



Notes from the Chair

It is a great pleasure to be writing this, my first message as Chair of the Association and a particular privilege to be succeeding Charlie Jeffery in this position. In the annals of the Association, Charlie holds the unique distinction of being the only member to have served twice as Chair: from 1999-2002, and again from 2005-2008. And to say that Charlie has been influential over the almost twenty years that he has been involved in the leadership of the Association in various functions is, to put it mildly, something of an understatement. To pick out just two examples: it was he who first articulated the vision, almost ten years ago, of bringing together the US and UK subject groups under one umbrella, a vision which finally came to fruition in Edinburgh in 2007, and which has injected vital new momentum and direction into our combined activities. He was also the Association's lead negotiator over the future of our journal *German Politics*, and was instrumental in securing the outstanding deal we currently have in place with Taylor and Francis. Again, the importance of this cannot be overstated: our current arrangement both guarantees the long-term financial viability of the journal, and transforms our own financial position as an Association. It means that over the coming years we have the resources to invest proactively in our future as a subject group. In the current economic climate, we are therefore in an enviable position.

In recognition of his truly exceptional contribution to the Association, I am delighted that the 2008 AGM in St Paul voted unanimously to bestow the Association's highest honour on Charlie and to appoint him as Honorary Vice-President alongside Peter Pulzer, Gordon Smith and William Paterson. I know members will join me in congratulating Charlie and expressing our profound gratitude to him for his tireless work on the Association's behalf.

With Charlie's retirement as Chair, we also said goodbye to Lindsay Adams as Association administrator. Lindsay has become a household name for us since she came on board in 2005, and we are very grateful to her for her hard work over the past three years; we wish her well for the future. In her place, we welcome Hannah Peters as our new administrator: members will already have received emails from her and have a chance to meet her at both this year's Annual Conference and the election trip.

At the end of 2008, Kenneth Dyson also stepped down as one of the editors of *German Politics*, and Stephen Padgett relinquished the position of Managing Editor, although he remains on the team for the new period of office which began in January 2009. On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank them for their many years of service in their respective positions, which has helped to put the journal in the strong position it is today. In their place, Dan Hough has joined the team, and Thomas Saalfeld has taken over as Managing Editor.

The next three years promise to be both exciting and challenging for the Association. The fact that we remain secure in these turbulent financial times is down entirely to the strong market value of *German Politics*. Accordingly my top priority as Chair is to support the journal and its editorial team in continuing

its upward trajectory in terms of distribution and reputation. To this end, we will also need to consider how we present ourselves institutionally, especially in the United States, and this is something the Executive Committee will be addressing over the coming months. In the UK context, we must also ensure that our voice is heard in the debate over the future of research evaluation following the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE).

In the meantime, though, we have a packed programme of activities to plan for in 2009. As well as our regular panel at APSA in late August, we will in September for the first time be co-hosting a panel at the triennial congress of the *Deutsche Vereinigung für politische Wissenschaft* (DVPW) in Kiel. From 23-28 September, we will once again be in Berlin for our regular observation of the *Bundestagswahl*, which is due on 27 September 2009; initial information on this has already been distributed to members. And in October, the GSA will meet in Washington DC, giving us a first chance to reflect on the outcome of the election.

But first up, our annual conference is scheduled for 26-27 May at Aston University in Birmingham. I am delighted that we have another excellent programme of papers, including keynote presentations by Sebastian Harnisch (Heidelberg) on German foreign policy and Yasemin Karakasoglu (Bremen) on immigrant integration in Germany. I am also pleased to report that both Gisela Stuart MP, and old friend of the Association, and the German Ambassador to the UK, Georg Boomgaarden, will be attending and speaking at the annual dinner on 26 May. I hope very much to see you all there!

