



*ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF
GERMAN POLITICS*

***ASGP Newsletter
February 2006***

Message from the Chair



First of all, Happy New Year! 2007 promises to be one of the most important years in the Association's history. At the last AGM in London in May 2006 we agreed to join forces with our counterparts in the US to form an international ASGP. We held further discussions with our US counterparts at the German Studies Association conference in Pittsburgh last October. Following that the Executive Committee has been working on how we can join forces in ways which retain the identity and practices of the UK and US associations, but which also capitalise on our new, international reach.

What this means in practice will be a number of amendments to our constitution, which will be formally proposed at our next AGM in Edinburgh in May 2007. Among these is a proposal to rename the Association the International Association for the Study of German Politics, or IASGP. There will be other proposals on changes to the Executive Committee, on elections and other matters. A full version of the proposed constitution is included in this newsletter. I look forward very much to hearing your views.

We have also been thinking about how to launch the international Association. The Edinburgh Annual Conference, at which we hope to see a bigger number of our US colleagues, will be a starting point. Plans are now well advanced. The

conference will be on 29-30 May in the Faculty of Advocates just off Edinburgh's Royal Mile, with conference hotels nearby. We have asked Jackson Janes, Director of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, and the new President of the ASGP, to give the *German Politics* lecture. One of our former Presidents, Wolfgang Gibowski, will also be speaking, and we hope that the General Secretary of the German Studies Association, David Barclay, will be able to attend too. As well as the usual plenary sessions, we plan to run a series of parallel panels so that we can accommodate the large (and pleasing) response to the call for papers. An extremely interesting conference is in store.

We will also be looking to make a splash at the German Studies Association conference – the biggest single gathering of German scholars in the world – in San Diego on 4-7 October 2007. We hope to see lots of you there. We are also planning a 'Politics Afternoon' on one of the conference days, starting off with one of the lunchtime addresses, then a German politics symposium during the afternoon, then a *German Politics* reception. Our publishers, Taylor and Francis, have agreed to have a major presence in promoting the Association and journal, including a contribution to the costs of the reception.

GSA in San Diego will be a great opportunity for profile which will give the international Association real momentum. I hope as many as possible ASGP members will be there. Please note that the British Academy has an overseas conference grant scheme with a high success rate which members have used in the past to support attendance at GSA. And the Association itself will do what it can to help members attend – on both these matters see inside for details

A final word on the journal. *German Politics* is now the main income source for the Association, and with prospects of expansion in the US, is set to grow further in the coming years. We are now coming to the end of the current contract period, when we take over full ownership of the journal. That means we can now look forward to realising a fuller part of the journal's commercial value than has been the case in the past. One of my priorities in the next year or so will be to make sure we have new contractual arrangements in place which will place the international Association on an even firmer footing in the coming years, give it the scope to develop new initiatives, and cement its role as the leading forum worldwide for the study of German politics.

Professor Charlie Jeffery, University of Edinburgh



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

23rd May 2006, DAAD Information Centre, London

For members who would like to see minutes
of the 2006 AGM, please email Dan Hough

**33rd ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**



Association for the Study of German Politics

**Faculty of Advocates, Edinburgh
29th - 30th May 2007**

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Tuesday, 29 May 2007

10:00 –11:00 Registration and Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 PLENARY I

Wolfgang Gibowski

(Staatssekretär, Plenipotentiary of the Land of Lower Saxony to the Federation)

The Germans and Europe: A Comparative Analysis of Public Attitudes on European Integration

12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 Parallel Sessions I (3 Panels)

PANEL I	PANEL II	ROUNDTABLE I
<p><i>German Federalism in the 21st Century</i> Chair: Rosanne Palmer (Cardiff)</p> <p>Katrin Auel (Mansfield College, Oxford) – Finding the Exit from the Joint Decision Trap? How German Federalism Tries to Reform Itself</p> <p>Wolfgang Renzsch (Magdeburg) – Federalism Reform Stage II: Money, Money, Money</p> <p>Jörg Mathias (Aston) – Federalism Reform and Regional Policy-Making in Germany: A New Beginning?</p> <p>Annegret Eppler (Tübingen) The EU-Dimension of Federalism Reform Stage I</p>	<p><i>Parties and Party Systems I</i> Chair: Jonathan Olsen (Parkside, Wisconsin)</p> <p>E. Gene Frankland (Ball State University) – From Power to Opposition and Back Again? The Challenges of the Greens in Germany</p> <p>Kimmo Elo (Turku, Finland) – The <i>Linkspartei.PDS</i> and Long-Term Developments in the German Party System</p> <p>Hartwig Pautz (Glasgow Caledonian University) – The Modernisation of German Social Democracy; Third Way, <i>Neue Mitte</i> and Agenda 2010</p>	<p><i>Policy Convergence in the UK and Germany</i> Chair: Ed Turner (Birmingham)</p> <p>Lothar Funk (FH Düsseldorf) - Policy Convergence in Employment-Related Public Policies? A British-German Comparison</p> <p>Rebecca Harding (London Business School) - – The Unmovable Elephant: Germany and the UK’s Competitiveness Jungle</p> <p>Simon Green (Birmingham) - Divergent Traditions and Convergent Responses: Immigration and Integration Policies in the UK and Germany</p>

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15:15 – 15:45 Coffee
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Tuesday, 29th May 2007 /contd.

