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**Modern German Politics

Spring, 2001

****Tuesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. **

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Objectives

The course is designed to introduce students to the evolution of German society, politics and political economy since 1870, the foundations of stability of the Federal Republic in the post-war period, and the recent transformation of German politics and society after German reunification. Special emphasis will also be given to European engagement in German politics and the implications of European integration on the national policy making. The goal is to make students familiar with the current policy issues of a reunited Germany. **Objectives | Course Requirements | Readings | Syllabus**

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Students are expected to do the readings in a timely manner--that is, in the week for which they are assigned. Students must also participate actively in the seminar. Active participation requires attendance, timely reading of the assigned material and a willingness to speak in class..

Response papers of 1 page (double spaced) length will be required for 6 of the 12 weeks the course meets. Response papers should address one of the arguments in the reading (identifying it and responding to it by putting it in

context with the other readings) Response papers are due at the beginning of class each week.

A seminar participation grade based on class participation and the response papers will contribute 35% of the course grade.

Midterm exam: A take-home midterm exam will be given to all students. It will cover material from the first half of the course. The exam will be approximately 8–10 double spaced pages. It will be handed out after class on Tuesday, March 7, and will be **due in class Tuesday March 14, 2000**. It will contribute 30% of the course grade.

A **term essay** of 10–15 pages will contribute 35% of the grade. The essay should be prepared during the course of the semester in consultation with me. Throughout the semester, students should meet with me to talk about paper topics, outlines, first drafts, etc. Readings: All readings are on reserve at the SAIS library. General Readings: these are good reference materials, and some required readings have been taken from them. Volker BERGHAHN: *Modern Germany*, 2nd. ed. Henry A. TURNER: *Germany from Partition to Reunification* Russell DALTON: *Politics in Germany*, 2nd. ed. Gordon SMITH: *Democracy in Western Germany. Parties and Politics in the Federal Republic*, 3rd. ed For on line resources, check out : <http://www.democ.uci.edu/democ/germany.html>

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SYLLABUS

_January 20

_ **Introduction: The Burden of History. Germany 1870–1945**

- Gordon SMITH: *Democracy in Western Germany* , pp 16–33
- Volker BERGHAHN: *Imperial Germany 1871–1914* , chs 1–3, chs. 13–18
- Volker BERGHAHN: *Modern Germany* , chs 3–4
- Chris LORENZ: "Beyond Good and Evil? The German Empire of 1871 and Modern German Historiography", in: *Journal of Contemporary History* 30, pp 729–765

_January 27

_ The Setting Up of Two German States

- John BACKER: *The Decision to Divide Germany*
- Kurt SONTHEIMER: *The Government and Politics of West Germany* , pp 11–39.
- Gordon SMITH: *Democracy in Western Germany* , pp 33–48.

_February 15

_ Political Structures and Institutions in West Germany

- Peter KATZENSTEIN: *Policy and Politics in West–Germany* , ch. 1
- Manfred SCHMIDT: "Germany: The Grand Coalition State", in: Josep Colomer: *Political Institutions in Europe*
- Russell DALTON: *Politics in Germany* , ch 2
- Kurt SONTHEIMER: *The Government and Politics of West Germany* , p. 135–163
- Gordon SMITH: *Democracy in Western Germany* , p. 48–66
- Uwe LEONARDY: "The Working Relationship between Bund and Laender in the FRG", in: Charlie JEFFERY and Pater SAVIGEAR: *German Federalism Today* , ch. 3

*February 22 ***

40 years GDR. Reflections on a Divided Nation. Politics and Society in the former GDR**.

- Albrecht O. RITSCHL: "An Exercise in Futility: East German Economic Growth and Decline 1945–1989", in: Nicholas CRAFTS and Gianni Toniolo: *Economic Growth in Europe Since 1945*
- Geoffrey K. ROBERTS: *Party Politics in the New Germany* , Part 3, p. 43–71
- C. Bradley SCHARF: *Politics and Changes in East–Germany. An Evaluation of Socialist Democracy* , p. 20–92
- Michael DENNIS: *The German Democratic Republic*

_February 29

_The Domestic Economy

- Kenneth DYSON: "The Economic Order in Still Modell Deutschland?", in: Gordon SMITH, William E. PATERSON and Stephen PADGETT: *Developments in German Politics*, ch. 11 (see also ch 12 and 14)
- Michel ALBERT, *Capitalism versus Capitalism*, ch 1 and 6.
- Eric OWEN SMITH, *The German Economy*, ch. 1.

