transfers:

Sort code: 089299

Account number: 65308242

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OPTION 2: ON THE SPOT

If you are unable to do either of the above (i.e. because of problems with transferring money into our UK bank account), then we are willing to accept payment on the day. We will, however, invoice conference participants who have stated that they wish to pay in this way and yet do not show up.

All enquiries should be addressed to Michael Koß at mkoss@uni-potsdam.de

HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

London has a plethora of hotels to suit more or less every price range. In previous years participants at IASGP conferences have used the Diplomat Hotel in Belgravia (just a ten minutes walk away from the conference venue). The rates are seen as generally being quite competitive. The address of the Diplomat is;

The Diplomat Hotel
2 Chesham Street
Belgravia SW1X 8DT
London
England

<http://www.thediplomahotel.co.uk>

Alternatives are the Premier Inn at Victoria (15 mins walk from the venue (<http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LKEBAR/london-victoria>), the Central House Hotel (37-41 Belgrave Road, Victoria, SW1V 2BB, tel: + 44 (0) 20 7834 8036, info@centralhousehotel.co.uk) or the Knightsbridge Green Hotel (159 Knightsbridge, Knightsbridge, London. SW1X 7PD, tel: +44 (0) 207 584 6274, reservations@knightsbridgegreenhotel.com). Generally, www.hotels-london.co.uk or www.hotelconnect.co.uk seem to be decent places to look for hotels.

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 (in Belgravia) 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. You'll also have to take the tube from Paddington to Hyde Park Corner or hop in a cab. The underground connection from Heathrow is direct although it takes longer (45 minutes). It is, however, much cheaper.

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 20 minutes, but is expensive. The 'Southern' service takes longer (30-40 minutes) but can be considerably cheaper. Check on www.thetrainline.com for more details. Hyde Park Corner is two stops on the underground (Victoria and District lines) from Victoria. The conference venue (34 Belgravia Square) is also within comfortable walking distance from Victoria (approx. 10minutes).

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). Then change to the central line and to the Piccadilly line at Holborn. Step out at Hyde Park Corner (25 mins).

London Luton is well served by value (code for cheap) airlines such as EasyJet and Flybe. Train connections from Luton Airport Parkway to St Pancras take 30-45 minutes (depending on connection). St Pancras is an underground journey away from Hyde Park Corner (changing at Green Park). 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. 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). There are also two decent bus links with National (journey time 90 minutes, although again allow longer), or 'Terravision' (same journey time). Both go direct to Victoria coach station.