

IASGP June 2013 Newsletter



Message from the Chair

Professor Charlie Lees

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that this Newsletter finds you well and that - for colleagues in the Northern Hemisphere at least - you are winding down after a busy academic year and looking forward to a more restful but nevertheless productive Summer.

The past year has been a busy one for the Association and the contents of this newsletter are testament to how active we have been as individual scholars and teachers and as members of a shared intellectual community. Congratulations in particular go to Joyce Mushaben, who has been awarded a prestigious University of Missouri Curators' Professorship, and to Simon Green, who has been appointed Executive Dean of School of Languages & Social Sciences at Aston University.

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the IASGP took place in London on the 13th and 14th of May and was very well attended. It was good to see so many familiar faces and also to be able to attend such interesting panels, including an excellent German Politics Lecture by Andreas Busch of Göttingen University. I am sure that all who attended would agree that the content and the organisation of the conference was first rate and I would like to thank Michael Koß and Martine Huberty for their work in putting the conference together. In addition, as an Association we should thank the DAAD, Taylor and Francis, and the German Embassy in London, without whom the conference would not have been able to take place. We are very lucky to enjoy such support.

We also held the Association Annual General Meeting as part of the conference agenda and you can find the minutes of that meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. Also in the newsletter is a call for expressions of interest in fielding a slate of candidates to run our journal *German Politics*. I shall not repeat what you can read elsewhere except to say that the journal really is the jewel in the crown of Association and we are grateful to Thomas Poguntke (Düsseldorf), Klaus Brummer (Erlangen) and Christian Schweiger (Durham), who have decided to step down from the current team. Thank you for your work on the journal.

The next big event in the Association's calendar is the Election trip in September. We are in the process of putting together a really interesting itinerary for our stay in Berlin and are grateful to the DAAD, who have kindly supported our efforts by providing logistical and financial support. I look forward to seeing many of you in Berlin in September.

Finally, we note with sadness the May 12th death of Professor Dr. Gerd Langguth of the University of Bonn. Gerd Langguth enjoyed a varied career, including a four-year period as CDU MDB between 1976 and 1980, a subsequent Directorship of the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung, as well as an acting Chairmanship of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung between 1993 and 1997. As an academic, however, Gerd Langguth will be best remembered for his biographies of Angela Merkel and Horst Köhler. The Association passes on its condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

Best wishes,

Charlie



Minutes

2013 Annual General Meeting of the IASGP

London

13th May 2013

15.45 – 16.20

1. Present

Charlie Lees (Chair-SG), Thomas Saalfeld (editor- TS), Michael Koß (Treasurer – MK), Gianfranco Baldini, Bastian Betthaeuser, Ivor Bolton, Simon Bulmer, Andreas Busch, Aron Buzogany, William Chandler, David Childs, De Vita Lorena, Hui Ding, Lothar Funk, Simon Green (SG), Vladimir Handl, Christin Hess, Dan Hough (DH), Marianne Howarth, Martine Huberty (coordinator- MH), Wade Jacoby (WJ), Peter James, Emil Kirchner, Karl Koch, Matthias Kortmann, Eva Krick, Thomas Krumm, Marcinkiewicz Kamil, Karsten Mause, Mahima Mitra, Joanna McKay, Lukas Molthof, Neville Osmond, Stephen Padgett, Niccole Pamphillis, William Paterson (WP), Peter Pulzer, Iris Reus, Carolyn Rowe, Henrik Scheller, Mark Shaw, Antje Sommer, Markus Tepe, Ed Turner (ET), Dietmar Wozniak, Jennifer Yoder

2. Apologies for absences

Louise Davidson-Schmich (American Secretary – LDS), Joyce Mushaben, Charlie Jeffery, Thomas Poguntke (TP).

3. Minutes from 2012 meeting (previously circulated)

Accepted as the true record.

4. Chair's report, Treasurer's report, Journal Editors' report (all tabled in advance)

MK thanked SG the excellent deal he had struck with Taylor and Francis, which had generated £19,500 in 2012. Therefore the financial loss that was made at the Annual IASGP conference was bearable. The biggest expense for the IASGP was the coordinator MH. Overall, MK noted that the IASGP was in very good financial shape. CL also thanked SG for the deal with T&F.

TS noted that while previously the hard copy of the Journal *German Politics* was the most read, nowadays downloads were more widespread. In 2012, *German Politics* had 158 institutional subscriptions, and over 26 000 article downloads. He stated that the publishers thought that was a good result, considering the drop in subscriptions in some countries affected by the economic crisis. TS raised the problem that some member states are discussing an open access policy. But in a briefing from T&F, it was said that no fundamental changes were expected in the financial position of the Journal. Routledge has changed its policy and articles are now available online immediately after publication.

