



36TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Goethe Institute
50 Princes Gate, Exhibition Road
London, SW7 2PH

24-25 May 2010

Monday 24th May

Registration and Coffee 10h15 – 10h45
Welcome from the IASGP Chair 10h45 – 11h00

Challenges to German federalism 11h00 – 12h30

Chair: Carolyn Rowe (University of Birmingham)

Charlie Jeffery (University of Edinburgh)
The New Territorial Politics of German Federalism; Perspectives from Below

Julia von Blumenthal (Humboldt University, Berlin)
Federalism and cultural diversity in Germany: The case of the Islamic headscarf

LUNCH at the Polish Club ('Ognisko'), 55 Exhibition Road, South Kensington, SW7 2PN (see <http://www.ognisko.com/>) 12h30 – 13h30

Germany's Changing Social Market Economy 13h30 – 15h00

Chair: tba

Lothar Funk (University of Applied Sciences, Düsseldorf)
Change and Stability in Germany's Social Market Economy; Driving Forces Catalysts and Critical Junctures

Friedbert Rüb (Humboldt University, Berlin)
The Political Economy of the German Welfare State

Ingolfur Bluehdorn (University of Bath)
Green New Deal and Green New Social Contract: Alliance 90/Greens, an Avant Garde of what?

COFFEE 15h00 – 15h15

German Foreign Policy in Transition

15h15 – 17h00

Chair: tba

Adrian Hyde-Price (Bath)

Explaining the German Enigma: Neoclassical Realism and German Foreign Policy

Yoola Kim (Bonn University)

Evolution of German Foreign Policy: Case Studies from out-of-area involvements from 1991-2001

Vladimir Handl (Institute of International Relations, Prague)

German response to American 'reset' in relations with Russia: more bilateralism or Europeanisation?

Katja Mirwaldt (University of Strathclyde)

Meeting the neighbours: Germans' trans-national relationships in the borderless Europe

COFFEE

17h00 – 17h15

The German Politics Lecture

17h15 – 18h30

Reimut Zohlnhoefer (University of Bamberg)

Between a rock and a hard place; German responses to the economic crisis

IASGP Reception

18h30 onwards

20h00 onwards

ANNUAL DINNER

Gay Hussar

2 Greek Street, London, W1D 4NBT

<http://www.gayhussar.co.uk/index.asp>

Tuesday 25th May

The 2009 German Election

09h15 – 10h45

Chair: Hans Rattinger (University of Mannheim)

Jan Eric Blumenstiel (GESIS Mannheim) and Ossip Fürnberg (GESIS Mannheim)

The German electoral system – a black box? Political knowledge and its consequences on voting behavior in the 2009 Bundestag election

Thorsten Faas (University of Mannheim) and Jürgen Maier (University of Koblenz-Landau)

Yet another miniature campaign. The 2009 televised debate

Markus Steinbrecher (University of Mannheim)

Heavy is the head that wears the crown. How the Germans make up their mind in a federal election campaign

COFFEE

10h45 – 11h15

Second Order Elections in Contemporary Germany

11h15 – 12h30

Chair: Michael Koß (University of Potsdam)

Sandra Brunsbach, Stefanie John, Andrea Volkens and Annika Werner (WZB Berlin)

The supply side of second order elections – comparing German national and European election manifestos

Manuela Kulick (GESIS, Mannheim) and Johannes Blumenberg (University of Heidelberg)

The beloved traitor; Oskar Lafontaine and voting behaviour at the Saarland *Land* election of August 2009

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12h30 – 13h30

Voting, Non-Voting and Political Participation in German Federal Elections 13h30 – 14h45

Chair: Stephen Padgett (University of Strathclyde)

Martin Elff (University of Essex)

Disenchanted workers, selective abstention and the electoral defeat of social democracy in Germany

Ross Campbell (Glasgow Caledonian University)

The legacy of socialism and political participation: A barrier to inner unity?

