



**Call for papers:
“Shocks to the German system? German politics in 2023”**

***47th Annual conference of the International Association for the
Study of German Politics***

GESIS – Leibnitz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim

Thursday 30th November / Friday 1st December 2023

***Additional conference for postgraduate students / early career
researchers on Wednesday 29th November 2023***

With war in Europe, sharply rising energy costs, challenges in reaching decisions in the European Union, and the far-right Alternative for Germany regularly coming second in national opinion polls, 2023 is proving a difficult year for Germany. The country’s established party system appears to be under pressure, its economic model is called into question, and key tenets of its relations with other countries, and of its role in the world, are often challenged. These phenomena and these challenges also affect, to differing degrees, politics in Austria and Switzerland. We expect these themes to play an important role in the annual conference of the International Association for the Study of German Politics.

Papers addressing any aspect of German politics and international relations will be welcome, as will papers on the politics of other German-speaking countries. You should be prepared to circulate a written version of the paper at least two weeks before the conference. The Association especially encourages women, and young scholars from around the world to submit their papers.

The conference will feature our annual German Politics Lecture, and an informal reception and conference dinner. Taking part in the conference is a great opportunity to meet people working on German politics from a range of countries, career stages, and disciplinary approaches. Also, editors and reviewers of our peer-reviewed journal *German Politics* will be present. If there is interest, we will look into offering a political walking tour of Mannheim, and we will also look to organise some sessions with “practitioners”, as well as presentations of papers from attendees.

As in previous years, the IASGP will keep the conference fee, including conference dinner and other refreshments, low. Travel bursaries will be provided to postgraduate students and others who would face a financial barrier to participation, to enable them to give papers. Furthermore, financial provision will be made available to those who need to organise childcare in Mannheim to facilitate attendance at the conference, or who face other caring costs to enable them to take part. Details of rates are as below.

Additionally this year we are offering the opportunity for graduate students and early career researchers to join us a day early. This will provide a networking opportunity the evening before the main conference, followed by a workshop offering the opportunity to present work to contemporaries, as well as having the opportunity to hear from editors of our journal *German Politics*.

Abstracts of not more than 500 words should be sent by 30th September 2023 to intasgp@gmail.com.

If you are a postgraduate student or early career researcher, please also indicate if you would like to join the workshop starting on Wednesday evening (continuing on Thursday morning). Presenting a paper is not compulsory, but if you would like to, please also indicate whether you would prefer to present at the postgraduate / early career workshop or the main conference.

Further details:

Timetable:

30th September 2023: Deadline for submission of abstracts

6th October 2023: Programme published / registration opens

27th October 2023: Registration deadline

24th November 2023: Deadline for paper circulation

30th November / 1st December 2023: Conference (likely to start Thursday around 12 noon, and finish by mid-afternoon on Friday)

Conference fees (including lunch on both days, refreshments and conference dinner, and accommodation at a nearby hotel):

Normal rate: £50

Rate for doctoral students and those who would face a financial barrier to participation: £10

In addition, attendees should be members of the IASGP (£31 standard, £8 student per year).

Travel bursaries to those presenting papers who are doctoral students or who would face a financial barrier to participation:

Germany outside Mannheim: £150 maximum

Europe outside Germany: £350

Outside Europe: £1500 maximum