5. North American Secretary's Report (*Circulated here for the first time*)

LDS reports that she received many excellent submissions for the 2013 IASGP panel at APSA. The selected panel is entitled „Understanding German Power and Persuasion in the 21st Century“ and focuses on German foreign policy and includes a graduate student presenter. The 2014 IASGP annual meeting will take place the the Council for European Studies conference to be held March 12 – 14 in Washington, DC.

6. *German Politics* New Editors

The term of the editorial team for *German Politics* is coming to an end this year. TS thanked the outgoing editors of *German Politics* (TP & review editors Klaus Brummer (Erlangen) and Christian Schweiger (Durham)) who indicated that they wished to step down. The other editors, TS, DH and WJ all expressed their wish to continue their work on the editorial team. CL also thanked TP and said an invitation to members of functional slates for editors will be sent out. A call and advertisement will be sent out. The executive will then decide and the new editors will have two months before taking over.

7. 2013 German federal election trip

This year's observation trip of the German federal election will take place from 19-23 September 2013. MK thanked the generous support from the DAAD. This ensures that grants are available for participants. US members will receive £650, while UK members will receive a grant of £300 to participate. The maximum number for this trip is 45 participants, who are required to participate in all the events organised by the IASGP. While a few events and meetings are yet to be confirmed, 45 rooms have been blocked at the Berliner Hof.

8. **Other business**

WP expressed his condolences at the passing away of Gerd Langguth, which CL and others joined. WP also raised the fact that next year would be the 40th anniversary of the IASGP and wondered how this could be celebrated. ET raised the possibility of an award for the best postgraduate paper presented at an IASGP conference.

9. **Membership rates**

The membership rates for 2012 were confirmed at GBP 30 / USD 50 for full members, and at GBP 7.50 / USD 12 for postgraduates.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 16h20.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Koß
European Secretary, IASGP
University of Potsdam



Member News

The IASGP reports with sadness the May 12th death of **Professor Dr. Gerd Langguth** of the University of Bonn.

Dr. Joyce Mushaben was awarded a University of Missouri Curators' Professorship. The University of Missouri System Board of Curators created a class of Curators' Professorships to denote and support truly outstanding scholars and Curators' Teaching Professorships to recognize and support extraordinary classroom performance. Only two per year are appointed across the entire University of Missouri system.



Announcements of Interest

Inviting proposals for a new editorial slate for *German Politics* from 2013 to the AGM of 2017

The current *German Politics* editorial team consists of Professors Dan Hough (Sussex), Wade Jacoby (Brigham Young), Thomas Poguntke (Düsseldorf) and Thomas Saalfeld (Bamberg, managing editor). The current review editors are Drs. Klaus Brummer (Erlangen) and Christian Schweiger (Durham). This team's term of office is coming to an end.

Professor Poguntke and Drs. Brummer and Schweiger have declared their intention to stand down. The remaining editorial team would be available to carry on, replacing Professor Poguntke with Professor Helga Welsh and appointing two new review editors, Dr. Julia Fleischer (Amsterdam) and Dr. Ed Turner (Aston). All three colleagues are willing to serve on the editorial team.

Thus the following slate of editors and review editors are seeking appointment by the IASGP Executive Committee until the AGM of 2017:

Editors:

- Prof. Dan Hough (Sussex)
- Prof. Wade Jacoby (Brigham Young)
- Prof. Thomas Saalfeld (Bamberg, managing editor)
- Prof. Helga Welsh (Wake Forest)

Review Editors

- Dr. Julia Fleischer (Amsterdam)
- Dr. Ed Turner (Aston)

The Association welcomes this bid and also welcomes alternative bids from members of the association who might want to organize an editorial 'slate' to run the journal *German Politics* for the next five years. If you would like to organize such a slate, please send the Association a 2-page (approximate) 'mission statement', setting out your strategic aims for the journal over the next 5 years, the academic rationale for choosing your team, and a list of names with their functional roles wherever possible. As mandated by the 2013 AGM, the Association's Executive committee will assess all entries on their merits.

Key attributes that will be assessed are:

- Strength of mission statement and academic rationale
- Academic standing of the team
- Demographic and geographic balance of the team

Please return all statements to Martine Huberty at: m.huberty@sussex.ac.uk

Deadline for entries: 23.00 GMT on 14 June 2013



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IASGP Funding Opportunity

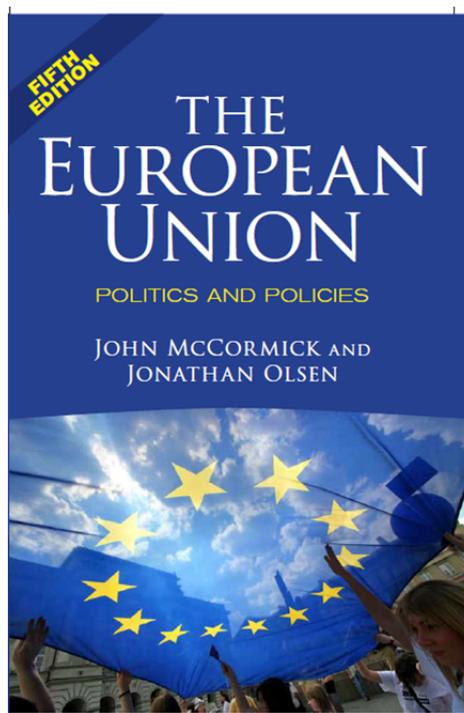
The IASGP offers members of the Association the opportunity to apply for financial support in organising events that directly help to profile the Association's activities. The committee has earmarked a maximum of £2,000 annually for this purpose. The scheme will run for 5 years (until the end of 2013)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

