



## Notes from the Chair

2008 has been a very busy year for the Association. And also a very productive one! As I set out in a report (which Dan Hough will no doubt circulate to any member who didn't receive it the first time round) that I wrote for the AGM of the Association in St Paul in October, we have now finalised our new contractual arrangement with Taylor and Francis. The new terms negotiated are extremely beneficial to the Association. They will continue to ensure that the IASGP remains on a strong financial footing and will also enable us to continue to work with one of the most significant publishers in the market.

I am also pleased to report that the first IASGP Annual General Meeting to take place in the USA went very well. We have placed the minutes of the meeting on the members section of the Association's website; again, if you have any problems accessing them then please let one of Dan Hough, Carolyn Moore or Lindsay Adams know and they will help you out.

Through 2007-08 I also served on the GSA's Program Committee (as PolSci convenor). Although the IASGP enjoyed a strong presence within the PolSci section of the GSA conference, the overall response was relatively disappointing, with 14 panels/round tables in the PolSci category (and a few others in other categories with IASGP-relevant content). We may wish to reflect on why the response was a modest one. Much may have to do with venue: St Paul may be a less attractive city for transatlantic visitors than some the GSA has visited. Hopefully Washington in 2009 will prove more attractive.

The IASGP does also have an institutional presence at APSA through the inherited annual panel for the old Conference Group on German Politics. Although relatively few IASGP members attend APSA, there is clear scope for a panel at the 2009 event – in Toronto in early September – on party system developments and the 2009 election (which will take place three weeks later). If any members are interested in participating, please let Dan Hough know. The IASGP will also have a presence (in the form of an IASGP-sponsored panel) at the triennial DVpW-Kongress in Kiel, 21-25 September 2009. Again, should members wish to know more about this then please contact Dan Hough and/or watch for further email communications. Indeed, September 2009 promises to be a very busy month indeed as plans are already afoot for the IASGP's election trip. Details to follow when they have been finalised.

This is my final Message from the Chair. My term ends in December 2008, and with that will end nineteen years on the IASGP Executive Committee. The Association has always managed to combine scholarly excellence with being one of the most convivial and welcoming forums I have known in academic life. It has been a great honour to serve the Association over this period, and is a sadness to step down. I would like to wish my successor, Professor Simon Green, all the best, and to thank him, the other colleagues on the executive committee, and in particular the two other officers, Dan Hough and Carolyn Moore, for all their support over the last three years.

Finally, I was surprised and delighted at St Paul when the AGM voted to make me an Honorary Vice-President of the Association. I am very honoured indeed!

**Professor Charlie Jeffery**

**IASGP Chair**



## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

School of Languages and Social Sciences

Aston University

Aston Triangle

Birmingham, B4 7ET, UK

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

*Aston University in Birmingham*

*26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

The ISGP is pleased to announce that the Association's annual conference will take place at Aston University in Birmingham from 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009. 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 upcoming 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](mailto:d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk)) is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

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

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



## IASGP Elections

### *Chair, 2009-2011*

Congratulations to Professor Simon Green (Aston) who has been elected unopposed as IASGP Chair for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011. A special thanks are in order to the outgoing Chair, Professor Charlie Jeffery (Edinburgh), for the magnificent work that he has done in expanding the profile and reach of the Association during his term in office. The 2008 AGM that took place in Minneapolis/St Paul in October unanimously supported the motion that Professor Jeffery be made an Honorary Vice-President of the Association to recognise his efforts on behalf of the Association over the years.

### *Executive Committee, 2009-2010*

There were six nominations for the four vacant positions on the IASGP's Executive Committee. See below for details on each of the candidates. The virtual polling booths will be open until 21<sup>st</sup> November 2008. Each member of the Association is entitled to cast four votes. Votes can be best cast by logging into the members section of the IASGP website ([www.iasgp.org](http://www.iasgp.org)). Should members not be sure of their login details, then they are requested to mail Lindsay Adams ([lindsay.adams@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lindsay.adams@blueyonder.co.uk)) and she will arrange for the details to be mailed over as soon as is possible. The four candidates with the most votes will be elected.



