



Message from the Chair

As 2009 draws to a close, the Association can look back on a busy and exceptionally fruitful year. In addition to our annual meeting in May, the undoubted highlight was the election trip in late September, which was generously sponsored by the DAAD and attended by over 50 members from both sides of the Atlantic, a full report on which can be found later in this newsletter. As in previous years, our delegation was able to meet and be briefed by all the main parties, as well as by the British Embassy and the principal polling institutes. We were particularly fortunate to benefit once more from Wolfgang Gibowski's gracious hospitality at the Lower Saxony representation in Berlin. On behalf of the Association, I would like to acknowledge publicly the extraordinary hard work put in by Dan Hough (Secretary), Hannah Peters (Association Administrator), and Jack Janes (Honorary President) to create such an outstanding programme.

A second highlight was our delegation to the triennial congress of the DVPW in Kiel, which was a direct result of the links we have been building to political science in Germany over the past few years. In conjunction with the *Sektion Regierungssystem*, we organised a panel on 60 years of the Basic Law, at which Joyce Mushaben, Bill Chandler and Willie Paterson spoke alongside Werner Patzelt and Julia von Blumenthal. Our panel clearly was the event of the day and over 70 participants attended. We followed this up with a well-attended reception, at which Thomas Saalfeld as Managing Editor for *German Politics* was able to beat the drum for the journal. This was a hugely significant appearance for the Association and the journal, the success of which exceeded all our expectations. Here too, my thanks go to the entire Association delegation for giving up their time to participate in this vital event for our future.

And 2010 will bring more exciting developments. As announced previously, the Association will be formally present at the Council for European Studies biennial conference in Montreal from 15-17th April 2010, to include a major reception at which we intend to profile the journal, two keynote Association panels and of course our Annual General Meeting. This conference too marks a major opportunity for us and we hope to reach new audiences for our journal, both as readers and as contributors. We will also be holding a UK-based conference in London on the election, as usual in late May – details to follow in the New Year.

In the meantime, UK colleagues are already looking ahead to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) in 2013, which will act as the successor to the RAE. As many will know, a consultation document on the format of this framework is currently available. I intend to make a submission on the Association's behalf, and this is an issue currently under discussion within

the Executive Committee. However, if individual members have concerns they would like to see raised, then I would encourage them to contact me directly with their thoughts.

Lastly, three members of our Executive Committee whose terms come to an end on 31st December have chosen not to seek re-election and I would therefore like to thank Helga Welsh and Ruth Wittlinger most warmly for their valuable contribution in this early and absolutely crucial phase of our new Association's development. I would also like to extend a special 'thank you' to Emil Kirchner, who is standing down from the front line of the Association after many years of service, including as Chair between 2002 and 2005. During this period, many of the key discussions leading up to our merger in 2007 took place, and Emil helped guide and steer this process with his characteristic wisdom and authority.

Professor Simon Green

IASGP Chair



54 Characters in Search of a Chancellor: the IASGP Election Trip

Ian King

The morning of Thursday 27 September, and a crucial test for some important political figures in Berlin. Merkel? Steinmeier? Yes, for them too, but the real challenge faced IASGP Chair Simon Green and his two intrepid organisers, Secretary Dan Hough and Administrator Hannah Peters. Would their warnings to over 50 academics (“Assemble in the hotel foyer at 7.30 sharp for the bus to the Bundestag, or you’re dead meat”) prove as effective as herding cats? A quick survey of the breakfast room of the Sylter Hof showed that a surprising number had indeed risen for their slumbers to attack eggs, sausages and coffee, and we were away on time, to be greeted by CDU foreign policy expert Eckart von Klaeden, who discussed not merely his own area of expertise but also the Christian Democrats’ campaign in general. He also answered some searching questions and took the opportunity to cast aspersions at supporters of the Greens.

Then off to the Clara Zetkin-Saal, home of the Linke parliamentary group. Sadly, Dagmar Enkelmann was too busy campaigning in Bernau to speak to us: she was to win the seat. However, her assistant Jörg Staude, a former journalist with *Neues Deutschland* in its improved post-unification phase, sprang into the breach, claiming the party was no longer just a sect or an East German regional grouping, but a serious left-of-centre opposition party liable to do well three days later.