Professor Simon Green

IASGP Chair



35th Annual Conference

Aston University
Aston Triangle
Birmingham B4 7ET

26-27 May 2009

*The conference will be held in the University's conference centre, marked 6 on the Campus map
(<http://www1.aston.ac.uk/about/directions/>)*

Tuesday 26th May

Registration and Coffee 10h30 – 11h15

Welcome from the IASGP Chair 11h15 – 11h30

German EU Policy in a Changing World 11h30 – 13h00

Chair: Emil Kirchner (Essex)

Simon Bulmer (Sheffield) Shop till you drop? The German executive as venue-shopper in Justice and Home Affairs

Vladimir Handl (Prague) From Reconciliation to Divergence: 10 years after the German-Czech Declaration of 1997 and the uneven nature of Czech-German relations

Hristofor Hrisoskulov (Münster) The German EU Presidency and the Eastern Neighbourhood: German or European Foreign Policy?

LUNCH 13h00 – 14h00

Chair: Simon Green (Aston)

14h00 – 15h30

Yasemin Karakasoglu (Bremen)

Kritische Anmerkungen zur aktuellen Integrationsdebatte in Deutschland

COFFEE 15h30 – 16h00

Tuesday 26th May (cont.)

Institutions and Policy Outputs in Germany and Beyond

16h00 – 17h30

Chair: Stephen Padgett (Strathclyde)

Christopher Allen (Georgia) Ideas, Institutions and Organised Capitalism: Germany, Europe and 21st Century Path Dependent Economic Policy Models

Rory Shand (Sheffield) Comparison and Convergence: Comparative Politics and Multi-Level Governance in Brownfield Regeneration in the Thames Gateway and Berlin

IASGP Reception

17h30 onwards

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Aston Centre for Europe

19h30 onwards

ANNUAL DINNER

La Bastille Restaurant

220 Corporation Street (a short 5-minute walk on foot from the Aston campus)

See <http://www.labastille.co.uk/>)

After Dinner Speakers

**HE Georg Boomgaarden, German Ambassador to the Court of St James
Gisela Stuart, MP**

Guests of Honour

**Professor Julia King CBE, Vice-Chancellor, Aston University
Professor Pamela Moores, Executive Dean, School of Languages and Social Sciences, Aston
University**

Wednesday 27th May**Germany's Changing Party Politics****09h30 – 11h00**

Chair: Joanna McKay (Nottingham Trent)

Florian Hartleb (Chemnitz) Party-Based Euroscepticism in Western and Eastern Europe

Michael Koss (Potsdam) The Convergence of Party Funding Regimes in Western Europe: The German Regime as Convergence Type?

David Broughton (Cardiff) Klare Verhaeltnisse statt hessische Verhaeltnisse? The 'second round' of the Hessen Landtagswahl, January 2009

COFFEE**11h00 - 11h30**

Chair: Simon Green (Aston)

The German Politics Lecture
Sebastian Harnisch (Heidelberg)

11h30 – 13h00

The Politics of Domestication in Germany: A New Paradigm in German Foreign Policy?

LUNCH**13h00 – 14h00****Climate Change and Environmental Policy in the Berlin Republic****14h00 - 15h30**

Chair: Charles Lees (Sheffield)

Ingolfur Bluehdorn (Bath) Climate change and financial crisis: environmental policy in the Grand Coalition

Rainer Hillebrand (Birmingham) Renewable energies in Germany: efficient climate protection and industrial policy aims

COFFEE**15h30 - 15h45****Annual General Meeting of the IASGP****15h45 – 17h00**

Participants depart

17h00



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

Bookings received after 24th April 2009 will be subject to a £40 late booking fee
All registrations are binding

Please return this form (no matter how you intend to pay!) and your cheque (if indeed you are paying by cheque) to

**Dan Hough,
Arts C312
University of Sussex
Falmer, Brighton
BN1 9SN, UK**

Name:	
Affiliation:	
Address:	
Tel: E-mail:	
Dietary/Other Requirements:	
Payment Method (please circle)	Electronic Payment Cheque (by post) Pay at registration (i.e. on 26 May)
Signature and Date	