_March 7

_Party System, Political Parties and Electoral Behavior in West Germany

- Klaus von BEYME: *The Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany* , p. 26–81
- Franz U. PAPPI and Michael TERWEY: "The German Electorate: Old cleavages and New Political Conflicts", in: Herbert DOERING and Gordon SMITH (ed): *Party Government and Political Culture in Western Germany*
- Hans–Georg BETZ: *The Social Basis of the German Party System*

- Russell DALTON, *Politics in Germany*, ch 9
- David CONRADT and Russell DALTON: "The West German Electorate and the Party System: Continuity and Change in the 1980s", in: *The Review of Politics* 50 (1988), pp 3–29
- Christopher S. ALLEN (Editor) *Transformation of the German Political Party System : Institutional Crisis or Democratic Renewal?(Chapter TBA)*

MIDTERM HANDED OUT IN CLASS

_March 14

_ Political History

- Henry A. TURNER: Germany From Partition to Reunification, pp 105–176
- Kurt SONTHEIMER: The Government and Politics of West Germany, p. 177–190
- Klaus von BEYME: The Political System of the Federal Republic of Germany, p. 104–117
- Gordon SMITH: Democracy in Western Germany, pp. 88–143
- Diane L. PARNES: The SPD and the Challenge of Mass Politics. The SPD and the Dilemma of the German Volkspartei, p. 47–81 (ch. 2)
- William David GRAF: The German Left since 1945, p. 88–101 and 187–203

MIDTERM DUE IN CLASS

**** MARCH 21 SPRING BREAK ****

_March 28

_ The Strange Accident of German Unification, 1989

- Zelikow, Philip and Condoleezza Rice. *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed: A Study in Statecraft*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997. [chapters TBA] .

_April 4

_ Post-Unification Politics

- Hans-Georg BETZ and Helga WELSH: The PDS in the New German Party System, in: *German Politics*, 4 (1995), pp 92–111
- Hans Joachim VEEN, Norbert LEPSZY and Peter MNICK: *The Republikaner Party in Germany*, p 29–38 and 56–65
- Gerard BRAUNTHAL, The 1998 German Election: Gerhard Schroeder and the Politics of the New Middle, *German Politics and Society*, vol 17, 1, Spring, 1999, pp 32–54.
- Thomas SCHMID: Right-Wing Radicalism in the Unified Germany, in: Ulrich WANK (ed): *The Resurgence of Right-Wing Radicalism in Germany*, ch. 5, p 69.
- Clay Clemens, A Legacy Reassessed: Helmut Kohl and the German Party Finance Affair, *German Politics* vol 9 (2000).

_April 11

_ Germany in a Global Economy: Can the 'German Model' Survive?

- Wolfgang STREECK: "German Capitalism: Does it exist? Can it survive?" In: Colin CROUCH and Wolfgang STREECK: *Political Economy of Modern Capitalism*, 1995, ch. 2
- Susanne Ltz From Managed to Market Capitalism? German Finance in Transition *German Politics*, vol 9 (2000).
- Steve French, The Impact of Unification on German Industrial Relations, *German Politics*, vol 9 (2000).

- Rebecca Harding Standort Deutschland in the Globalising Economy: An End to the Economic Miracle? German Politics, vol 8 (1999).
- Henry B Loewendahl, Siemens 'Anglo-Saxon' Strategy: Is Globalising Business Enough? German Politics, vol 8 (1999).

_April 17

_Germany's Global Political Role?

- Jan-Werner Muller Another Country: German Intellectuals, Unification, and National Identity, New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000. [Chapters TBA]
- John S. Duffield, Political Culture and State Behavior: Why Germany Confounds Neorealism International Organization, Volume 53, 4 (Autumn 1999), pp. 765–803.
- Patricia A. Davis The Art of Economic Persuasion : Positive Incentives and German Economic Diplomacy Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2000.[Chapters TBA]
- Crawford, Beverly. "Explaining Defection from International Cooperation: Germany's Unilateral Recognition of Croatia." World Politics 48 (July 1996) pp. 482–521.

_April 24

_ Germany united: Too Big for European Integration, Too Weak for Hegemony?

- Andrei MARKOVITS and Simon REICH: *The German Predicament: Memory and Power in the New Europe*
- Jeffrey ANDERSON: *German Unification and the Union of Europe : The Domestic Politics of Integration Policy* , chapters 1,2, and 7.
- Simon BULMER and William E. PATERSON, "Germany in the European Union: Gentle Giant or Emergent Leader?" *International Affairs* , 72,1 (1996) 9–32

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