On to the British Embassy for a pep-talk by the ambassador, Sir Michael Arthur, along with locally-based staff members. Simon Green, who chaired, explained that all comments were made under unattributable Chatham House rules, but I can reveal that the wine was good, the nibbles were polished off with alacrity, and that some senior members of the Association were seen feeding their faces half an hour later in an open-air cafe Unter den Linden.

The post-prandial session was with Manfred Güllner, head of the pollsters Forsa, and a sidekick with a non-singing, non-speaking part. Güllner claimed somewhat defensively the pollsters do not always get the result wrong, and that his group had done better in 2005 than other, richer ones. Then he launched into a torrent of figures which mysteriously disappeared from the screen before bearers of very small brain such as the present writer could take them in or write them

down. However, no one was left in doubt as to the identity of the likely winners and losers. This concluded formal proceedings, though some gluttons for electoral punishment proceeded to an open-air public meeting of the Greens, a rather lack-lustre effort in my view, compered by an American comedienne who will some day make sense when she discovers that the German language contains a dative case. Some were equally unimpressed by Trittin and Künast, though the general view was that the beer was good.

Next morning and a mercifully later start to the Anglo-German Society and our third successive election talk by Reinhard Bütikofer of the Greens. Now an MEP, he gave us the most detailed introductory statement so far, arguing that the excitement which had been missing from the campaign itself would emerge after the votes were counted and the back-stabbing (sorry, coalition-building) could begin. Since our scheduled FDP speaker was called away at the last minute we were entertained next by another good friend, Eva Högl of the SPD. In spite of being in a tight race for the seat of Berlin-Mitte, she bravely tackled a number of questioners anxious to tell her that her party was about to be stuffed. Unsurprisingly, she refused to accept that scenario. More interesting was her ambivalence about having a female Chancellor – great idea, but why not one of our SPD women, was the reply. In a much reduced parliamentary group, I suspect she could be going places.

Our late afternoon event took place in the Lower Saxony Land Office for a briefing chaired by our former Honorary President, Wolfgang Gibowski, and colleagues from the psephological world (Richard Hilmer of Infratest, Yvonne Schroth of Forschungsgruppe Wahlen and Viola Neu of the Adenauer-Stiftung, struggling with an unseasonal cold). There would be a low poll, we were informed, with lots of Überhangmandate, all of which would be good news for the CDU. The meal and wine proved enjoyable to CDU supporters and a consolation to those of different persuasions. As so often, Wolfgang's assistance was gratefully appreciated. Various birthdays were toasted, not least that of the merged Association itself.

The Saturday saw a joint trip with other DAAD-sponsored groups involving representatives from the various party foundations and then – a highlight – with spokespersons from the parties' youth wings. Then the group was bussed to the Treptow Arena for the CDU's big final meeting, starring two ingratiating presenters, an Elvis impersonator and an energetic blonde singer carolling "Superfrau" in the general direction of (nearly forgot her!) Angela Merkel. Undeterred by a flashmob at the back, and egged on by supporters waving placards on cue with "Angie" on one side and "Wir" on the other, the Chancellor gave a competent stump speech, delivered confidently and without arising among neutral observers any of the hostility that Edmund Stoiber did at a comparable meeting in 2002. I was impressed. Nearly as good as the chocolate pudding in the restaurant afterwards.

The one weak session was the subsequent panel discussion about online election campaigning, a poorly planned, over-staffed and inadequately chaired effort which led a number of the group to leave early. But compensation came in the evening in the shape of a DAAD-sponsored concert by a black choir from the University of Western Cape in South Africa: the students produced a professional performance by turns moving, witty and amusing, and created a real rapport with the audience. I wish all the singers well.

Election Sunday morning dawned bright and clear and members went their separate ways, except for the unfortunate Executive who had a meeting. I managed to locate the one memorial to my mentor, the anti-Nazi journalist Kurt Tucholsky, in the city of his birth; others went for a boat trip or found equally interesting things to do, till we wended our way to the Bundespresseamt for the first exit polls at 6 p.m. While the staff were polite and helpful as ever, privatisation of the catering has unsurprisingly led to a much inferior service. Then the results, and Guido will guide Merkel into the sunlit uplands of a neo-liberal nirvana; or to somewhere else, if you are a sceptic about the happy couple.