Category	Price	Tick as appropriate
STANDARD MEMBER Conference rate (26/27 May 2009, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£90.00	
GRADUATE/RETIRED MEMBER Conference rate (26/27 May 2009, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£60.00	
ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER (at La Bastille Restaurant)	£30.00	
Non-members – please add membership fee – Full rate £30.00 / Postgraduates - £7.50	£30/£7.50	
Total Payable		

There are three ways to pay your fee

OPTION 1

ONLINE

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

Sort code: **089299**

Account number: **65308242**

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

Bank branch details:

Co-operative Bank

P.O. Box 250

Delf House

Southway

Skelmersdale

WN8 6WT

****IMPORTANT**** Please put your name in the 'subject' section so that we know who the money is coming from!

OPTION 2**BY CHEQUE –**

Please enclose your cheque (to the IASGP) when submitting your registration form (above) to Dan Hough

OPTION 3

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

All enquiries should be addressed to Dan Hough at d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk

Hotel Recommendation

Aston University Conference Centre has overnight accommodation available for conference participants, priced at around £65. Information (including on how to reserve a place) is available at:

<http://www.abs.aston.ac.uk/conferenceaston/>

Birmingham, being Britain's second city, does of course have plenty of other hotel accommodation available. In particular, there is a Premier Inn (<http://www.premierinn.com/pti/hotelInformation.do?hotelId=23838>) located within a short walking distance of the campus.

Travel

Aston University is conveniently located in the centre of Birmingham, the UK's second city. It is a short (15-minute) walk to the University from the main rail station in Birmingham, Birmingham New Street. Birmingham airport is well-served by direct flights from across the UK and Europe, as well as daily direct services from Newark NJ and Philadelphia. From the airport, a taxi to the University will cost about £20 and take about 25 minutes.

For notes on how best to reach the conference venue, please follow this link.

<http://www1.aston.ac.uk/about/directions/>

Should you have any further queries, please do simply mail Dan Hough and he'll do his best to answer any questions.



IASGP Elections

Executive Committee, 2009-2010

Four IASGP members were elected to the Executive Committee in January 2009. All four will serve a two year term. The four successful candidates were

Professor Simon Bulmer

University of Sheffield, UK

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

Nicola Corkin

University of Birmingham, UK

<http://www.igs.bham.ac.uk/staff/corkin.shtml>

Dr. Michael Koß

University of Potsdam, Germany

http://www.uni-potsdam.de/db/ls_regierungssystem_brd/index.php?article_id=343&clang=0

Professor Jonathan Olsen

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

<http://uwp.edu/~olsenj/>

Congratulations to all four successful candidates!



The IASGP's 2009 Election Trip

The IASGP's 2009 election trip looks like being as popular as ever. As previously announced via email, the 2009 event will begin early on the morning of Thursday 24th September and will draw to a close on the morning of Monday 28th September. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) has been very generous in supporting the IASGP's election trip and we are pleased to announce that participants will be able to enjoy a subsidy of £600 (US and non-European based members) or £300 (European – with the exception of Germany itself – based scholars). There will be a 'graduate fund' to further assist postgraduate students in attending. German-based scholars will also be able to make a case for support should they wish to apply for any. In order to qualify for a subsidy participants must be fully paid up members of the IASGP and they must also stay with the group in the hotel Sylter Hof (<http://www.sylterhof-berlin.de/>).

Details of the programme will be announced over the summer, but it is expected that – as usual – the group will enjoy discussions with representatives of each of the parliamentary parties, as well as Forsa. There will also be a couple of other social events on the calendar. Keep an eye on the Association's website for more details.

We do, however, need to know how many members are looking to come on the trip as soon as possible. Should you need further information on the trip beforehand then please contact IASGP Secretary Dan Hough (d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk). If you know that you are intending to participate, then please fill in the form below and return to the IASGP's new administrator, Hannah Peters (hp51@sussex.ac.uk) at the University of Sussex.

The trip is likely to be over-subscribed, so it makes a great deal of sense to get your form in early. Ultimately, we may have to apply a first come first served rule so we have introduced a deadline for all applications to come on the trip to be submitted by. The deadline is **31st May 2009**.

