



Message from the Chair

Professor Charlie Lees

Dear colleagues,

It has been another busy year for the Association and I have six issues to raise with you.

First, in the Spring we had our 40th Anniversary Conference at German House in Belgrave Square London. The conference was a great success and we have Melanie Kintz, Martine Huberty, and Dan Hough to thank for this. However, German House will not be available next year and, as this conference will mark the milestone of 25 years of German Unification, we propose to do something different that will do justice to the occasion. I can therefore announce that the 2015 IASGP conference will take place on the 7th and 8th of May in the Zeitgeschichtliches Forum in Leipzig (<http://www.hdg.de/leipzig/>). As you know, Leipzig is known as the 'Heldenstadt' and is intimately associated with the events of 1989-1990. It is also a modern German city with a vibrant arts scene and great transport links both nationally and internationally. It is therefore a fitting location for the key anniversary for students of modern German politics. And given the importance of the occasion, the Association will ensure that the pricing and structure of the conference package makes the conference affordable to all members who wish to attend.

Second, the Association also remains active in providing panels on other international conferences, such as the CES, APSA, and Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). You will have seen or will soon see calls for submissions to these various IASGP panels and I would ask you to consider putting something forward to them as they are fantastic platforms for our research and scholarship, both as individuals and as an Association. We all benefit from the visibility.

Third, I would also like to reiterate our regret at the way in which the recent price increase for membership of the Association was presented to our members. We have made our feelings on this clear to Taylor and Francis, who have agreed to offer members a free one-year subscription to our highly

ranked sister journal *West European Politics*, starting in 2015. I thank Taylor and Francis for this welcome gesture of good will.

Fourth, our US Secretary Joyce Mushaben has stepped down from her post for personal reasons. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank her for her work as US Secretary and send her and her family our very best wishes. Jon Olsen has very kindly agreed to take over as US Secretary with immediate effect.

Fifth, my three-year term as Chair of the Association finishes at the end of the year. As in 2011, the Association welcomes nominations – including self-nominations – for the post of Chair. Please send them to Martine Huberty via email by no later than 5.00 GMT on Friday the 31st of October. The Executive will consider all nominations and, in the event of more than one credible candidate, we will hold an election. You will be further informed in November about this. With the increasingly international nature of the Association, the role of Chair has changed and it is my opinion that we have not quite worked out the ideal governance structures for the Association, including the roles of the other officers. Nevertheless, we have a strong team in the Executive and the incoming Chair will find a lot of support already in place.

Finally, this is my last regular message as Chair of the Association and I would like to thank everyone in the Association who has helped me over the last three years and in particular Martine Huberty, Michael Koß, Louise Davidson-Schmich, Melanie Kintz, Joyce Mushaben, and now Jon Olsen as Association officers. In addition, Charlie Jeffery and Simon Green as previous Chairs should be thanked again for negotiating the deals for *German Politics* with Taylor and Francis that have helped us build the financial security that underpins the Association. In my statement when standing for election as Chair, I wrote that *German Politics* ‘is both our key means of generating the resources that underpin all of our other activities and also the intellectual flagship that gives those activities credibility amongst our peers’. That credibility was the vision of the founding editors, Eva Kolinsky, Willie Paterson, and Gordon Smith, and it is an invaluable asset. I thank the current team of Dan Hough, Helga Welsh, Thomas Saalfeld, and Wade Jacoby, as well as the reviews editors, Julia Fleischer and Ed Turner, and our Editorial Board members, for taking the journal forward so successfully over the last few years.

Elsewhere in my election statement, I wrote that ‘the IASGP now has a vibrancy, critical mass, intellectual reach and professionalism that are the envy of similar organisations in the academy’. As Head of a large and diverse Department at the University of Bath I regularly deal with other, similar organisations to our own and I can tell you that this is more the case than ever. We have much to be proud of.

So my last communication as Chair will be later in the year to announce and welcome the new Chair of the Association. Beyond that I look forward to seeing you all at our 25th Anniversary of German Unification conference in Leipzig next spring.

Prof. Charles Lees. 7 Oct 2014.