Miraculously, the BPA produced tickets to the electoral parties after all, and even a bus to a dispirited Willy Brandt Haus, where the eponymous ex-Chancellor gazed down sadly on his successors. Then it was on to Eva Högl's victory party – a rather hollow victory, since only one other Berlin constituency stayed loyal to the SPD.

Finally, the Monday morning and the pollsters had the chance to bite back (Some 1.5 hours later than we had been told, but cock-ups happen in the best governments). The FDP, Left and Greens had done well, the CDU well enough, and the SPD atrociously: but we had worked that out already. The Pirates had surpassed expectations, but maybe should try next time in Penzance, and the Party of Bible-True Christians would surely do better in the USA. Still, we could agree it was a good thing that the NPD had sunk without trace.

What belongs together is growing together, said Willy Brandt of his city and country in 1989. Even twenty years later, I am not convinced the process has been completed. But in a much shorter period, the members of the IASGP have come together; we speak in different accents, do not always think the same way, but discover surprising common ground. I never expected to find myself in conversation about the championship golf courses of my native Ayrshire with the leading American expert on the CDU, but the IASGP made it possible. Another longer-established and successful organisation is the German Academic Exchange Service, whose generous sponsorship and door-opening skills made the whole trip possible. We are all grateful to the DAAD. And thanks are due to Simon, Dan and especially Hannah, for bravely attending to ensure a result was achieved, and for smiling bravely in the front row of Angie's meeting. In the words of Young Mr Grace from *Are you Being Served?*: You've all done very well!

Ian King



The 2009 IASGP Election Trip The View from a First-Timer

**Melanie Kintz,
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As a political scientist studying legislative careers, elections always bring a new data set for me. Hence election times are exciting times! This year it was especially exciting. For the first time I took part in the IASGP's Election Trip. As I had previously heard stories from these trips it sounded a like a good opportunity to study and observe elections in an enjoyable manner together with friends and colleagues.

Now I am sure you all have read Ian King's recollection of the election trip. So this article won't tell you what happened during our 5 days in Berlin, it will tell you why it was a valuable experience for me as a first-time participant and why I'd recommend that others in a similar position get involved!

The election trip's programme was tightly knit. Many events were scheduled to provide the participants with information about the parties' campaign strategies, issue position and the mood within the German public prior to the election. The information presented often lead to new questions - questions that went beyond would there be enough votes for a "Tigerenten" - coalition or would we see a continuation of the Grand Coalition. Instead I started to wonder whether the SPD would get more or less than 25 percent of the vote and whether the Left Party indeed would win their first direct mandate outside of Berlin. After all, the Left Party's representative Dagmar Enkelmann originally scheduled to speak to our group went on to campaign in her district and had her consultant speak to us. While the SPD could not break the 25 per cent mark, Ms Enkelmann went on to win her direct mandate, just like 15 other Left Party members (12 in the new Länder, 4 in Berlin).

Alongside the gain in knowledge, the election trip also gave a new opportunity to establish new contacts in the research community and renew existing ones. I have been member of the IASGP for the past two years and through the different meetings either in the UK or within the GSA framework in the USA, I have been able to speak with other scholars about my current research. Since I wasn't able to attend either meeting this year, this election trip provided me with an additional opportunity to catch up with fellow colleagues and friends.

Lastly, such trips do not just provide opportunities for further research and networking but also new stories to tell. Although for most parts the programme was tightly scheduled, there were opportunities to explore the city – mostly in beautiful weather. And at what other time are you as likely to end up in the same restaurant with the whole SPD elite than just a few days before the election? Overall, I found myself enjoying this trip immensely. I enjoyed seeing good friends again as well as making new ones, while the knowledge gained during this trip provided me with new enthusiasm for my own studies.