Dan Hough
IASGP Secretary



IASGP Election Trip 2009

Thursday 24th September – Monday 28th September 2009

Registration Form

Name:	
Institutional Affiliation:	
Postal Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone:	
Date likely to be arriving:	
Date likely to be departing:	
Number of nights in Hotel Sylter Hof	5
Other comments/points of note	

Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members

Green Parties in Transition *The End of Grass-roots Democracy?*



Edited by E. Gene Frankland, Paul Lucardie and Benoît Rihoux
London: Ashgate, 2008 (ISBN: 978-0-7546-7429-0)

Description

When green parties emerged in the 1980s, not only did they question established ideas about nature and economic growth, they also challenged the ‘iron law’ of Roberto Michels that all parties inevitably follow a similar path towards informal concentration of power and oligarchy. Grass-roots democracy was both an ideological tenet and an organizational project for practically all green parties. These days the greens have lost their glamour and innocence. They have grown up and even joined governing coalitions in several countries. Did they leave grass-roots democracy by the roadside on the way to power?

This book investigates to what extent green parties have remained true to their identity or have been transformed. Country specialists analyze the development of green parties in 14 countries across the world – not only Western Europe but also Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. These analyses also offer clues on broader questions about party types and party change in contemporary democracies.

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The Changing Faces of Citizenship Integration and Mobilization among Ethnic Minorities in Germany



Joyce Marie Mushaben
London: Berghahn, 2008 (ISBN: 978-1-84545-453-1)

Description

In contrast to most migration studies that focus on specific “foreigner” groups in Germany, this study simultaneously compares and contrasts the legal, political, social, and economic opportunity structures facing diverse categories of the ethnic minorities who have settled in the country since the 1950s. It reveals the contradictory, and usually self-defeating, nature of German policies intended to keep “migrants” out—allegedly in order to preserve a German *Leitkultur* (with which very few of its own citizens still identify). The main barriers to effective integration—and socioeconomic revitalization in general—sooner lie in the country’s obsolete labor market regulations and bureaucratic procedures. Drawing on local case studies, personal interviews, and national surveys, the author describes “the human faces” behind official citizenship and integration practices in Germany, and in doing so demonstrates that average citizens are much more multi-cultural than they realize.

Professor William E. Paterson



As many of you will know, Professor William E. Paterson – former Chairman of the IASGP and one of the founding editors of the journal *German Politics* – recently retired from his position as Director of the Institute for German Studies (IGS) at the University of Birmingham, UK. Many of his friends and colleagues none the less doubt whether “retire” is genuinely in his vocabulary, and Willie is sure to remain active within the IASGP and broader community of scholars for a fair while yet!

Professor Paterson began his academic career as a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at the University of Aberdeen and later moved to the University of Warwick as a Volkswagen Lecturer where, after a number of years, he was promoted to a Professorship in Politics. In 1990 he returned home to his native Scotland, and to the University of Edinburgh, where he was appointed Salvesen Professor of European Institutions and Director of its Europa Institute.

From 1994 - 2005, and again from 2006 to 2008, Willie was Professor of German Politics and Director of the IGS. Under his leadership, the IGS developed into a dedicated centre of research excellence, with a thriving postgraduate community, which has made a major contribution to British-German relations and policy debates. Even though Willie is now a gentleman of leisure, he remained unable to cut from academic life completely, taking up an honorary research professorship in German and European politics at Aston University in 2009.

Professor Paterson was in many ways a unique figure. And this not just because of his own wide and varied research interests and contributions to many aspects of UK-German relations, Germany’s role in Europe, the study of Germany’s political parties and a host of contributions in other areas. Willie also had a profound and lasting effect on those who worked with him in Warwick, Edinburgh and also in Birmingham. In view of his unique contribution, we thought it apt to print his final speech as Director of the IGS in Birmingham on 8th January 2009 ...