COFFEE 14h45 – 15h00**Aspects of Public Policy in Contemporary Germany 15h00 – 16h30**

Chair: tba

Karsten Mause (University of Bremen)

Exploring determinants of public-private partnerships: do partisan and fiscal factors matter across German states?

Rory Shand (University of Sheffield)

Comparison and communities; convergence in the roles of community actors in regeneration in the UK and Germany

Sadiqa Riazat (University of Bangor, Wales)

Social Reproduction in Contemporary German Social Policy: A Case of (Re)Privatization?

Participants depart **16h45**



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Bookings received after 21st April 2010 will be subject to a £40 late booking fee
All registrations are binding

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Signature and Date	

Category	Price	Tick as appropriate
STANDARD MEMBER Conference rate (24/25 May 2010, includes registration fee, two lunches, refreshments and reception)	£95.00	
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER (at the Gay Hussar, http://www.gayhussar.co.uk/index.asp). Please note that there are 40 places available, first come first served.	£30.00	
Non-members – please add membership fee; Full rate £30.00 / Postgraduates - £7.50	£30/£7.50	
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All enquiries should be addressed to Dan Hough at d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk

Hotel Recommendation

London has a plethora of hotels to suit more or less every price range. In previous years participants at IASGP conferences have used the Diplomat Hotel in Belgravia (two or three underground stops away from the conference venue). The rates are seen as generally being quite competitive. The address of the Diplomat is;

The Diplomat Hotel
2 Chesham Street
Belgravia SW1X 8DT
London
England
Email: diplomat.hotel@btinternet.com

The hotel's website is <http://www.btinternet.com/~diplomat.hotel/>

Travel

London now has five (!) airports from which one can get into the centre of the city (relatively) easily; Heathrow, Gatwick, London City, (London) Stansted and (London) Luton. *Heathrow* has the best array of international flights, and the conference venue (in South Kensington) is easily accessible either via the high speed train link to London Paddington or via the Piccadilly Line (underground). The train link to Paddington is quick (15 minutes), but pricey (£16.50 single, £32 return if booked online). You'll also have to take the tube from Paddington to South Kensington (£4.50) or hop in a cab. The underground connection from Heathrow is direct although it takes longer (45 minutes). It is, however, much cheaper (£4.50 single).

Gatwick, despite its distance from central London (it's about 30 miles north of Brighton), will also enable you to get to the conference speedily. You can either take the Gatwick Express to Victoria or the slower 'Southern' service (also direct to Victoria). The Gatwick Express takes 20 minutes, but is expensive (£16.90 single or £28.70 return). The 'Southern' service takes longer (30-40 minutes) but can be considerably cheaper. Check on www.thetrainline.com for more details. South Kensington is a couple of stops on the underground (Circle or District lines) from Victoria.

London City airport is to be found in the east end of the city, and has a number of city hopper connections to other parts of the UK as well as to selected European cities. The easiest link from City is via the 'London City Airport' station on Docklands Light Railway to 'Bank' underground station (20-25 minutes). There is a direct link from 'Bank/Monument' to South Kensington on the District Line (20 mins) and the entire journey costs £4.50 (single).

London Luton is well served by value (code for cheap) airlines such as EasyJet and Flybe. Train connections from Luton Airport Parkway to St Pancras take 30-45 minutes (depending on connection) and cost £13.50 single or £23 return. St Pancras is an underground journey away from South Kensington (£4.50, changing at Green Park). There are also a couple of bus links from outside the terminal at Luton into central London; Green Line's service (bus 757) takes 90 minutes and costs £14 single, £19 return. There's also an 'Easybus' service for those who've flown EasyJet direct to Victoria bus station (90 minutes, although allow longer) that will be cheaper.

London Stansted is one of Ryan Air's key hubs, and carriers such as Air Berlin and GermanWings also fly there frequently. There is an (alleged) high speed train link into Liverpool Street (45-55 minutes, £18 single, £26.70 return). There are also two decent bus links – National Express charge £10 single and £17 return (journey time 90 minutes, although again allow longer), whilst 'Terravision' charge £9 single, £14 return (same journey time). Both go direct to Victoria coach station.