**New Chair of the IASGP, Professor Simon Green (left), and outgoing Chair Professor Charlie Jeffery**

## *Candidates and Candidate Statements*

The six candidates are (in alphabetical order) ...

**Professor Simon Bulmer**

**University of Sheffield, UK**

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

After a period where I was not centrally working on German politics, I have now resumed research on the subject, specifically on Germany and the European Union. I am consequently very interested in the development of the IASGP. I was a member of the ASGP Executive (1988-92) and ran a research group on German public policy. I am able to draw on a wide range of experience in academia ranging from journal editor (*Journal of Common Market Studies*), research centre director and head of department (Manchester University), graduate director (University of Sheffield) and member of the Economic and Social Research Council's Training and Development Board. I would wish to draw on this experience to contribute to ensuring the new IASGP maximises its potential as the pre-eminent academic network for students of German politics.

**Nicola Corkin**

**University of Birmingham, UK**

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

My interest in the IASGP lies in trying to improve a grad student network as well as preserving the current familial atmosphere within the organisation. I believe it to be important that graduate students are involved in the association more than is the case at the moment. The association should be a forum where grad students can exchange ideas, discuss issues and to have a possibility to contact each other in order to organise possible events. The revival of a postgraduate prize, the paper competition and an internet forum for postgrads therefore seem desirable. With the physical distance between the members of the association, the United States and the United Kingdom, it appears vital to give graduate students a forum of virtual interaction and to increase interest towards the association through prizes, competitions and support.

## ***Candidates and Candidate Statements*** **(cont.)**

**Melanie Kintz**

**Western Michigan University**

<http://homepages.wmich.edu/~m0kintz/>

Being German and having studied in the United States, I would like to make the IASGP more visible internationally by serving on its executive committee. Especially as a graduate student I know how lonely the dissertation stage can feel and how valuable contacts to other scholars in your research area can be. Since becoming a member of IASGP I have enjoyed the exchange with scholars I have gotten to know through the association's meetings and found their feedback quite helpful for my current research. By serving on the executive committee, my goal would be to reach out to other scholars, but especially to graduate students interested in German politics and encourage them to become involved in the association.

**Dr. Michael Koß**

**University of Göttingen**

<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~polf0163/MKoss/Home.html>

If elected to the IASGP's executive, my main aim would be to better integrate German and British political science within the organisation. I am currently based at Göttingen in Germany, where I also completed my PhD this year. My research interests are comparative public policy and party politics. I am well linked within the German DVPW, working mostly in its *Arbeitskreis Parteien* and in the section on comparative politics. On top of this, I also gathered IASGP experience, having spent a year each in post doc positions at the University of Sussex and the University of Oxford. My impression is that German political scientists' awareness of the IASGP's existence and activities could be raised and I would try to do my best to promote the IASGP within the German profession.

## *Candidates and Candidate Statements (cont.)*

*Professor Joyce Marie Mushaben*

*University of Missouri, St Louis*

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

### *Top Ten Reasons to re-elect me.*

10. As a US citizen I bring experience, national diversity, gender consciousness and continuity to the Board.
9. UK meetings will allow me to search out asylum options if McCain/Palin win....
8. I like election trips even if my vote tallies come in dead last.
7. As your GSA Political Science rep, I will ensure that IAGSP panels are not disproportionately scheduled for 8:30 am/Sundays, sequencing our panels in intellectually provocative ways.
6. I have three ideas for special issues of *German Politics*, beyond the perennial topic of "elections."
5. I will develop a longer-term member-recruitment strategy vis-à-vis grad students and new Ph.D.s appropriate for both sides of the Atlantic.
4. I have experience compiling a member-directory that could be used to offer our services as "external reviewers" for tenure, promotion, media contacts, usw., enhancing our collective reputation.
3. I would use the directory to foster transatlantic "mentoring" relationships, targeting young Germans who don't know we exist.
2. Given my ?? decades of field research in Germany, I can anticipate future hot topics that could be systematically used to connect would-be Ph.Ds to appropriate interview partners, host institutions, granting agencies etc.
1. As a former Humboldt fellow, I could organize a Trans-Coop project and/or formal "research group" for Council for European Studies, affording us other (exploitable/meaningful) conference options.