**Professor William E. Paterson,
University of Birmingham, UK
8th January 2009**

“Recently Rob Burns, Professor of German at Warwick said “I do so enjoy coming to your annual retirement dos’ so let me assure you this is probably my last! My son-in-law Tom describes the typical academic conversation as one in which the academic talks for 45 minutes about himself and then turns to his partner and says “That’s enough from me; what do you think about me?’ This order has been reversed today and I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their kind words. On matters academic, it is difficult not to be amused by the chutzpah of UK economists who in a year when even the Queen has raised an eyebrow about their collective failure to anticipate the current financial meltdown awarding themselves the second highest Grade Point Average in the recent RAE.

In retrospect I have been fortunate in my academic career in the places I have worked and the historical timing. In a sense I was fortunate to get a start. In those days patronage played a great role and Frank Bealey, Professor at Aberdeen, and an LSE graduate like myself, phoned up Geoffrey Goodwin, the Professor of International Relations at LSE, and a man with quite a gruff and forbidding military manner. In response to Frank’s enquiry, Geoffrey Goodwin replied that they did indeed have someone who was academically able but ‘dour and monosyllabic’. I have spent my academic career trying to live up to the first part of the statement and disprove the second. I suspect that there would be general agreement that I had been more successful in the second aim.

Timing was propitious as my initial appointment coincided with a huge expansion. There was then (in the 1980s) a period of quite stringent cuts when academics were becalmed. I count myself really fortunate to have spent two decades in the Warwick Politics Department. How restricted these times were is illustrated by the fact that for over a decade Richard Gillespie was the only appointment the department made. In this period of almost total immobility ‘the lunch club’, where a number of us met daily to argue about a huge range of issues, assumed a great importance in our lives. So much so in my case that in order to compete with its dominant spirit, Lincoln Allison, it was my habit to eat my sandwiches beforehand. From 1989 until now there has been a huge expansion of professorial posts and I moved in these years from Warwick to Edinburgh to Birmingham.

In a wider sense I benefited greatly from the post-1989 changes. Here I must record my indebtedness to John Major for his decision to locate the British EU summit in Edinburgh. On the back of that decision I embarked together with Drew Scott and Wolfram Kaiser on a flurry of activity which included events with Delors, Kohl and Gorbachev, co-launching the Lothian Lecture Series and the 30th anniversary conference of the JCMS that really established the Europa Institute internationally. Indeed, on the Monday after the summit someone in the rather somnolent staff club inadvertently tapped their cup with a spoon and legend has it that I was up on my feet and had given the amazed lawyers ten minutes of my ‘Europe – the Great Adventure’ speech before I was persuaded with some reluctance to show some mercy.

The great change which transformed my professional life was German unity which radically increased interest in German politics. My success in raising money in Edinburgh had come to the attention of a south coast university not unadjacent to France, and I was invited down for a preliminary interview about the vacant vice chancellorship. I did think that given Sir Christopher Mallaby, a long time ally, was Ambassador in Paris, it might have been possible (on the model of Warwick) to turn the geographical situation to my advantage and raise resources by interesting French business. There was, however, a great clarifying moment when one of the interviewers asked why I wanted to give up being a full-time academic when my rate of publication had increased exponentially since 1990. From that point I have never wavered in my desire to concentrate on the study of this new Germany, its politics and economics, and I

therefore accepted the invitation of the DAAD and the University of Birmingham to become the Founding Director of the Institute for German Studies.