Melanie Kintz

Chemnitz University of Technology



36th Annual Conference

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

*London
24th – 25th May 2010*

The ISGP is pleased to announce that the Association's annual conference will take place in London (venue to be announced) on 24th – 25th May 2010. The conference will bring together researchers on German Politics based in the UK, US, Germany and beyond. Paper (and also panel) proposals can be submitted by members and non-members alike. Non-members whose papers are accepted will need to join the Association in order to present at the conference. The programme committee would be particularly interested to receive proposals on Germany's political economy, Germany's foreign policy, the recent German federal election and comparative research where Germany is a prominent case-study. Papers/panels on the politics of other German speaking countries are also very welcome. The deadline for submitting 200 word abstracts to the programme committee (through Dan Hough at d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk) is 15th January 2010.

Queries should be addressed to IASGP Secretary Dan Hough (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk).

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



IASGP Elections

Executive Committee, 2010-2011

As announced via email and through the IASGP's website, the Association has been actively seeking nominations for four positions on its Executive Committee. The eight committee members serve for two year terms, with four places becoming vacant every Autumn. As Simon Green has already indicated, this year Emil Kirchner (Essex), Helga Welsh (Wake Forest) and Ruth Wittlinger (Durham) opted not to seek re-election, leaving plenty of opportunity for new faces to step up to the plate. Through October five IASGP members were nominated and, given that all five are excellent candidates, the Association's officers decided to ask all five to join the Executive. They will all serve a two year term (January 2010 – December 2011). The five successful candidates are;

Katy Crossley-Frolick

Denison University, Ohio, USA

http://www.denison.edu/academics/departments/politicalscience/katy_crossley_frolick.html

Charles Lees

Department of Politics

University of Sheffield, UK

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/politics/staff/charleslees.html>

Joyce Mushaben

Department of Political Science

University of Missouri – St Louis

<http://www.umsl.edu/~polisci/faculty/profiles.html>

Christian Schweiger

School of Government and International Affairs

Durham University, UK

<http://www.dur.ac.uk/sgia/profiles/?mode=staff&id=4425>

Jennifer Yoder

Department of Government

Colby College, Maine, USA

<http://www.colby.edu/profile/jayoder/>

Congratulations to all five successful candidates and, of course, many thanks to Emil, Helga and Ruth for their efforts over the last two years.



Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service

Promoting German Studies in the UK

– Call for Proposals –

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Background

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has been supporting German Studies at universities in the United Kingdom for many years. DAAD-*Fachlektors* in Politics teach at several British universities with a strong emphasis on contemporary German Studies. Students' exchange and staff mobility to and from Germany is being supported by several DAAD programmes open to all disciplines. We expect to continue these programmes at comparable levels over the years to come. In 1994 the DAAD and the University of Birmingham established the Institute for German Studies (IGS) as a joint venture. Today the IGS is the British pillar of the worldwide network of similar DAAD-supported Centres for German Studies. In the last fifteen years the IGS has proved to be a distinguished research institution and has acted as a successful postgraduate school for the training of future generations of specialists on Germany.

A strong basis for German studies has thus been laid. The DAAD is willing to further strengthen innovative and interdisciplinary approaches in research and teaching on German Studies and hopes to encourage the intellectual support of our partners at universities in the UK to this end.

We are therefore launching a new programme for the support of German Studies which is open to applications from all universities in the United Kingdom. We plan to continue this new programme for at least three years, from 2010 to 2012.

Programme Objectives

In this call for papers the term "German studies" describes research and teaching about *contemporary* Germany (including comparative studies) as well as its role in the European Union and its interaction with other European countries and the world at large. The focus is on

approaches based in the social sciences and/or interdisciplinary orientated cultural studies that go beyond, though do not exclude, the literary manifestations of contemporary German culture.

Within that framework the specific objectives of the programme are

- to fully realise and further expand the scholarly potential that has been developed over the past fifteen years
- to contribute to the ongoing political and cultural dialogue between the United Kingdom and Germany
- to enhance cooperation between existing institutional structures in the field of German Studies so that the entire academic community in the United Kingdom and at overseas German Studies Centres can take maximum advantage of these and related initiatives
- to encourage universities in the UK to further develop their own intellectual and financial commitment to German studies.