15:45 – 17:15 Parallel Sessions II (2 Panels)

PANEL I	PANEL II
<p><i>Germany's External Relations I</i> Chair: Emil Kirchner (Essex)</p> <p>Rüdiger Würzel (Hull) - German EU Presidencies and Environmental Policy. A Comparison of the 1994, 1999 and 2007 German Presidencies of the EU</p> <p>Mario Kölling (Zaragoza) – Actors and Institutions – Preference Formation and Negotiation Behaviour of Germany in the Negotiation of the EU's Financial Framework 2007-2013</p> <p>Nicola Corkin (Birmingham) – The EU's influence on Abstract Judicial Review in Germany and Austria's Constitutional Courts</p>	<p><i>Parties and Party Systems II</i> Chair: Stephen Padgett (Strathclyde)</p> <p>Kai Arzheimer (Essex) – In the eye of the beholder. Citizens' images of parties and the party system in Germany</p> <p>Lothar Probst (Bremen) – Grand Coalitions in Post-Unification Germany: Evidence of Structural Change in the German Party System?</p> <p>David Broughton (Cardiff) – German Parties and Public Opinion</p>

1715 – 18:30 Annual General Meeting of the Association

18:30 Reception and Annual Dinner

Wednesday 30th May 2007

09:00 – 10:15 Parallel Sessions III (2 Panels)

PANEL I	PANEL II
<p><i>Germany's External Relations II</i> Chair: Graham Timmins (Stirling)</p> <p>Katarzyna Makowska (Birmingham) – Defining Germany's 'Special Relationship' with France</p> <p>Jeremy Leaman (Loughborough) and Fotios Mavromatidis (Loughborough) – Germany and the Balkans: Hegemony by Default or Hegemony by Design?</p> <p>Holger Kern (Cornell) and Jens Hainmüller (Harvard) – The Causal Effect of West German Media on East Germans' Support for the Communist Regime: Evidence from a Natural Experiment</p>	<p><i>Parties and Party Systems III</i> Chair: David Broughton (Cardiff)</p> <p>Christian Schweiger (Durham) – The end of the <i>Volkspartei</i>? Changes in the German Party System under the current Grand Coalition</p> <p>Christian Junge (Columbia, NY/Goettingen) – Parties without Traits? The Diffusion of Organisational Identity in German Political Parties and its Effects on Membership Identification: The Cases of the CDU and SPD</p> <p>Mike Adkins (Birmingham) – Party-Based Euroscepticism in Germany</p>

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee

10:45 – 12:00 **PLENARY II - The German Politics Lecture**

Jackson Janes

(Executive Director of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C; ASGP President)

Germany and the USA: Perspectives on the Transatlantic Relationship for the Post-Bush Era

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Wednesday 30th May 2007 /contd

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:15 Parallel Sessions IV (2 Panels)

PANEL I	ROUNDTABLE II
<p><i>Gender, Ethnicity and German Politics</i> Chair: Simon Green (Birmingham)</p> <p>Melanie Kintz (Western Michigan University) – Women in the German Bundestag: Who are they and how did they get there?</p> <p>Joyce Marie Mushaben (University of Missouri-St Louis) – Up the Down Staircase: True Stories of Gendered Migration and Ethnic Employment in Germany</p>	<p><i>The Austrian Federal Election of 2006</i> Chair: Charlie Jeffery (Edinburgh)</p> <p>Richard Luther (Keele), Peter Pulzer (All Souls, Oxford), Fraser Duncan (Glasgow Caledonian)</p>

14:15 – 14:30 Coffee

14:30 – 16:00 Parallel Sessions V (2 Panels)