Before I turn to these years I can perhaps say a few words about wider activities. After the shock of my first wife Jackie's death in 1974, I was left with two young sons under four and it was not clear what the future might hold. At that point perceiving my situation, Martin Kolinsky suggested a joint edited project on social movements and set in train a pattern of collaboration which has persisted till now and which in a real sense proved a turning point. When I came to Birmingham. David Marsh in the FT described me as 'by nature a collaborator' which I took to be a compliment. I like to think that something born of necessity yielded useful results and I am very grateful to my collaborators who are too numerous to mention individually but with none of whom I have fallen out and many of whom are here today. Although all of my collaborators have been uniformly excellent, I owe most to Simon Bulmer who has exercised and continues to exercise an enormous and continuing influence on my thinking. In relation to the old Federal Republic, I valued enormously working with Gordon Smith and our joint edited production 'The West German Model' is something of which I am still proud. In a wider context working with Wyn Grant on our 'Government and the Chemical Industry in Britain and Germany' ESRC project was another especially valuable collaboration. Comparative social democracy, on which I cooperated at various times from the mid seventies onwards, with Ian Campbell, Alastair Thomas, Richard Gillespie and Stephen Padgett has been a career long interest.

This collaborative bent was expressed in co-founding the journal *German Politics* and co-editing the *Journal of Common Market Studies* with Jim Rollo and, at different times, I co-founded (with Geoffrey Roberts) and chaired the Association for the Study of German Politics. I also chaired UACES where it proved possible to negotiate a very generous contract with Blackwells for the production of the Journal of Common Market Studies which secured the financial future of the association. In relation to the ASGP, I have been delighted to see the way in which Charlie Jeffery and now Simon Green have taken the ASGP to a higher plane of collaboration together with our close American friends in the association. I also invested a lot of effort in the Research Priorities Board of the ESRC and initiated an unprecedented number of programmes with a political science and European focus. The last academic activity I should like to mention is participating on the Editorial Board of *International Affairs* under its incomparable Editor, Caroline Soper.

One of the great collaborations of my life has been with Steven Kennedy, publisher *sans pareil*. The centre point of our collaboration has been the European Union Studies Series where Steven brought together the late Vincent Wright, Neill Nugent and myself. From the outset I found working with Steven challenging since no other publisher takes such a determined influence in all aspects of book production. However, I none the less came very quickly to see just how valuable his input was. Neill Nugent, an incomparable editor, has tolerated my less ordered temperament and together with Michelle Egan, a leading US Europeanist and former Warwick student, we founded a new series; Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics. Outside the European Union Series my principal collaboration with Steven was in the *New Developments in German Politics* Series. My memory is that the idea was originally Gordon Smith's and Gordon, myself and later Stephen Padgett co-edited what was a very widely used series. Through Steven I met Alison Howson, an Oxford German graduate and Alison conceived and guided this new series and was central to a third series; 'New Perspectives in German Studies', which I co-edited with the late Michael Butler. This series has now been refounded as the New Perspectives in German Political Studies edited by Charlie Jeffery and myself. While Alison was on extended leave her place was filled by Amy Lankester-Owen – a whirlwind of purposeful activity. Working with the Palgrave team has been a privilege.

Birmingham and UK–German Relations

Another great collaboration has been with the DAAD and the University of Birmingham in building up the IGS. Here I am enormously grateful to Christian Bode, Dorothea Fitterling, Gisela Schneider and Annette Julius in Bonn and Britta Baron, Christiane Ebel-Gabriel, Sebastian Fohrbeck, Nina Lemmens, Antje Schlamm and Andreas Hoeschen in London. I regard the collaboration with the DAAD as the high point of my professional life. I had had a previous collaboration with the DAAD whose support for the ASGP from its foundation in terms of conferences and election trips has been fundamental. It has been a continual pleasure to work with an organisation of such high professional standards and which takes such trouble to make partnerships work. In that context the DAAD has invested a great deal of effort in building a network of centres of excellence. The IGS was the first to be established outside the United States and it was a huge privilege for me to work with the other founding directors, Sam Barnes (Georgetown) the late Gerry Feldman (Berkeley) and Charlie Maier (Harvard); three figures at the absolute peak of world scholarship. Subsequently, I have enjoyed working with a whole range of new centres as the network has expanded. It has been an especial pleasure also to work on a number of projects with the absolutely unique Jackson Janes at AICGS. At the University of Birmingham I am deeply grateful for the unceasing support of the former Vice Principal David Westbury and former Registrar David Holmes.