Programme strands

Funding is available in particular for the following kinds of projects:

- (1) Organisation of an annual German studies summer school for postgraduate researchers (MA/PhD-students) from all over the United Kingdom
- (2) mobility of UK and German students and staff in the context of joint research projects (priority will be given to projects involving several UK universities) (regular DAAD scholarship rates or per diems and lump sums for travel apply, see [Annex](#))
- (3) Short research visits (up to three months) of staff from German university or of staff from the worldwide DAAD-network of German Studies Centres to one or several universities in the UK (regular DAAD per diems and lump sums for international travel for visiting professors apply, see [Annex](#))
- (4) Other innovative institutional research projects focussing on contemporary Germany that are not eligible for support under other ongoing DAAD programmes.

While we encourage joint applications from several institutions under all programme strands, *only* proposals submitted by a representative consortium of universities in the United Kingdom will be considered under programme strand (1) and only one grant, if any, will be awarded under this strand. Institutions or consortia submitting proposals for programme strand (1) must at least match the DAAD contribution. Under the other programme strands, the availability of matching funds from institutional, public or private sources would be regarded as an asset.

Institutions and consortia may apply for funding under several programme lines in one proposal. Individual institutions or staff may join several consortia or submit both individual and consortial proposals. Proposals may be submitted for a maximum two year funding cycle at this time.

Procedure

Proposals may be submitted by all UK institutions of higher education and full-time staff employed by them, regardless of nationality.

Applicants affiliated to the University of Birmingham must submit proposals through the Institute of German Studies (IGS).

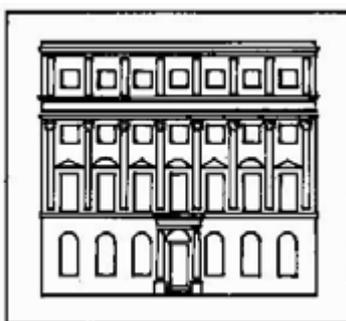
There is no proposal form. Proposals should include a description of the project (no more than 10 pages) and a budget with detailed data on planned expenditure and institutional funding commitments. Budgets must be calculated separately for each German fiscal (i.e. calendar) year. A maximum amount of EURO 37.500 could be allocated to each project per year. Decisions on grant awards will be taken by the DAAD on the basis of a review of proposals by an international panel of experts in German studies.

Proposals must be mailed or faxed to the DAAD London Office and be post-marked no later than December 31, 2009. See Annex (next page) for further details on proposal preparation.

Annex		
Calculations for proposals should be given in Euro		
1. Daily and monthly levels of funding for UK staff and students going to Germany as of 1 January 2010		
Levels of Funding	Staff	Students 1) Undergraduate Students 2) Master Students 3) Doctoral Students
Monthly Rate	1,840 EUR	1) 650 EUR 2) 750 EUR 3) 1,000 EUR
Daily Rate	82 EUR (until 22 days of stay)	1/30 of monthly rates
Travel Allowance		
Within Europe	125 EUR	125 EUR
2. Daily and monthly levels of funding for staff and students coming to the UK as of 1 January 2010		
Levels of Funding	Staff	Students 1) Undergraduate Students 2) Master Students 3) Doctoral Students
Monthly Rate	1,840 EUR	1) 350 EUR 2) 850 EUR 3) 1,075 EUR
1 – 14 days 15 days to 1 month	87 EUR 67 EUR	1/30 of monthly rates
Travel Allowance		
to UK from outside Europe	800 EUR	800 EUR

Forthcoming Events

GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE LONDON



Forthcoming Seminars, Lectures and Conferences

The GHIL regularly holds seminars and lectures on topics of general interest to British and German historians. Seminars are usually held every second Tuesday at 5pm during term time, but please check the GHI's website (see below) for further details. Seminar papers are normally presented in English; knowledge of the German language is not necessary for participation.

Seminars - Autumn 2009

13 November

Professor Hartmut Kaelble (HU Berlin)

The 1970s and 1980s in Europe: A Shocking or Promising Era?