PANEL I	ROUNDTABLE III
<p><i>Politics Across the Levels</i> Chair: Carolyn Moore (Birmingham)</p> <p>Edward Turner (Birmingham) – Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose? Do parties matter in the <i>Länder</i>?</p> <p>Sabine Kuhlmann (Potsdam) – Policy success or implementation failure? Evaluating the New Public Management-reform in German local governments</p> <p>Ruth Wittlinger (Durham) and Gerd Strohmeier (Passau) Politicising the Presidency: An Interim Assessment of Horst Köhler's First Term in Office</p>	<p><i>GDR and Post-GDR Research in the UK</i> Chair: Peter Barker (Reading)</p> <p>Mike Dennis (Wolverhampton), Anna Saunders (Bangor), Chris Flockton (Surrey), Dan Hough (Sussex)</p>

16:00 – 16:45 PLENARY III

David Barclay

Executive Director, German Studies Association and Kalamazoo College, Michigan

**Transatlantic Co-operation in an Age of Transnationalism:
The Future of German Studies**

16:45 – 18:00 PLENARY IV

Gabriele Matzner-Holzer (tbc)
Austrian Ambassador to the UK

33rd ASGP Annual Conference **BOOKING FORM**

Faculty of Advocates, Royal Mile, Edinburgh
29-30 May 2007

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All participants (speakers and non-speakers) must be a member of the Association – to join ASGP (£30 or £15 for graduates), please go to <http://www.asgp.ac.uk/join>

Bookings received after Friday 27th April will be subject to a £40 late booking fee
No late bookings will be taken after Friday 11th of May 2007. All registrations are binding

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Dietary/Other Requirements:	
Signature and Date:	

Category	Price	Tick as appropriate
STANDARD MEMBER Conference rate (29/30 May 2007, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£80.00	
GRADUATE/RETIRED MEMBER Conference rate (29/30 May 2007, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£60.00	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER	£35.00	
Non-members – please add membership fee – Full rate £30.00 / Postgraduates - £15.00	£30/£15	
Total Payable		

NB: Priority will be given to those wishing to attend the full conference. However, if you only want to attend part of the conference please email Lindsay Adams with your requirements and she will be able to arrange a part-attendance rate.

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BY CREDIT CARD (through the University of Edinburgh’s secure on-line payment facility).

Please complete the following steps

I have paid £ by credit card (the ASGP will be able to confirm receipt of your payment.)

- 1 Go to <https://www.era.finance.ed.ac.uk>
- 2 you will be asked to give your email address and to make up a password. you will then be asked for some details (however only complete the necessary fields marked with an *) then proceed
- 3 you will then see 3 drop down menus. Choose the drop down menu named ‘Product’ and select the ASGP conference option – click proceed
- 4 choose the appropriate conference fee (hotel reservations should be treated separately once you have had confirmation of your reservation from Lindsay Adams). Click proceed.
- 5 check the amount you are being asked to pay then proceed
- 6 you will then be taken to the secure page where you can enter your card details and complete your transaction.

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Form for payment

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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Standard of accommodation	Rate per night (Bed and Breakfast)	Check in date	Departure Date	Amount Payable
Business Class Carlton Highland Hotel	£110.00			
Economy Class IBIS Hotel (Hunter Square)	£74.25			
Budget Class Kenneth Mackenzie House	£42.50			

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Constitutional Matters ...

Proposal of amendments to the ASGP Constitution from 2007

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January 2007

The merger between the ASGP and the US-based German Politics Association (GPA), which after many years of preparation is now in its closing stages, ushers in a new era in the development of the Association. With this era comes a range of new opportunities in terms of cooperation, conferences, and profile of our subject, which we are rightly embracing wholeheartedly. In particular, the prospect of a new wave of members from outside the UK (in the first instance from the US) will inject new ideas and momentum into our activities.

Of course, the Association must change in order to reflect this new context, as in the future a growing number of our members will (hopefully) be based outside the UK. The proposals I am making here in fact build on the last round of amendments we made to the constitution in 2005, which in particular upgraded the Executive Committee from an advisory group to a decision-making forum (as in other Associations). In many ways, these proposals therefore mark the culmination of a gradual transformation process towards a more structured way of operating first begun under Charlie Jeffery's leadership in the late 1990s.

In detail, a number of amendments are proposed (relevant sections underlined in the constitution). Many clarify our changed focus, and some are editorial. In essence, there are four key principles underpinning the changes:

