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Deletes of some from 2014

THE GERMAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

Political Science 120B (Winter 2016)

Winter 2016

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GENERAL

PS 120B examines the development and functioning of the German political system with primary emphasis on the **institutions** of the post-war Federal Republic, the **party system/elections**, the consequences of **reunification** and the **implications of European integration**. It also includes analysis of ideological traditions, policy process, and the evolving place of Germany within international affairs.

Evaluation:

Your grade will be calculated on the basis on a mid-term and take-home final examination.

Mid-Term Exam, in class ?? February 2016 (50%)

Final Take-Home due by 11am ?? March 2016 (50%)

FINAL Take-home EXAMINATION: to be distributed in last week of classes.

The Take-Home Exam is due no later than 11:00 am, 21 March 2013 with electronic copy to TA and hard copy in class.

CORE READINGS

Green, Simon, et al., *The Politics of the New Germany* 2nd ed. (Routledge, 2011)

Kornelius, Stephan, Angela Merkel (.....)

William Chandler, ed., *Politics in Germany*, (Jan. 2014), available for purchase from University Readers) online at <https://students.universityreaders.com/store/>.1-800- 200-3908.

I. INTRODUCTORY OVERVIEW

Readings:

Green et al. Chapters 1 and 2.

Optional:

Conradt, 8th. Ed., Chapter 2, and pp. 285- 288.

Maier, Chap 2, in A&L.

II. HISTORICAL LEGACIES

Constitutional Traditions / from Authoritarianism to Democracy/ From War to Capitulation and the Foundings of the FRG and the GDR.

Readings:

Green et al, Chap. 3

G. Smith, *Democracy in Germany*, pp 22-3. (Elections in Weimar) CP

Gilbert and Large, *The End of the European Era* (Norton,) 260-278 , CP

Bark and Gress, Chapter 4, *A History of West Germany ... 1945-1963*, CP

McAdams, “The Last East German and the Memory of the GDR” Chap 3 in *A&L*.

Langenbacher, “The Mastered Past?...” Chap 4 in *A&L*.

Prager, “Passing Time since the *Wende*: recent German Film..” Chap 6 in *A&L*.

III. INSTITUTIONS and ELITES

Chancellor-Democracy, Bundestag, Bundesrat, Federalism

Readings:

Green et al., Chapter 4.

Key Provisions in Basic Law, (Conradt p. 303- 314) CP.

Gordon Smith, "The Chancellor" CP

Schüttemeyer, Suzanne, “Deparliamentarisation: How Severely is the German Bundestag Affected?” (2008), CP

Sturm, Roland, “Divided Government in Germany: The Case of the Bundesrat”, CP

Chandler, William, “Judicial Politics in Germany”, 2011, CP.

IV. CONFLICTS AND CLEAVAGES IN GERMAN POLITICS

Electoral Systems, Party systems, Bundestag and Landtag elections, Ideological currents

Readings:

The Electoral System: Ballot example, (in CP)

Green et al. Chapter 5

Chandler, William, “Grand Coalition-building: Its Complicated” 2013, CP

Bundeswahlleiter, data sheet, in CP.

Chandler, William, *German Elections 1949 to 2005: Seats in Bundestag*, CP

Pulzer, Peter, “Germany Votes for Deadlock: The Federal Election of 2005” CP

Chandler, William, “Excess Mandates (*Überhangmandate*) and Re-districting” 2013. CP

Dalton and Jou, “Is There a Single German Party System?” Chap. 12, in *A&L*.

MID-TERM EXAMINATION: Wed. February 12, 2014 10:00-10:50am.

V. GERMANY in EUROPE,

Readings:

Green et al. Chapter 9, 10

Paterson, William, "Does Germany still have a European Vocation?" 2010, in CP

Nicholas Kulich, "Success and Advice Cast a Giant as a Villain, Not Model, in Europe", NYT, 2011. CP.

Philip Stephens, "Hollande holds the key to Merkel's euro plan", *Financial Times*, 1 Nov. 2013. CP.

Optional:

Crawford, "The Normative Power of a Normal State..." Chap 14 in *A&L*.

VI. THE GERMAN POLITICAL ECONOMY: STATE AND SOCIETY

- Social and economic change and policy development
- The former DDR: *Wirtschaftswunder* or a new *Mezzogiorno*?
- Immigration and social integration
- Merkel's Grand Coalition, 2005-09.
- 2009 Elections and the new, fractious Merkel-Westerwelle majority

Readings:

Green et al., Chapters 6, 7, 8.

The Economist, "What Germany offers the world", 14 April 2012, CP.

Chris Bryant, "A model that everyone wants", *Financial Times*, 7 Aug 2012) CP.

Ralph Atkins, "Strong Finances power Germany's Revival", *Financial Times*, CP

Wolf, Holger, "German Economic Unification..." in *A&L*.

Silvia, S. "The Elusive Quest for Normalcy: The German Economy", in *A&L*. Chap 17.

Hassel, A, "Twenty years after... German Welfare and Employment Regime", Chap 18 *A&L*.

Deeg, R., "Industry and Finance in Germany since Unification" Chap 19 in *A&L*.

Simon Green, "Germany: a Changing Country of Immigration", 2013, *German Politics*, 2,3 (Sept 2013, CP.

Optional:

Allen, "Ideas, Institutions, and Organized Capitalism..." Chap 20 in *A&L*.

VII. INTERPRETATIONS: From Division to Re-unification and

Beyond

Readings:

Green et al. Chapter 11

Stephan Wagstyl, "Germany's east-west migration fizzles out", *Financial Times*, 21 Nov. 2013. CP.

Langenbacher, "The Germans must have done Something Right" Conc. in *A&L*.

Torpey, "Coming to Terms with the Communist Past" in CP.

D. Binder and B. Weber, "Christa Wolf Dies at 82: ...", NYT, 2 Dec 2011.

B. Benoit, "Economic Parity remains a distant dream" (Nov 09) in CP.

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Plagiarism will not be tolerated. The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers (i.e., take-home exams) will be run through *Turn It In* and referred to the Dean. Always cite work that is not your own. Direct quotes and paraphrases require full citations. When in doubt, ask the instructor or TA.

Political Science 120B: Reserve Readings Winter 2014

Green, Simon, D. Hough, and A. MisKimmons, *The Politics of the New Germany* (Routledge, 2011, 2nd. Edition).

Anderson, Jeffrey and Eric Langenbacher, eds. *From the Bonn to the Berlin Republic* (NY: Berghahn Books, listed as *A&L* below).

David Conradt, *The German Polity*, 8th Ed. (Longmans)

Green, Simon and William E. Paterson, eds., *Governance in Contemporary Germany, The Semisovereign State Revisited* (Cambridge UK, Cambridge University Press, 2005)

Gunlicks, Arthur, *The Länder and German Federalism* (Manchester Univ. press, 2003).

Lees, Charlie, *Party Politics in Germany* (Palgrave, 2005)

Anderson, Jeffery and Eric Langenbacher, eds., *From the Bonn to the Berlin Republic* (Berghahn 2010). ISBN 978-0-85745-221-4 Pb. (Not yet in Lib?)