Upcoming Conferences / Calls for Papers

CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

Graduate Conference on Party Research 2015

Invitation to the Sixth Düsseldorf Graduate Conference on Party Research (DGKP)

For whom: Graduate students in the field of party research

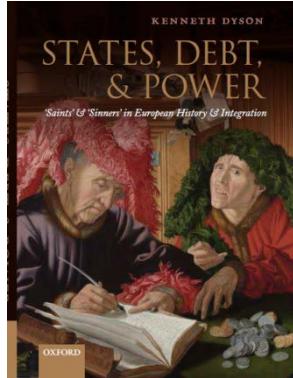
Where: Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf

When: February 6-7. 2015

Organiser: Düsseldorf Party Research Institute (PRuF)

Please send applications and abstracts about dissertation projects **until 31.10.14** to institut.parteienrecht@uni-duesseldorf.de

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



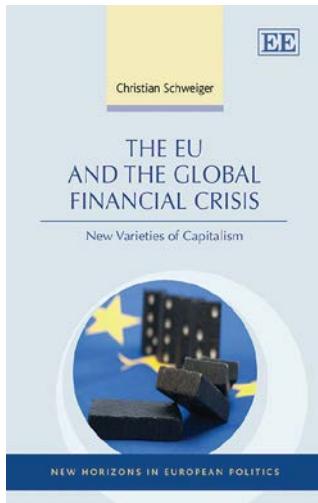
STATES, DEBT, AND POWER: *'Saints' and 'Sinners' in European History and Integration*

Kenneth Dyson

(Oxford University Press)

Teasing out broad historical patterns, this text examines the difficult and contentious judgments about 'bad'/‘good’ debt, about ‘sustainable debt’ and distributive justice in times of sovereign debt crisis. The book offers insight into the nature of power and the contingent nature of sovereign creditworthiness. It interweaves three key themes: the significance of creditor-debtor state relations, defining asymmetry of power; the context-specific and constructed character of debt, above all in relation to war; and the limitations of formal economic reasoning in the face of radical uncertainty.

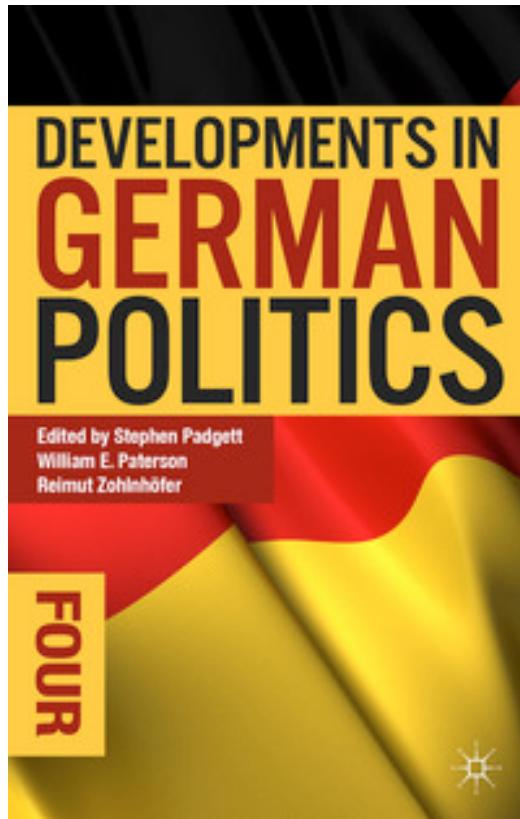
Oxford University Press, JUNE 2014 | 720 PAGES | 978-0-19-871407-1



THE EU AND THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS: New Varieties of Capitalism

**Christian Schweiger
(Edward Elgar Publishing)**

This work provides the first comprehensive examination of the emerging policy framework in the EU and the eurozone in the wake of the 2008–2009 global financial crisis. The study applies a neofunctionalist approach to the analysis of the crisis, considering the emerging system of multiple cores in the EU as a result of the return of political spillover which divides the EU into multiple integrative cores. Contents: Part I: The EU Policy Frameworks under Stress 1. Varieties of Capitalism and the Crisis 2. From Deregulation Towards ‘Smart’ Regulation 3. Europe 2020 and the Eurozone Crisis: A New Functional Era? Part II: National Varieties of Economic and Social Models in the EU-27 4. The United Kingdom – Still the Liberal Model? 5. Germany: The Modell Deutschland between Stagnation and Reform 6. The New Crisis Paradigm: The GIIPS Countries 7. Central and Eastern Europe: From Transition Towards New Risk 8. The New Varieties of Capitalism and the Future of the European Social Model. 2014 232 pp., 978 1 78100 388 6 £70.00