I am also deeply grateful to all the members of the Institute for German Studies. In the founding years Eric Owen-Smith, Michael Kaser, Peter Pulzer and John Roper contributed greatly to the IGS through their teaching as Visiting Professors. The axial relationship in the IGS for the first decade was that between Charlie Jeffery and myself. Charlie bought into my original vision with gusto and his extraordinary dedication and brilliance meant that together we were able to continually expand on it. My total confidence in Charlie meant that from 1995 -1999, I was able to devote a huge amount of time to the ESRC, secure in the knowledge of my total confidence in Charlie and his role at the IGS.

On that basis we were able to secure a continual expansion in the number of staff at the IGS. Our key areas were Germany and the EU which was a major focus for Charlie, myself and now Carolyn Moore. Over a long period Vladimir Handl has been to our great benefit closely associated with us. In Germany, we cooperated very closely with the Institut fuer Europaische Politik, Hanns Maull and Sebastian Harnisch at Trier, Gunther Hellmann in Frankfurt and Josef Janning and the CAP. Our other major focus was on Germany and security studies the field of Adrian Hyde-Price and Kerry Longhurst. Interestingly and in a way reflective of the collegial atmosphere of the IGS, the work of the two areas has been seen from outside by Jim Sperling as 'the Birmingham School' though he added Simon Bulmer into the mix. This is I think a shrewd judgement about Simon's influence. Simon Green focussed on German domestic politics and immigration and a final and innovative area was the German economy where we were very lucky to have had Jens Hoelscher, Lothar Funk, Ruediger Wink, Heiko Fritz and Rainer Hillebrand as DAAD Senior Fellows.

For me the IGS has proved to be a site for further intensive intellectual collaboration. Firstly with Charlie Jeffery and Simon Bulmer on Germany and the EU, and then with Dan Hough, James Sloam and Marcin Zabarovski on a Leverhulme Project on policy and programmatic transfer in post communist Europe. This project allowed me to revisit my long established interest in German social democracy, a topic on which I had cooperated with Stephen Padgett and where I now work together with James Sloam. In the more recent period my work has been concentrated on working with Simon Green and a team of leading experts on exploring Peter Katzenstein's concept of semi sovereignty in a post unity context. It was a huge gain in the context of that project to refresh my friendship with Peter Katzenstein and Wolfgang Streeck with whom I have collaborated further. I have just published an edited book with Alister

Miskimmon and James Sloam on the recent challenges to the German Model which Gordon and I had celebrated in our conceptualisation of a West German Model

The IGS was set up to provide a successor generation in the study of Germany in the UK and a central value of the IGS was the close involvement of our doctoral students in all our scholarly endeavours. We are enormously proud of the achievements of our doctoral students and the way in which so many of them – too many to list individually have already made such a contribution to the study of German politics and economics. It seems especially fitting that today coincides with an oral examination of our doctoral student, Laura Chappell by Emil Kirchner

One especially admirable tradition in the University of Birmingham is the way that it has involved some of the best and brightest of the FCO in our affairs. The contribution of Julian Bullard, Christopher Mallaby and Paul Lever to the IGS has been immeasurable. I am also personally grateful to Sir John Kerr for his support for the ERI bid.

The achievement of German Unity and the sometimes ambivalent responses in the UK have guided my wider public activities. This ambivalence provides part of the explanation for a certain tone deafness in relation to the symbolic dimension of UK–German relations displayed on occasions by UK governments. Conscious through Koenigswinter of the bruised feelings held by many Germans in relation to the reaction of the UK Government to German Unity, I responded in a laudatio for Willy Brandt on behalf of the University of Warwick and I invited Helmut Kohl to an Honorary Degree Ceremony at Edinburgh University as I judged it important that someone expressed a positive view of German Unity directly to the German Chancellor. It helped that Christopher Mallaby was our ambassador in Bonn.

