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Faculty of Advocates, Royal Mile, Edinburgh

29th - 30th May 2007

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Tuesday, 29 May 2007

10:00 – 10:45 Registration and Coffee
10:45 – 11:00 Introductions
11:00 – 12:30 Parallel Sessions I (2 Panels)

**PANEL I**

*German Federalism in the 21st Century*

Chair: Rosanne Palmer (Cardiff)

Wolfgang Renzsch (Magdeburg) – Federalism Reform Stage II: Money, Money, Money

**PANEL II**

*Parties and Party Systems II*

Chair: Stephen Padgett (Strathclyde)

Kai Arzheimer (Essex) – In the eye of the beholder. Citizens’ images of parties and the party system in Germany

Lothar Probst (Bremen) – Grand Coalitions in Post-Unification Germany: Evidence of Structural Change in the German Party System?

David Broughton (Cardiff) – German Parties and Public Opinion

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12:30 – 13:45 Lunch

(Executive Committee meeting during lunch)

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

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15:15 – 15:45 Coffee

15:45 – 17:15 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*

17:15 Transfer to University of Edinburgh for evening events

17:30 - 18:30 Annual General Meeting of the Association

18:30 Reception

19:30 Annual Dinner

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

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**Katarzyna Makowska** (Birmingham) – Defining Germany’s ‘Special Relationship’ with France  
**Jeremy Leaman** (Loughborough) and **Fotios Mavromatidis** (Loughborough) – Germany and the Balkans: Hegemony by Default or Hegemony by Design?  
| *Parties and Party Systems III*  
Chair: **David Broughton** (Cardiff)  
**Christian Schweiger** (Durham) – The end of the *Volkspartei*? Changes in the German Party System under the current Grand Coalition  
**Christian Junge** (Göttingen/Columbia, NY) – 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  
**Mike Adkins** (Birmingham) – Party-Based Euroscepticism in Germany |

**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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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*

17.00  Closing remarks by Ingo Radcke, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Edinburgh, followed by drinks reception

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