## *Candidates and Candidate Statements* (cont.)

**Professor Jonathan Olsen**  
**University of Wisconsin-Parkside**  
<http://uwp.edu/~olsenj/>

I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve for another term on the IASGP executive board. The last several years have brought significant changes and new dynamism to the organisation: not only has the merger of the ASGP and CGGP/GPA brought in new members, it has allowed us to make important linkages between the UK and US, “internationalizing” the organization in significant ways. In the coming year, we would like to develop further the internationalization process through the development of links between the IASGP and political science organizations in Germany. In addition, our organization’s future depends on the cultivation of a new generation of German politics scholars. To that end, I would like to see IASGP continue to strengthen our commitment to graduate students through such avenues as subsidizing participation in conferences in the UK, US, and Germany; soliciting submissions to the journal from talented graduate students; and providing funding opportunities for the organization’s election trip to Germany.

Thank you for your consideration.

## *Conference Report*

# German Studies Association

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 2- OCTOBER 5, 2008

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

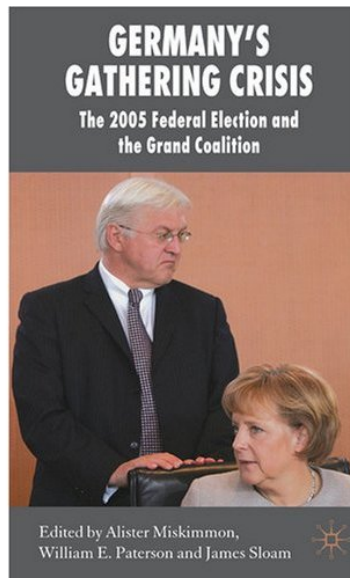
The German Studies Association's (GSA) 32<sup>nd</sup> annual conference took place in St Paul, Minnesota from 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October 2008. As usual the IASGP enjoyed a strong presence at the event and members gave papers on topics ranging from the future of the Left Party to immigration & citizenship, and from political economy to German foreign and security policy.

One of the most interesting developments in Germany in recent years has been the development of the provisionally eastern German Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) into the all-German 'Left Party'. And members of the Association have been at the forefront of analysing the processes and events that have underpinned this fascinating change. This was particularly evident in St Paul, with five IASGP members looking directly at different parts of the LP's ideological, programmatic and organisational make-up; Tom Baylis (Wisconsin, Madison) compared the LP's trajectory with those of other post-communist parties in CEE; David Patton (Connecticut College) put recent party system developments under the analytical microscope; Charlie Lees (Sheffield) analysed the PDS and WASG's merger; Jonathan Olsen (Wisconsin, Parkside) investigated the Linke's attitudes and positions towards the EU and European integration whilst Dan Hough (Sussex) looked expressly at what we should expect to see at the 2009 federal election.

Another burgeoning area of IASGP member research was also strongly represented in St Paul; the role of gender in German party politics and, in particular, the development of Angela Merkel as Germany's first female chancellor. Jennifer Yoder (Colby College) gave a fascinating paper on gender balance in German foreign policy, whilst Louise Davidson Schmich (Miami) analysed the effect and role of women in the German executive branch. A selection of the papers that IASGP members gave at the GSA conference can be downloaded from the members section of the Association's website.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual GSA conference will take place in early October in Washington D.C. and the deadline for the Call for Papers is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009. Given that the event is likely to take place just 10 days after the next federal election, the GSA conference will no doubt be the first opportunity to take stock of what promises to be a very exciting campaign.

# Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



## GERMANY'S GATHERING CRISIS

*The 2005 Federal Election and the Grand Coalition*

Edited by **Alister Miskimmon, William E. Paterson and James Sloam**

London: **Palgrave, 2009** (ISBN: 0-230-516858)

### Description

This book analyses the *gathering crisis* during the Red-Green government, the government's efforts to impose a reform agenda, the impact of the 2005 federal elections, and provides an evaluation of the success of the Grand Coalition in meeting these challenges in the run-up to the 2009 elections.