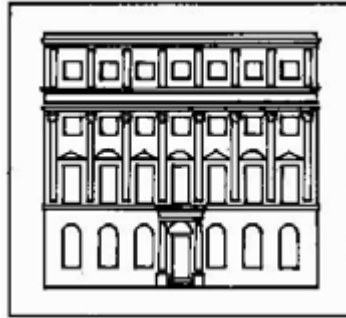
Since the mid-1990s, I have been intensively engaged with the Koenigswinter Conference. Working with Sir Nigel Broomfield, Maxine Vlieland, Jackie Newbury, Alan Watson, Paul Lever, Edwina Moreton, Gisela Stuart, Timothy Garden, our German partners and the whole Koenigswinter family has been a great privilege. Concerned by the overheated rhetoric of UK–German relations, David Marsh founded the German British Forum in 1995 to provide a sensible counterweight and I was happy to be involved. A particular highlight for me was the conference we held in November in Hamburg to mark the 90th birthday of Helmut Schmidt, which allowed us to reflect on the financial crisis and pay appropriate tribute to the most distinguished post-war European leader .

The final great collaboration is my marriage to Phyllis and the united family that she has created. Without that nothing else would have been possible. It may have felt to them all as if the Rhine flowed through our sitting room but they put up with that and my many eccentricities without complaint. I am hugely proud of them all”.

William E. Paterson

Forthcoming Events

GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE LONDON



Forthcoming Seminars and Lectures

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. Seminar papers are normally presented in English; knowledge of the German language is not necessary for participation.

Seminars - Summer 2009

12 May

PD Dr. GABRIELE LINGELBACH (FREIBURG)

Philanthropic Germans? Forms and Developments of Charitable Giving in West Germany, 1945 to the early 1980s

2 June

PROFESSOR MACGREGOR KNOX (LONDON)

Sonderwege or 'Parentheses'? The German and Italian Roads to Ruin, 1914-45

30 June

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The Stout Doctor: Martin Luther and Biography

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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Forthcoming Events

Call for Papers

Debatte

Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe

“1989-2009: The East European Revolutions in Perspective”

Conference announcement and call for papers and panel proposals

Location and date

London, 17-18 October 2009.

Keynote speakers

Caroline Humphrey, Boris Kagarlitsky, Gáspár Miklós Tamas, Peter Gowan, Alex Callinicos, Bernd Gehrke, Catherine Samary.

Deadline for abstracts and panel proposals

22 June, 2009.

Rationale

Debatte is marking the twentieth anniversary of the revolutionary upheavals of 1989 by inviting scholars and students of Central and Eastern Europe to reflect upon the events of that year, their causes and processes, and the ensuing transformation of the region.

In line with *Debatte's* credo, the conference encourages critical and inter-disciplinary contributions. Especially welcome are papers that:

- examine the part played by social movements in overthrowing regimes and bringing about democratic change;
- explore the power relations involved in the post-1989 restructuring of Central and Eastern Europe;
- look afresh at the seminal contributions and debates in this area of research;
- investigate ways in which research on 1989 and the transition has affirmed, deconstructed or challenged dominant ideological conventions.

Papers and panel proposals

A panel proposal should be no longer than 500 words, and should include the panel convenor's full name and e-mail address, as well names and e-mail addresses of at least two other panel participants.

Contacts

For updates go to <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/0965156X.asp>

Questions, as well as submissions of panel proposals and abstracts, should be directed to Gareth Dale, <gareth.dale@brunel.ac.uk>



Other News

IASGP Funding Opportunities

The IASGP executive committee decided at its February 2008 meeting to offer 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 (i.e. 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.

Dan Hough

IASGP Secretary



Lectureship in European/German Politics School of Social Sciences

Applications are invited for the above post within the Politics discipline. The successful candidate will be attached to the European Politics Research Unit (EPRU).

Applicants must have, or be about to complete, a PhD and have a research and teaching interest in the field of EU and/or German politics. Applicants must be prepared to teach both undergraduate and postgraduate modules in European politics and, as required, make appropriate teaching and administrative contributions across Politics.

The position is tenable from 1 October 2009 for nine months

Salary; £32,458 - £35,469 p.a.

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