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THE GERMAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

Political Science 120B (Winter 2012)

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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
There will be two options in 120B.
Option A = Two Examinations only. Your grade will be calculated on the basis of a mid-term and final examination.
Option B = Two Examinations plus one term paper. This option is available only to students who receive a B+ or better on the mid-term. If you qualify and decide to write a paper, you will submit a one page proposal (describing your focus and research question) by Feb. 10, 2012. This written proposal must then be approved by the instructor.

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CORE READINGS
Green, Simon, et al., The Politics of the New Germany 2nd ed. (Routledge, 2011)
Anderson, Jeffrey and Eric Langenbacher, eds. From the Bonn to the Berlin Republic (NY: Berghahn Books, listed as A&L below).

I.  INTRODUCTORY OVERVIEW
Readings:
Green et al. Chapters 1 and 2.
Jarausch, “Federal Republic at Sixty...” Chap 1 in *A&L, From Bonn to Berlin Republic*,
The Economist, “Its a rainy day, sunshine girl”, 25 Sept 2010. in CP

Optional:
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)
Gilbert and Large, *The End of the European Era* (Norton,) 260-278
Bark and Gress, Chapter 4, *A History of West Germany ... 1945-1963*,

McAdams, “The Last East German and the Memory of the GDR” Chap 3 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.
Gordon Smith, "The Chancellor"
Schüttemeyer, Suzanne, “Deparliamentarisation: How Severely is the German Bundestag
Affected?” (2008),
Sturm, Roland, “Divided Government in Germany: The Case of the Bundesrat”.

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
Bundeswahlleiter, data sheet, in CP.
Chandler, William, German Elections 1949 to 2005: Seats in Bundestag,
Chandler, William, “Excess Mandates (Überhangmandate) and Re-districting” 2011.
Dalton and Jou, “Is There a Single German Party System?” Chap. 12, in A&L.

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V. GERMANY in EUROPE,
Readings:
Green et al. Chapter 9, 10
Paterson, William, “Does Germany still have a European Vocation?” 2010, in CP
Nicholas Kulish, “Success and Advice Cast a Giant as a Villain, Not Model, in Europe”,
NYT, 15 Nov 2011.

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.
Wolf, Holger, “German Economic Unification…” in A&L.
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.
Howard, Marc, “Causes and Consequences of Germany’s New Citizenship Law”

Optional:
Mushaben, “From Ausländer to Inlander...Citizenship...”, Chap 8 in A&L.
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
Langenbacher, “The Germans must have done Something Right” Conc. in A&L.
Torpey, "Coming to Terms with the Communist Past" in CP.
B. Benoit, “Economic Parity remains a distant dream” (Nov 09) in CP.

OPTIONAL PAPERS Due: March 16, 2012 in class.

Please note that plagiarism will not be tolerated. The University of California, San Diego policy requires that suspicious papers 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.

FINAL EXAMINATION: Friday, March 23, 8:00am to 11:00 pm

Political Science 120B: Reserve Readings Winter 2012
David Conradt, The German Polity, 8th Ed. (Longmans)
Padgett, Paterson, and Smith, Developments in German Politics 3 (Duke UP, 2003)
Yoder, Jennifer, From East Germans to Germans, the New Postcommunist Elites (Duke UP, 1999)
Lees, Charlie, Party Politics in Germany (Palgrave, 2005)