- a) The Executive Committee, which remains the main decision-making body of the Association, is increased from six to eight ordinary members, and the term of office doubled to two years. This aims to ensure continuity across time, to which end elections to the Committee are also staggered, with half being elected each year.
- b) Two types of decisions are introduced. Policy decisions are taken or recommended by the Executive Committee and ratified, where appropriate, by members present at the AGM. Structural decisions, i.e. elections to Officers and the Executive Committee, plus constitutional amendments, are put to the entire membership for decision. This is admittedly not a 'lean' decision-making process, but retaining the current system of electing these positions at AGMs only is likely to cause serious legitimacy problems on one side of the Atlantic or the other.
- c) In turn, the shift to electing Officers and members of the Executive Committee by the entire membership will necessitate the introduction of postal and/or electronic ballots. At the December meeting of the Executive, the Officers were charged with looking into methods which can guarantee the integrity of the process without being prohibitively expensive.
- d) Therefore, because the election of the Executive and Officers will henceforth be independent of AGMs, I am also proposing that we define terms of office around calendar years. To date, terms of office have been linked to AGMs, whenever these have taken place. However, if we continue to do so under our new operating structure, it will for instance mean that successive Officers will serve not 36 months each, but 40 months

and 32 months, because of the timing of AGMs in the UK and US. In consequence, I suggest that all terms of office (Executive Committee, Officers, President and journal editorial team) begin on 1 January of the year in question. This also coincides with our membership definition and our budgeting period, both of which are annual. Significantly, this will require a transitional year for the Secretary and Treasurer (during 2007) and the Chair (during 2008), to allow their proper election while still maintaining the staggered periods of office (see Article 4 and below). Similarly, the current ASGP president, Jackson Janes, will exceptionally serve a four-year term of office until 2010, at which time his Presidency can be confirmed for a further term of three years.

The following notes provide commentary to the individual, more significant amendments.

Article 1

The name change to IASGP reflects our new, transatlantic focus. At the same time, the constitution notes the origins of the new Association in the respective subject groups in the US and UK.

Article 3

Our new transatlantic structure does mean that we have to be much stricter about enforcing formal membership, as this brings postal voting rights (see point [iii] of the Elections Protocol below). This new sentence emphasises this point, which is keeping with previous developments, under which the change to Taylor and Francis has linked receipt of the journal more directly to payment of membership subs than in the past.

Article 4

This repeals the previous practice of electing officers at AGMs. Under the appropriate protocol, Officers will henceforth be elected by the entire membership using postal and/or electronic ballots. It also defines terms of office by calendar years. The existing Articles 4 and 5 have been merged into this new Article 4 for editorial reasons; subsequent articles have been renumbered.

It is recommended that the May 2007 AGM resolves to extend the term of office of the Chair, which would otherwise end on 31 December 2007, by a further twelve months on a transitional basis until 31 December 2008. Given the Association's current transformation, this has to be in the new Association's best interests.

In turn, given our existing (and sensible) requirement for staggered terms of office (see Article 4, sentence 4), this will impact on the new Secretary and Treasurer, which would normally occur following the 2007 AGM. Instead, this should now be postponed until 1 January 2008; as above, given the Association's current transformation, this may also be in our best interests. It is therefore proposed that the AGM should elect a transitional Secretary and Treasurer for the period until 31 December 2007. A full postal and/or electronic ballot for these positions will then be held during 2007, with the duly elected Treasurer and Secretary taking office on 1 January 2008 for the normal three years.

Article 5

To reflect the changed nature of our membership, I propose increasing the size of the Executive Committee to eight, plus officers and the senior journal editor. The term of office of the Committee will increase to two years, with half being elected every year. Like the Officers, committee members will be elected by postal and/or electronic ballot of the entire membership; their term of office will also run by calendar year.

In practical terms, four ordinary members of the Executive will be elected in line with existing practice at the May AGM for two calendar years, with effect from 1 January 2007; four others will be co-opted for the remainder of 2007. Postal / electronic elections for the four new members who will join the Executive Committee for two years from 1 January 2008 will be held during the course of 2007.

Articles 7-9

Membership of the three honorary categories (president, vice-president and friends of the association) remains a matter for the AGM to decide. The three categories have been brought together in the Constitution for editorial reasons.

Article 10

This is a new Article formalising our activities in conferences. It is important as it legitimises our claim to the APSA panel of the German Politics Association. It also enshrines the principle of financial prudence (no conference we run should be a black hole) while still allowing us to subsidise particular events which the Association feels are important.

Article 11

This updates the provisions for the AGM, while not formally committing us to a particular schedule of meetings. The threshold for triggering a special meeting has been increased.

Article 12

This formalises the dual structure of decisions: policy resolutions at AGMs, as well as honorary appointments and the journal editorial team, are confirmed by simple majority of those present; elections and constitutional amendments are put to the entire membership.

Article 13

This simplifies the schedule for Executive Meetings, which will probably be linked more strongly than before to our conferences. Where meetings are held outside the framework of conferences, we expect to make use of facilities such as video conferencing to avoid everyone having to travel.

Article 14

The addition of a ring-fencing provision guarantees that residual funds from the German Politics Association be used for supporting US-based graduates – a purpose which is entirely in our common interests.