19-21 November

Conference

The Cultural Industries in the late 19th and 20th Centuries: Britain and Germany compared

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26-28 November

Conference

European Societies of Work in Transformation: Comparative and Transnational Perspectives on Great Britain, Sweden and West Germany during the 1970s

http://www.ghil.ac.uk/index.php?eID=tx_nawsecuredl&u=0&file=fileadmin/redaktion/dokumente/2009/Conference20091126_programme.pdf&t=1257287305&hash=7138c1bacb73dc4f3db30dfad6c260c2

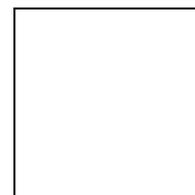
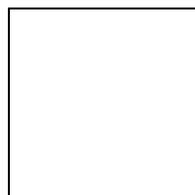
Seminars are held at 5 p.m. in the Seminar Room of the German Historical Institute.

Tea is served from 4.30 p.m. in the Common Room, and wine is available after the seminars.

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http://www.ghil.ac.uk/events_and_conferences/calendar_of_events.html



Call for Papers

Concluding conference of the AHRC Network

'After the Wall: Reconstructing and Representing the GDR'

**Remembering and Rethinking the GDR:
Multiple Perspectives and Plural Authenticities?**

8th-10th September 2010 – Bangor University

Twenty years since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the unification of Germany, the memory of the GDR is experiencing an ever increasing boom. As physical signs of German division disappear from the united landscape, new sites of memory are being created, ranging from consumer-orientated *Ostalgie* to the documentation of political oppression. The diversification of this memory landscape – in both content and form – and the conflicting nature of many narratives has led not only to a blurring of boundaries between history and memory ('myth') but also to a reappraisal of the longer-term legacy of the GDR in unified Germany.

This interdisciplinary conference sets out to question the ongoing tendency to categorise memories of the GDR into neat polar opposites (e.g. 'Alltag versus dictatorship' or 'perpetrator versus victim'). Whilst such concepts may partly be driven by public funding strategies, political narratives, or the demands of tourism, they are not always helpful in uncovering the multiple layers of memory and revealing the dynamic interplay between memory and history. We therefore particularly welcome papers which seek to question the polar opposites outlined above, and which challenge the dominant paradigms of discussion about GDR history. We hope that papers will suggest new ways of thinking about this past so as to do justice to what might be described as 'plural authenticities' and the multiple GDRs of the mind.

As the concluding event of the AHRC-funded interdisciplinary research network 'After the Wall', the conference also aims to foreground theoretical questions of memory, and to examine the interplay between form and memory. According to a number of memory theorists, the way societies choose to remember the past is necessarily influenced by the media they use to extend the limited range of individual memories. Contributors are thus encouraged to consider how different forms of remembrance may condition varied memories of the GDR past.

In keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of the network, contributions from any academic field are welcome. Papers may address – but are not limited to – the following themes:

- Reflections on the twentieth anniversary celebrations of 2009
- Public memory contests

- Autobiographical recollections
- Literary reflections
- Monuments, museums and material culture
- The GDR on screen
- Political interpretations of the GDR and the effect on contemporary party politics
- The periodisation of remembrance since 1989
- The politics of East German memory in unified Germany
- Commemorative acts
- Visual culture

Following the discursive nature of the Network, the organisers would like to encourage reflective papers which seek to challenge and question existing conceptions, rather than to present conclusive results. The aim is to allow ample time for discussion, which will help to shape contributions for an edited volume. Papers which are to be considered for the volume will be expected to engage with theoretical questions of memory.

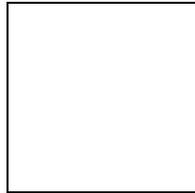
Contributors are asked to submit:

- a) a 300 word abstract
- b) a bullet-pointed list of the central questions which the paper seeks to ask (it is envisaged that these will be published on the website prior to the conference, in order to stimulate debate).

These should be submitted to Anna Saunders and Debbie Pinfold at afterthewall@bangor.ac.uk by **Monday 25 January 2010**. Papers may be given in English or German.

The 'After the Wall' network was established in January 2009 in order to examine the ways in which the East German past has been – and is being – reconstructed and represented since the demise of the GDR. The project is the result of collaboration between Bangor University and the University of Bristol, and is funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Further information can be found at: <http://afterthewall.bangor.ac.uk>.