### Table of contents

- Introduction --*W. E. Paterson & J. Sloam*
- Crisis in German Economic Statecraft? Policy Misfit, Institutional Gridlock, and Firm-Led Adjustment--*K. Dyson*
- Endgame? The Fiscal Crisis of the German State--*W. Streeck*
- The German Party System Since 1998: Co-operation and Competition Under Growing Uncertainty--*T Saalfeld*
- Schröder's Agenda 2010: From Plan B to Lasting Legacy?--*A. Busch*
- A Crisis of Influence? German Foreign Policy since 1998--*A. Miskimmon*
- Catch-All Parties Catching Less: The 2005 Election and the Decline of the Volkspartei--*J. Sloam*
- Smaller Parties and the Normalization of the German Party System--*D. Hough*
- The Reform Corridor: Coalition Building 2005 and the Implications for Policy and Voters--*U. Jun*
- Last Orders? Semisovereignty and the Crisis of Cost Containment *S. Green &--W. E. Paterson*
- The Internationalisation of Germany: Adapting to Europeanization and Globalization--*A. Falke*  
Coping with the Gathering Crisis--*A. Miskimmon &--W. E. Paterson*

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## **POLICY TRANSFER IN EU GOVERNANCE**

*Regulating the Utilities*

**Simon Bulmer, David Dolowitz, Peter Humphreys and Stephen Padgett**

**London: Routledge, 2007 (ISBN: 0-415-374880X)**

This new book presents a clear conceptual framework for understanding the transfer of policy ideas between EU states, together with an empirical study of regulatory change within European utilities.

Policy transfer is a new instrument for understanding EU policy making. This volume shows how the nature of institutions, interdependence between trans-national and national jurisdictions and social systems, relate policy actors across geographical boundaries, identifying four basic types of EU policy transfer and learning:

- ‘uploading’– how member states compete to shape the EU agenda in line with their own institutional arrangements and policy preferences
- ‘downloading’– how states adapt to changing EU incentives and constraints
- ‘socialization’ – how EU policy norms are internalized in the belief systems of domestic actors
- ‘information exchange’ between national actors in the course of EU interactions leading to a horizontal diffusion of policy ideas.

The authors use an institutionalist perspective to show how these forms of policy transfer operate across the diverse systems of governance found across the EU.

This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of European Union politics and policy, comparative public policy and political economy.

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## STAATLICHE PARTEIENFINANZIERUNG UND POLITISCHER WETTBEWERB

*Die Entwicklung der Finanzierungsregimes in Deutschland, Schweden, Grossbritannien und Frankreich*

**Michael Koß**

**Wiesbaden: VS Verlag, 2008 (ISBN: 3-531-163507)**

### Book Description

Studien zu Fragen der Parteienfinanzierung haben bislang vor allem potenzielle Folgen unterschiedlicher Parteienfinanzierungsregimes beleuchtet. Michael Koß stellt die Frage nach den Ursachen für die Entwicklung von Parteienfinanzierungsregimes. Im Mittelpunkt stehen die Einführung und Reform von staatlichen Zuwendungen an Parteien. Der Autor zeigt den Zusammenhang zwischen Reformen der staatlichen Parteienfinanzierung und dem politischen Wettbewerb der Parteien auf: Bedingung für die Einführung bzw. Reform der staatlichen Parteienfinanzierung ist ein Konsens der relevanten Parteien. Dieser wiederum wird umso wahrscheinlicher, je stärker institutionelle Entscheidungspunkte von Parteien genutzt werden können, je geringer die Rolle des Ziels der Stimmenmaximierung für Parteien ist und je intensiver der Diskurs über die Korruption in der Politik geführt wird.

# Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



## DIE WÄHLER DER EXTREMEN RECHTEN 1980-2002

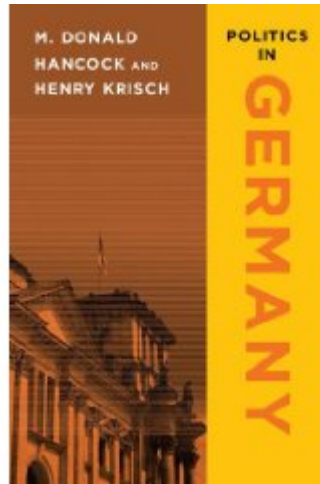
Kai Arzheimer

Wiesbaden: VS Verlag, 2008 (ISBN: 3-531-160656)

### Book Description

Die Wahl rechtsextremer Parteien sorgt in regelmäßigen Abständen für mediale Aufmerksamkeit und Besorgnis. Dennoch ist das Phänomen des sehr gemischten Erfolges rechtsextremer Parteien noch wenig geklärt. Dieses Buch untersucht deshalb erstmals umfassend und auf breiter empirischer Datenbasis für 13 EU-Staaten sowie Norwegen und über einen Zeitraum von mehr als 20 Jahren die Wähler und die Bedingungen für die Wahlerfolge rechtsextremer Parteien.

## Recent and forthcoming publications by IASGP members



### POLITICS IN GERMANY

M. Donald Hancock and Henry Krisch

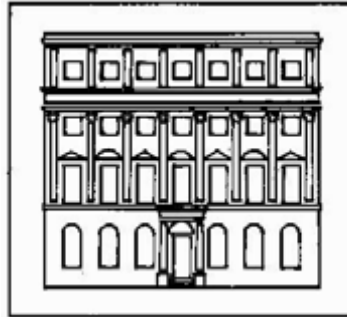
Washington DC: CQ, 2008 (ISBN: 978-1-93311-607-5)

#### Book Description

Germans born in the second decade of the last century will have been a subject of no less than six political regimes, seven if they lived in the former German Democratic Republic. Today, Germany's democratic polity, pluralistic society, institutional structures, and market economy are growing increasingly strong. In clear and compelling prose, Hancock and Krisch argue that German politics today is the politics of a "normal" European democracy moving toward the EU. The authors discuss Germany's course of modernization, which involves rapid industrialization and social development following the nation's first unification in 1871 and its subsequent torturous course of political change embracing Imperial authoritarianism, the democratic experiment of the Weimar Republic, Nazi totalitarianism, and postwar variants of communism and Western-style democracy. Chapters detail the country's political history, as well as its culture, new constitutional debates, parties, and economic policy, and culminate in a look at Germany in global context.

*Forthcoming Events*

**GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE LONDON**



***The Cultural Industries in the Late Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: Britain and Germany Compared***

International conference to be held at the German Historical Institute London

Date: 20–21 November 2009

Organisers:

Christiane Eisenberg (Centre for British Studies at the Humboldt University, Berlin)

Andreas Gestrich (German Historical Institute London)

[Call for Papers](#) (PDF file)

Deadline: 31 October 2008

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[http://www.ghil.ac.uk/call\\_for\\_papers.html](http://www.ghil.ac.uk/call_for_papers.html)

## *Forthcoming Events*



**2009 Annual Meeting & Exhibition**  
American Political Science Association  
Toronto, ON, Canada | September 3-6, 2009  
Program Chairs: Simone Chambers and Bruce Jentleson  
Politics in Motion: Change and Complexity in the Contemporary Era



## **Call for Papers**

The 2009 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting will be convened in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009. This promises to be a memorable occasion, if only as – for the first time in its 104 years – the APSA Annual Meeting will take place outside the United States.

The IASGP has a reserved panel and its theme will be ‘The German Federal Election of 2009’. We have to submit details of the speakers on our panel by 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008. If you are interested in giving a paper, please email Dan Hough ([d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:d.t.hough@sussex.ac.uk)) as soon as possible with the details. The APSA conference is a high profile event and given that the German election is likely to take place a mere three weeks after the Toronto jamboree, our panel is likely to attract considerable interest.

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>



## *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**