Articles 16 and 17

Both amendments to the constitution and the dissolution of the Association are now only possible following a ballot of the entire membership, in which two-thirds of returned ballots are in favour. In a significant change, the provision exempting Article 16 from change is extended to Article 17 (on dissolution).

Protocol on elections

The introduction of postal and/or electronic voting in Section (iii) is probably the most important innovation of all in this proposal. It formalises (and undoubtedly complicates) the process of electing officers and Executive Committee members, and has spill-over effects elsewhere in the constitution (esp. Article 3 on membership).

On the other hand, I am convinced that we need to take this step. A continuation of the present system (of electing office holders at conferences) mean that members who attend only the US or UK conferences are systematically disenfranchised. Moreover, postal / electronic ballots will hopefully help reconnect the Association to the (not inconsiderable) number of members who

attend no conferences at all. Hitherto, unless members physically attended the AGMs, they actually had no say whatsoever in who runs the Association they had been paying their membership dues to. Again, this really only brings us in line with other comparable organisations. The Officers are currently looking into possible methods of implementing this.

As noted above, the first elections to be held under this system would be during mid-2007 for the Secretary and Treasurer, plus 4 members of the Executive Committee; they would take office on 1 January 2008.

Protocol on cycles of terms of office

This updates the starting years of the various offices to reflect the above thinking.

Appendix: Schedule of AGMs and elections, 2007-13

Year	<i>Location of AGM</i>	<i>Persons to take office (1 Jan)</i>
2007	UK	<i>Transitional appointments for Secretary and Treasurer</i> 4 Exec members (<u>n.b. to be elected ordinarily for two years wef 1 January 2007; 4 more to be co-opted until 31 December 2007</u>)
2008	GSA	<i>Transitional appointment for Chair</i> Secretary, Treasurer 4 Exec members
2009	UK	<i>Transitional appointment for President</i> Chair Journal editorial team 4 Exec members
2010	GSA	Hon. President 4 Exec members
2011	UK	Secretary, Treasurer 4 Exec members
2012	GSA	Chair 4 Exec members
2013	UK	Hon. President Journal editorial team 4 Exec members

Constitution of the Association

Name

1. The name of the Association is the International Association for the Study of German Politics (IASGP). The Association's name reflects its origins, which lie in the respective academic subject associations of the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Objective

2. The objective of the Association is the encouragement of teaching, research and publication in politics with special reference to Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Neither the Association's activities nor its membership shall be limited to any one country. For the furtherance of its objective the Association is empowered to collect sums of money.

Membership

3. Membership shall be open to individuals irrespective of nationality whose professional or personal interests are relevant to the objectives of the Association. Membership shall run on a calendar year basis. Only persons who have paid their subscriptions for that year shall be considered members. Applications for membership shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee. There shall be provision for individual and corporate membership at rates of subscription which are to be set annually by a majority vote of members of the Association present at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee may also resolve to set up reciprocal membership agreements with organisations pursuing objectives similar to those of the Association.

Officers

4. The Officers of the Association shall be the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Officers shall be elected for a period of three calendar years by the members of the Association, using the method laid down in a protocol to this constitution. Officers may not serve for two consecutive terms in the same office. Elections shall be staggered over a three-year cycle, so that in year one of the cycle elections to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are held, in year two elections to the position of Chair are held, and in year three no elections for Officers are held. The timing of this cycle and the method of election shall be established in separate protocols to this constitution. Any vacancies in such offices shall be filled temporarily through co-opting by the Executive Committee pending resolution by the Annual General Meeting.

Executive Committee

5. The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of eight members in addition to the three officers. In addition, subject to the implementation of Clause 7, the senior member of the editorial team of the Association's journal shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee; s/he shall have the authority to act on behalf of the entire team at the Committee's meetings. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members.

Four members of the Committee shall be elected every year for a period of two calendar years, with effect from 1 January of the year in question. Retiring members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The method of election shall be established in a protocol to this constitution.

Journal

6. As and when the Association shall publish a journal, either independently or under a commercial agreement with another party. The editorial team of the journal shall be appointed upon the nomination of the Executive Committee, following (where applicable) consultation with the publisher and subject to the approval of the members of the Association present at an Annual General Meeting. The collective term of appointment shall be four years in a cycle to be laid down in a protocol to this Constitution. Any vacancies among the editorial team shall be filled for the remainder of the term of appointment through co-opting by the Executive Committee pending resolution by the Annual General Meeting. The editorial team shall provide written reports to both the Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

Hon. President

7. There shall be an Honorary President of the Association who shall be elected every three years by members of the Association present at an Annual General Meeting, in a cycle to be laid down in a protocol to this Constitution. A serving Honorary President may be re-elected once for a further period of three years.