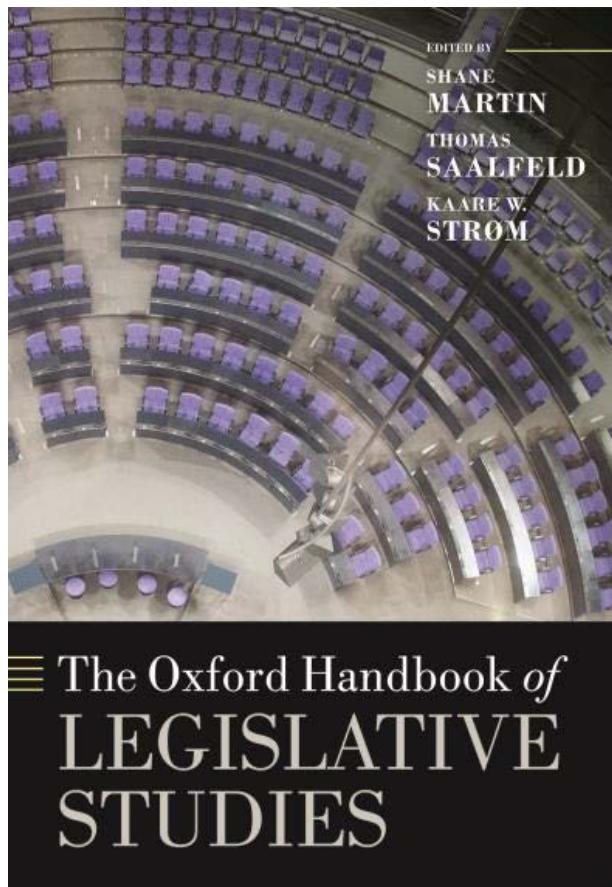


DEVELOPMENTS IN GERMAN POLITICS 4

Stephen Padgett, William E. Paterson and Reimut Zohlnhöfer (eds.):
Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2014.

The book provides authoritative coverage as well as wide-ranging and integrated analysis of politics and policy in Germany today and of its role in Europe and the wider world. Bringing together extensively revised and updated chapters by leading authorities, it will be essential for students and anyone interested in European politics.

Link to publishers' website: <http://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/developments-in-german-politics-4-stephen-padgett/?K=9781137301628>



THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

Shane Martin, Thomas Saalfeld and Kaare W. Strøm (eds.)

Oxford University Press 2014.

The 33 chapters in The Oxford Handbook of Legislative Studies, written by 47 of the most distinguished legislative scholars, provide a comprehensive and up-to-date description and assessment of the state of the art in legislative studies. Key themes explored include theoretical paradigms and methodological approaches to the study of legislatures, representation and legislative careers, internal organization, the role of parties within legislatures and the role of legislatures in policy making and accountability. The Handbook also explores the emergence of parliaments in historical and contemporary contexts, including new democracies and trans-national institutions.

Link to publishers' website: <http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199653010.do>



**University of Birmingham Institute for German Studies
and *Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung*, Berlin.**

2014 Anniversaries - Exhibition Loan Promotion.

The Institute for German Studies, University of Birmingham, in partnership with *Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung*, Berlin, is promoting an exciting new exhibition entitled 'Dictatorship and Democracy in the Age of Extremes: Spotlights on the History of Europe in the Twentieth Century'. This exhibition has been successfully trialed with learning communities – university, higher education, college, school groups and interested members of the public, for two weeks during May 2014, at the University of Birmingham. The exhibition was presented as an open-access event and the location had disabled access. It is available on loan or as a self-print option, and provides an excellent focus for any 2014 anniversary commemoration displays or events.

'Dictatorship and Democracy in the Age of Extremes: Spotlights on the History of Europe in the Twentieth Century' portrays Europe's twentieth century as a dramatic history of the struggle between freedom and tyranny, democracy and dictatorship. The exhibition is inspired by the upcoming series of major anniversaries that illustrate the linkages among national histories during the "Century of Extremes": the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I takes place in 2014. 75 years will have passed as well since the beginning of World War II, 25 years since the German 'Peaceful Revolution' of 1989, and 10 years since the eastward enlargement of the European Union.

The exhibition uses 26 'A1' large-size posters to present almost 190 photographs, images and text from numerous European archives. It portrays Europe's 20th century as a dramatic history of the struggle between freedom and tyranny, democracy and dictatorship. In doing this, it invites visitors to take a historical pulse of the preceding century.

'Dictatorship and Democracy in the Age of Extremes: Spotlights on the History of Europe in the Twentieth Century' is an ideal medium for sparking discussion about the history of dictatorship and democracy in twentieth-century Europe. Its content is appropriate to a range of academic disciplines, areas of study and interest. If you would like to use the exhibition in your institution at a nominal cost, and with full support of the IGS organiser, contact details are given below.

University of Birmingham Institute for German Studies, Muirhead Tower, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT. Institute Director: Dr. Nicholas Martin. Contact details : Telephone +44 (0)121 41 46176 ; Email n.c.martin@bham.ac.uk

Event promoter (to whom all communications should be addressed): Ivor Bolton, PhD Researcher, University of Birmingham Institute for German Studies. E-mail: **IMB127@bham.ac.uk.** Tel.: **07873594011.**



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.