

Workshop of the German Politics Specialist Group

## The Future of Party Politics – Insights from Germany

Winterbourne House & Garden, University of Birmingham

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 9am-4pm

### PROGRAMME

- 9am Registration
- 9.15am Welcome  
Nick Martin, Director of the IGS Birmingham, and GPSG Co-Conveners
- 9.30am **Keynote Address**  
  
**Hans Kundnani**, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, London  
  
*Chair: Josefin Graef, Hertie School Berlin*
- 10.30am *Coffee Break*
- 10.45am **Panel I: Explaining Electoral Shifts**  
*Chair: Hartwig Pautz, University of the West of Scotland*  
  
“To Know What Makes People Tick. Explaining the Electoral Success of the Greens and the AfD in 2018 and 2019”  
*Lidia Gibadło, The Polish Institute of International Affairs Warsaw*  
  
“The Alternative für Deutschland’s Involvement in Germany’s Russian-language Press”  
*Philip Decker, University of Oxford*  
  
“How Do Subnational Elections Promote the Rise of Radical Right Parties in the National Arena?”  
*Ka Ming Chan, LMU Munich*
- 12.15pm *Lunch Buffet*

- 1pm            **Panel II: Leadership, Control, and Political Strategies**  
*Chair: Josefin Graef, Hertie School Berlin*
- “The Crisis of the SPD: an Assessment of its Strategic Dilemmas”  
*Ed Turner, Aston University*
- “How do Catch-all Party Selectorates Choose Party Leaders in a Crisis?  
Contrasting the UK’s Conservative Party and Germany’s Christian Democratic  
Union (CDU) Approaches”  
*Jim McConalogue, The Open University*
- “The Party in Control of Plenary Debates? The Case of Bundestag Debates on  
the Euro Crisis”  
*Caroline Bhattacharya, University of Helsinki*
- “How to Explain the Electoral Losses at the Centre in Germany and how to  
Avoid Them? The Case of the Social Democrat Party (SPD)”  
*Lothar Funk, University of Applied Sciences Dusseldorf*
- 2.15pm        *Coffee Break*
- 2.30pm        **Panel III: Catch-all Parties and the Moving Middle**  
*Chair: Hartwig Pautz, University of the West of Scotland*
- “‘Volksparteien’ – Sick Man or Strong Anchor in Times of Change?”  
*Isabelle-Christine Panreck, LSE*
- “The Electoral Geography of *Die Linke* on the 2017 Federal Election: Re-  
discovering the Mass Party?”  
*Petar Bankov, University of Glasgow*
- “The German Greens: *Volkspartei*, *Bündnispartei* or Opportunists?”  
*Chantal Sullivan-Thomsett, University of Leeds*
- 3.45pm        **Concluding Remarks & Follow-up Plans**
- 4pm            *Reception*

**The workshop is free to attend, but places are limited. Please register with Josefin Graef ([J.Graef@lse.ac.uk](mailto:J.Graef@lse.ac.uk)) by Thursday, 7 November 2019.**