Hon. Vice-Presidents

8. There shall be Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Association. These shall be elected for an indefinite period by members of the Association present at an Annual General Meeting in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the Association.

Friends of the Association

9. There shall be Friends of the Association. These shall be honorary members, elected by the members of the Association present at the Annual General Meeting.

Conferences

10. Subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, the Association shall organise conferences, or panels as part of other academic conferences, on a regular basis. These may take place in a variety of countries, including when appropriate Germany. Unless they are panels held within the context of other academic conferences, and unless the Executive Committee decides to subsidise an event, conferences run under the auspices of the Association shall normally be self-financing. Members of the Association shall qualify for reduced rates for attendance at its own conferences.

Annual General Meeting and Special Meetings

11. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall normally be held together with a conference and every member shall receive not less than 28 days' notice of such meeting. The Executive Committee will decide the venue, which will normally alternate from year to year. Special meetings may be convened by the Secretary upon a request by either eight members of the Committee or 30 members of the Association. The Secretary shall give to every member not less than 28 days' notice of such a meeting. At both meetings there shall be a quorum of fifteen.

Votes

12. Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting shall be carried by simple majority. Every member present at the meeting, including the Chair, shall have one vote and in the case of equality of votes

the Chair shall have a second or casting vote. In elections to positions as Officers or membership of the Executive Committee, as well as votes to change the Constitution of the Association, every member shall have one vote.

Executive Committee Meetings

13. The Executive Committee shall normally meet biannually; one of those meetings normally is linked to the Annual General Meeting. The Chair of the Association shall preside at such meetings, or in his or her absence a member of the Committee elected by those present. There shall be a quorum of five. Each Committee member including the Chair of the Association shall have one vote and in the case of a tied vote the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

Financial Operation

14. The Association's accounting period shall be on a calendar year basis. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget for the Association's activities, to be approved by the Executive Committee for the following year. At the Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer shall provide a written report on the Association's financial activities during the preceding calendar year, as well as on the current year's expenditure plans. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to ring-fence specific sums of money for designated activities, for instance support of postgraduate members. All sums collected in the name of the Association shall be handed over to the Treasurer who shall pay the same into a bank account in the name of the Association. Cheques shall be signed by two members of the Executive Committee.

Investment

15. The Officers shall invest in the name of the Association or one of its trustees any moneys not required for the immediate purposes of the Association in a deposit account of one of the financial institutions in which trust money may by law be invested, with power from time to time to transpose such investments.

Alteration of Constitution

16. The Constitution of the Association, other than Articles 16 and 17, may be amended or repealed following a postal and/or electronic ballot of the membership, in which two-thirds of returned ballots support the proposed changes.

Dissolution

17. The Association may be wound up by a resolution passed by a postal and/or electronic ballot of the membership, in which two-thirds of returned ballots support dissolution. In this event, the moneys held in the name of the Association or one of its trustees shall be divided equally among the members at that date.

Protocol on Electoral Methods for Elections to the Executive Committee

(i) For elections to the Offices of the Association: the method of the alternative vote (when three or more candidates are nominated) will be used.

(ii) For elections to the positions of the additional Committee members: there will be a system in which each elector has as many votes as there are vacancies to fill; ballot papers not using all available votes will still be valid; the candidates with the highest totals are elected.

(iii) In both cases, there shall be provision for postal and/or electronic voting. The Secretary of the Association shall supervise this process, including setting adequate deadlines for nominations and receipt of ballots.

Protocol on Cycles of Office

(i) The Chair of the Association shall be elected on a three-year cycle beginning in 2009

(ii) The Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall be elected on a three-year cycle beginning in 2008

(iii) The Honorary President of the Association shall be elected on a three-year cycle beginning in 2010

(iv) The Editorial Team for the Association's journal shall be elected on a four-year cycle beginning in 2009

*31st Annual Conference of the German
Studies Association (GSA)*

*The German Studies Association (GSA) will hold its Thirty-
first Annual Conference at the*

Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California

<http://www.towncountry.com/>

4th – 7^h October 2007

The ASGP Exec would like to encourage members to attend the 31st Annual GSA conference in San Diego. Should members be interested, they can apply for part-funding to assist in attending the conference through the British Academy (<http://www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/conferences.html>).

<http://www.thegsa.org/>

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The Centre for East German Studies (CEGS)

Following a recent conference on 'Die DDR aus britischer Perspektive' (July 2006) and the gift of a large amount of material from the *Stiftung Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur*, the Centre for East German Studies (CEGS) at the University of Reading is pleased to announce a new area of co-operation.