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



The European Union: Politics and Policies 5th Edition

John McCormick and Jonathan Olsen

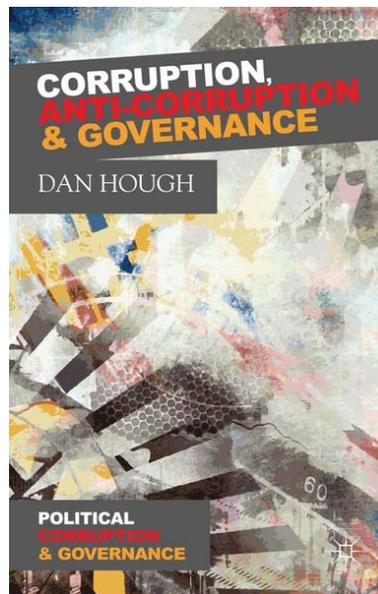
(Westview Press, 2013)

Covering the history, governing institutions, and policies of the EU, McCormick and Olsen argue that the EU is one of the world's economic and political superpowers, has brought far-reaching changes to the lives of Europeans, and has helped its member states to take a newly assertive role on the global stage. Unlike most other books on the EU, this text pays particular attention to the implications of the EU for the United States. Thoroughly revised and updated, with many new tables, figures, and boxes, the fifth edition takes into account developments in the debate about the character and significance of the EU, changes to the structure of EU institutions, the implications of the 2004 and 2007 enlargements, the Lisbon Treaty, the origins and nature of the crisis in the eurozone, and key policy developments.

Order here: <http://www.westviewpress.com/book.php?isbn=9780813348988#>

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Corruption, Anti-Corruption, and Governance

Dan Hough

(Palgrave, 2013)

Corruption and anti-corruption are now mainstream public policy challenges. Politicians and the public alike now discuss corruption with the type of rhetoric that they never did before. Perhaps surprisingly, however there remains little detailed, cross-national analysis of which anti-corruption strategies work and which don't. This book aims to make a contribution towards redressing this imbalance.

Through case studies in six countries (Bangladesh, Kenya, Germany, Poland, South Korea and the UK) this book illustrates that those looking to fight corruption must understand that quality of governance and successful anti-corruption strategies are indelibly linked. Only when this relationship is understood, will progress in tackling corruption be made. The book is empirically rich and theoretically driven, and should be core reading for anyone interested in understanding why corruption flourishes and what works in trying to fight it.

Order at <http://www.palgrave.com/products/title.aspx?pid=630317>

Call for Papers



Call for Papers: Germany as a Global Actor

Annual workshop of the German Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) of the PSA, 11 October 2013 at the Institute for German Studies, University of Birmingham

Germany as a global actor

Since unification in 1990, Germany's role as a global actor has intensified and diversified. From a semi-sovereign state (Katzenstein) that 'punched below its weight' on the world stage (Paterson), Germany has increasingly taken on responsibilities in external relations more in keeping with its international economic presence. Germany's new engagement in international relations has increased its international profile and cemented the state's position as a leading actor in Europe and the world. However, it also challenges some fundamental assumptions about state, society and democracy in post-war Germany. Germany's entry into international relations has shaken the founding bargain at the heart of the European Union, and the Franco-German relationship that has maintained the European project throughout the post-war period. New security ventures – including most recently an offer of logistical, medical and humanitarian support for its European partners in Mali – challenge the popular anti-militarism cemented in the national psyche through post-war programmes for international reconciliation and moral rehabilitation. This workshop sets out to explore different facets of Germany's development as a global actor.

We would like to invite contributions examining different aspects of this debate and their application to Germany, including, but not restricted to, the following topics:

- German bilateral external relations (single case studies and comparative studies)
- German foreign policy and the European Union
- Germany's foreign policy interests
- Germany as an international security actor
- German foreign policy and the 2013 federal elections
- Germany's international relations in state and popular culture: from a civilian power to 'normalcy'?
- Theoretical analyses of Germany's role as a global actor
- Antimilitarism and the new security agenda
- Germany's international relations in literature and film

We welcome interdisciplinary approaches, comparative approaches and contributions from early career researchers. If you are a PhD student or completed your PhD no more than eight years ago, please note on your application that you are an early career researcher, as there maybe some limited funding available to support your attendance.

Please email paper proposals to: Felix Heiduk (f.heiduk@bham.ac.uk) by the **deadline of 30 June 2013**.