Forthcoming Events



Call for Papers

The 2010 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting will be convened in Washington DC from 2nd – 5th September 2010. The IASGP has a reserved panel and we actively encourage members to submit ideas on what the theme of this panel might be. At the 2009 congress our panel was entitled ‘The German Federal Election of 2009’ so – in the name of variety – it is probably best not to concentrate too much on parties and elections in 2010! The IASGP Committee would like to hear from members who would be interested in taking the lead in organising the Association’s panel.

The APSA panel is a great opportunity to bring our work closer to a huge political science community and the Association is very keen to use it as a showcase event illustrating what it is that political scientists knowledgeable on Germany have to offer.

For UK-based members, if you are a PSA (Political Studies Association) member then you can also apply for a travel grant to help cover costs. See <http://www.psa.ac.uk/members/Overseas.htm>

Interested parties should contact Dan Hough (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk) by 1st December 2009.

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

Memorialisation in Germany since 1945

Bill Niven and Chloe E. M. Paver (eds.)

London: Palgrave, 2009 (ISBN: 978-023-020-7035)

Description

Difficult Past provides a lively, wide-ranging discussion of contemporary Germany's rich and complex memorial landscape. It contains chapters on the many memorials constructed both to German losses during the Second World War, to the victims of National Socialism and to those of GDR socialism. The volume provides up-to-date coverage of the most publicised memorials, while at the same time discussing many of those less well-known; it provides discussion of key memorial debates in Germany, and challenges established ways of thinking about memorials and memorial sites. Bringing together international scholars from across a range of disciplines, ensuring a breadth of perspective and approach, each analytical essay is written in an accessible style which will appeal to academics, students, and general public alike.

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Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

German Federalism in Transition: Reforms in a Consensual State

Carolyn Moore and Wade Jacoby (eds.)

London: Routledge, 2009 (ISBN: 978-0-415-56137-2)

Description

Federalism in Germany has come to be viewed as the root cause of the country's current economic and social malaise. The federal political system which contributed enormously to the economic success and political stability of West Germany is now said to be outdated, overburdened and unworkable. German federalism is now widely seen as being synonymous with *Reformstau* (reform blockage) and *Stillstand* (inertia). Critics argue that the system urgently needs to change if Germany is to continue to compete in the global system.

This major new text offers a unique scholarly evaluation of the major recent attempts to overhaul Germany's federal political architecture. It brings together thematic chapters by leading authorities on German federalism to provide a comprehensive assessment of the reform processes to date, their inception, scope, objectives and outputs. The contributions provide new insights into the dynamics of reform in key policy areas such as economic policy, Europe and the tax equalisation system, as well as in the institutional frameworks for decision-making. It will be essential reading for students of Germany, its politics, law and economics.

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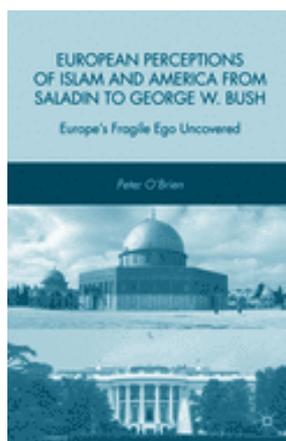
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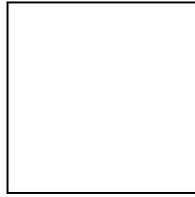


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Description

The study unearths in European writings about chief rivals -- Islamic civilization between the first Crusade in 1095 and the final Ottoman siege of Vienna in 1683, and the United States of America from independence in 1776 until the present -- persistent solicitude regarding Europe's capacity to lead the world. Intriguingly, however, this very self-doubt prompted the kind of intense introspection which helped, in the past, to forge seismic progressive reform movements such as the Renaissance, Reformation and Scientific Revolution that ultimately propelled Europe past a more inward-looking Islam and which, today, may very well be positioning a rapidly transforming Europe Union to counter the hegemony of a seemingly smug America. The study concludes that frail, if not low self-esteem has played a significant role in the formation of European identity.



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IASGP Funding Opportunities

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 Secretary.
- 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.

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