The *Stiftung* has for years supported the publication of a series of volumes cataloguing archives and other significant collections relevant to research in GDR, post-GDR and Cold War studies. They are published as a *Vademecum*, and the next volume will be devoted to the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

This publication will be organised by CEGS and offers an excellent opportunity to publicise relevant collections. Like the other volumes, it will, we hope, become an essential reference volume in this area of research. It is anticipated that the volume will also be published on-line.

The *Vademecum* will focus specifically on material relating to the following areas:

- a) Political history of the GDR
- b) The division of Germany in the Cold War
- c) GDR culture *in a political context*
- d) Transformation processes in the *Neue Bundesländer* after 1989.

Emphasis will lie on *research* material, so most normal University libraries will be excluded, but if you are aware of anything in your library or institution that is out of the ordinary this will be included. Random examples of the sort of material that we would be interested in cataloguing (and that may not be as widely publicised as they deserve) include the following: Stefan Heym archive in Cambridge, various collections in the Public Record Office, the Childs-McCauley-Wallace Newspaper Archive at the University of Nottingham, and the Glaessner Collection at KCL, as well as the archive of the Centre here at Reading.

We are aware that the *vademecum* involves a search that is potentially open-ended and we are casting our net very wide, because it is inevitable that we do not know of the many possibly highly specialised collections that exist. We would be grateful, therefore, if you could not only provide details of any collections/archives/libraries for which you are personally or professionally responsible, but also offer any suggestions concerning other areas or institutions of which you are aware.

Attached is the questionnaire.

We would be grateful if you would complete it and return it to CEGS as soon as possible. I would also appreciate it if you sent copies of this e-mail to anyone else who might be interested. Material will be collated by Dr John Wieczorek, who undertook the 1995 publication *GDR Studies in the United Kingdom* (CEGS Occasional Publications No. 1). We intend compilation of the *vademecum* to be completed by July 31st 2007.

We are provisionally dividing addressees into five sections, with cross-referencing and multiple entries depending on the information gathered.

Libraries

Archives

Research centres

Organisations

Museums

Libraries. We are looking for libraries (university and other) that have collections of GDR-relevant material that you consider more significant than the standard selection of texts for undergraduate readers. This includes anything on any of the four subjects given above. If you have had a number of post-graduates completing dissertations on any of the above subjects, the chances are that your holdings will deserve mention.

Archives. Please inform us of any collections of material that relate directly to any of the above thematic areas.

Research centres. Self-explanatory. Please inform us of any research centres.

Organisations/Societies. This includes any organisation devoted in whole or part to encouraging personal or academic or local interest in any of the above areas. Any town or district twinned with somewhere in East Germany (for instance) may well have the remnants of a small society that developed relations with the GDR.

Museums. It is unlikely that there are many provincial museums with a special collection devoted to these areas, but if you know of any, please inform us. If in doubt, please let us make the decision whether to include or not.

John Wieczorek, University of Reading

GDR Research Questionnaire

Please complete the following. Not all questions will apply to your organisation / library / archive/ institution. Simply answer those that are relevant, and also (a special plea from the *Stiftung*) do not attempt any formatting - it will only have to be unpicked afterwards.

If appropriate, and if you have an up-to-date web page which contains all or most of the required information, please just send me the web address. I will complete the questionnaire myself and return it to you for confirmation.

Name of institution:

Type of institution: [This will not be published as a separate field, only used by us to ensure that our entry is placed in the appropriate section.]

address:

tel:

fax:

e-mail:

website/homepage of institution:

head of institution:

e-mail of head:

contact (if different from above):

e-mail of contact:

other staff members:

financing (if applicable):

(in case of archive or library) institution's holdings or collections. Please summarise, indicating particular strengths, in less than 100 words.

(in case of research centre) institution's area(s) of activity. Please summarise in less than 100 words.

(in case of organisation) aim and activities of organisation. Please summarise in less than 100 words.

opening hours:

regular publications:

Please return to j.p.wieczorek@rdg.ac.uk

Institute for German Studies
University of Birmingham

PhD Studentship

The Institute for German Studies is delighted to offer one full doctoral scholarship for entry in October 2007. The scholarship consists of tuition fees at home/EU level, plus a maintenance component at funding council rates.

Proposals are invited from outstanding candidates on the politics, international relations, economics, post-war history and/or culture of contemporary Germany, either by itself or in a comparative context. Candidates should have an excellent first or MA degree. The award is available for a maximum of three years, and is subject to satisfactory progression in the University's annual progress reviews of research students.

Application is via the standard University application form for postgraduate study: applicants should indicate clearly under Section 10 of the form that they are applying for the Institute scholarship. Applications for 2007 entry are welcome at any time during the academic year 2006-2007, but the final deadline is 15 June 2007. Candidates should expect to be interviewed, and the Institute reserves the right to award the scholarship before the deadline should an exceptional candidate present herself/himself.

