


Political Studies Association
German Politics

PROGRAMME

German politics in 2023: Historical milestones and contemporary challenges

21 and 22 September 2023 at the **University of the West of Scotland's Paisley campus**, supported by the Political Studies Association and the University of the West of Scotland

Day	Time	Programme	
Thursday	12.15 – 1.00pm	Welcome lunch	
	1.00 – 1.15pm	Opening remarks	
	1.15 – 2.45pm	Identity, memory, and boundaries 33 years after reunification Discussant: Hartwig Pautz (University of the West of Scotland) Nikhil Sehra (Jawaharlal Nehru University): A nation in cinema. National identity in German cinema in the 21 st century. Julia Schwanholz (University of Duisburg-Essen) and Patrick Theiner (University of Edinburgh): From bricks to bytes. The physical and digital architecture of German state parliaments. Stephan Ehrig (University of Glasgow): Die Wende der Anderen. Reclaiming and shifting perspectives on 1989/90 (and beyond).	
	2.45 – 3.00pm	Coffee break	
	3.00 – 4.30pm	Political engagement and political activism Discussant: Matthias Dilling (Swansea University) Chantal Sullivan-Thomsett, Lucas Geese, and Andrew Jordan (University of East Anglia): To what extent is responsibility for climate action 'trapped'. The view from Bundestag MPs. Sergio Galaz Garcia (Carlos III University of Madrid): Double-edged soar. The impact of historical events on everyday political engagement. Jan Philipp Thomeczek (Westphalian Wilhelms University Münster): Populist mobilization and referendum campaigns. A growing problem in Germany?	
	4.30 – 4.45pm	Coffee break	
	4.45 – 6.15pm	Keynote by Prof Hannah M. Alarian (University of Florida) Democratic challenges in a post-Brexit Europe Followed by a Q&A, moderated by Chantal Sullivan-Thomsett (East Anglia) and Matthias Dilling (Swansea University)	
	6.15pm	Travel to central Glasgow for conference dinner	
	Friday	9.00 – 9.15am	Welcome and coffee
		9.15 – 10.45am	Still a militant democracy?

Discussant: Chantal Sullivan-Thomsett (East Anglia)

Andreas Busch (Georg August University Göttingen): Germany's Basic Law. Stable fundament of success or infinitely malleable reflection of political expediency?

Yaser Esmailzadeh (University of Theran): Germany as a country of immigration. Analyzing the effects on social cohesion and security in the context of peace, violence, and terrorism.

Matthias Dilling and Kaelem Dove (Swansea University): The transformation of the radical right's scape goat and the relationship between anti-Muslim attitudes and antisemitism in Germany.

10.45 – 11.00am Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30pm **Germany's economy in a globalized world**

Discussants: Hartwig Pautz (University of the West of Scotland), Chantal Sullivan-Thomsett (East Anglia), and Matthias Dilling (Swansea University)

Lothar Funk (University of Applied Sciences Düsseldorf): Farewell to the 'lame man of Europe'. Towards a more resilient German economic model.

Rachel Herring (Aston University): The changing nature of Germany's relationship with the Visegrád 4 countries.

Lucas Schramm (LMU Munich): As little as possible, as much as necessary. German reluctance and concession in European Union fiscal politics.

12.30 – 12.45pm Closing remarks

12.45 – 1.30pm Lunch and departure

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