For further details, please contact

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Or see

<http://www.igs.bham.ac.uk>

To mark the publication of *Policy Convergence in the UK and Germany*, a special issue of
German Politics

The Institute for German Studies Annual Lecture 2007

Policy and Leadership Challenges in Europe: An American Perspective

Professor Stephen Szabo (Johns Hopkins University)

Chair: Sir Paul Lever KCMG

Tuesday, 27 March 2007, 14:00 - 16:00

followed by a reception

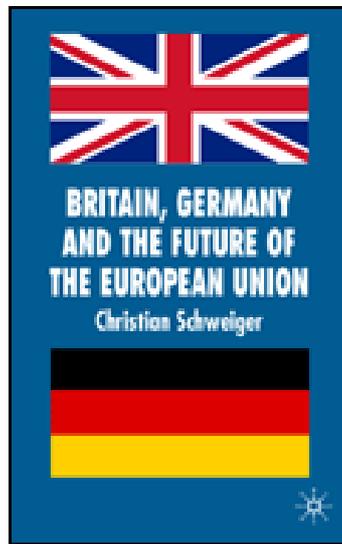
Location: Conference Room G51, European Research Institute (ERI)
Pritchatts Road, University of Birmingham

A buffet lunch will be served from 12:30 in the ERI Atrium. For maps and directions, please see <http://www.bham.ac.uk/about/maps/>. The ERI is marked 52 on the campus map, in Zone D.

RSVP to Mrs Zoe Stevenson (z.stevenson@bham.ac.uk) by 15 March 2007.

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New Publications

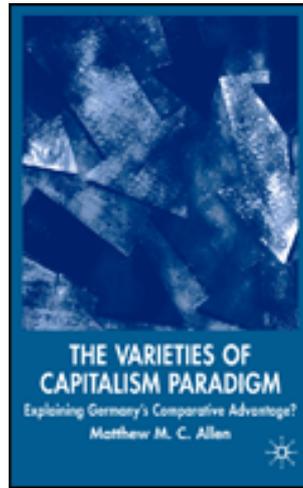


Britain, Germany and the Future of the European Union (London: Palgrave, 2006)

Christian Schweiger, University of Durham

Britain, Germany and the Future of the European Union outlines the changes in British and German European policies which have been characteristic of a process of *normalization* in both countries. Schweiger examines possible areas for cooperation between Britain and Germany on major European issues (institutional and procedural reform, EMU, economic reform, CFSP and enlargement) and the potential significance that such a working partnership could have within the enlarged European Union.

New Publications (cont)



Varieties of Capitalism Paradigm Explaining Germany's Comparative Advantage?

(London: Palgrave, 2006)

Matthew Allen

Manchester Metropolitan University

How do the environments, in which businesses operate, condition their success or failure? Such questions have long been of interest in the fields of business, economics and politics. They have gained in importance as a result of heightened competitive pressures associated with 'globalization'. Whilst some see certain institutions as burdens, others see them as a blessing. This book thoroughly examines the main claims of the most important contribution - the *Varieties of Capitalism* paradigm - to this debate in recent years.

New Publications (cont)



German Electoral Politics (Manchester: MUP, 2006)

Geoffrey Roberts

University of Manchester

The study of German electoral politics has been neglected of late, despite being one of the most pervasive elements of the German political process. Geoffrey Roberts' exciting new book argues that concentration on electoral politics facilitates deeper understanding and appreciation of the German political system. It provides explanations and analysis of the federal electoral system, its evolution and the challenges which have been made to its format; discusses the role of electoral politics in relation to political parties and to the public, and the influence of second order elections in the German political system. It goes on to evaluate the effectiveness of the German electoral system in relation to its functions, and challenges the premise that electoral politics makes a difference in Germany. Ultimately the book aims to reconcile the apparently limited role which elections have in determining the composition of governments with the notion that there is a 'permanent election campaign' in existence in German politics.

ASGP Website

The ASGP Website contains all the latest news from in and around the association. In Carolyn Moore we have an excellent webmaster, so please send her any information (publications, conferences, research projects, calls for papers etc. etc.) that you think may be of interest. Please take a look if you can.

<http://www.asgp.ac.uk>

Any feedback to either Dan Hough (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk) or Carolyn Moore (who is the real brains behind this – c.s.moore@bham.ac.uk) would be more than welcome.

It is by no means the finished article, but it is a start.

It will only improve if we get:

- (1) feedback on how to improve it and*
- (2) info from you to put on it!*

Let us know what you think!