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CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY

10 YEARS REPORT: 2004 - 2014

EDITORIAL

Since its foundation in 2004, the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) at Leuphana University has evolved into Germany's largest university-based center that is devoted to the study of democracy. Over the past 10 years, the Center also became a nationally and internationally recognized research institute that has attracted top graduate students and many scholars from all over the world who have joined the CSD for long and short-term research visits.

This report gives an overview of the Center's research activities from 2004 to 2014. It documents the overall research program and the three research areas, introduces the publications and the sizable number of externally funded projects, lists the number of workshops and conferences that have been organized at the Center, and mentions the names of scholars who have over the years supported the Center with their scientific contribution.

This brochure captures the Center's rich and versatile scholarship during the last decade. It is both a review of the past and a preview into the future of democracy research and a good reason to look forward to the next ten years of studying democracy around the world.

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel



Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel



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INTRODUCTORY NOTE



CSD's Founding Director Ferdinand Müller-Rommel and Prof. Jean Blondel (EUI Florence)

On July 20, 2014, the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) at Leuphana University Lüneburg celebrates its tenth anniversary. For us, this presents an opportunity to reflect upon the Center's past and the future development. Founded with a membership of only two professors and three doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, the CSD has grown steadily over the past decade, integrating eight professors and 20 doctoral and post-doctoral researchers today. Moreover, in 2013, the Center started to expand its membership beyond the political science discipline. Thus, with researchers from disciplines such as environmental governance becoming members, the CSD is evolving into an interdisciplinary focal point for democracy-related research at Leuphana University. Founding director of the CSD is Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel.

With fluctuations in the Center's research staff, the emphasis of CSD's research activities has necessarily changed over time. Focused on the study of Middle and Eastern European Countries at the time of its establishment, research quickly took a more general perspective on democracy. In 2010, the CSD gave itself its current research program, putting the tension between legitimacy and performance of democracies at the center of its activities. Work around this subject is organized within three areas: Value Change and Human Empowerment, Party Government and Institutional Change, and Participation and Public Policy.

Conducting research in these three areas, the CSD seeks to achieve a high visibility in the international scientific community and aspires to become one of the major democracy research

institutions in Germany. Ten years after its establishment, we are confident to conclude that the CSD has gone a good way towards achieving these goals. CSD members are present on the major international conferences and have published their research in various high-ranking journals and with highly renowned publishers. Moreover, during the past three years alone, CSD researchers have received more than 1.5 million Euros in external funding for their research projects, a figure reflecting the high quality of research conducted at the CSD.

One measure the Center takes to ensure this quality is to promote scientific exchange between CSD members and the international research community. Thus, the Center regularly invites democracy scholars from around the world to present their current research projects in the Center's research colloquium or in the framework of the annual Hans-Dieter-Klingemann lecture. In addition, the CSD regularly hosts doctoral and post-doctoral visiting researchers for periods of two to six months. The Center is also a member of several international research networks and maintains partnerships with democracy research institutions in Europe, North America, and Australia.

Research conducted at the CSD is not only relevant for scholarly debates, but also holds valuable insights for politicians and civil society members. Therefore, CSD researchers undertake constant efforts to diffuse their knowledge into society. Parts of these efforts are public lectures and presentations for expert groups in government and administration, for example for the Federal Foreign Office or the Council of Europe's Venice Commission. Moreover, CSD members frequently

☉ MISSION STATEMENT

The Center for the Study of Democracy is an independent research organization within Leuphana University Lüneburg, integrating scholars of democracy at Leuphana University. Its stated goals are:

- First, to expand scholarly knowledge and public awareness about democracy and its consequences across politics and society, economics and the environment.
- Second, to contribute to the sustainability and vitality of democracy as a normative principle and political system by disseminating this knowledge via educational activities.
- Third, to promote collaboration and informational exchange about the study and practice of democratic governance via both German and international contacts.

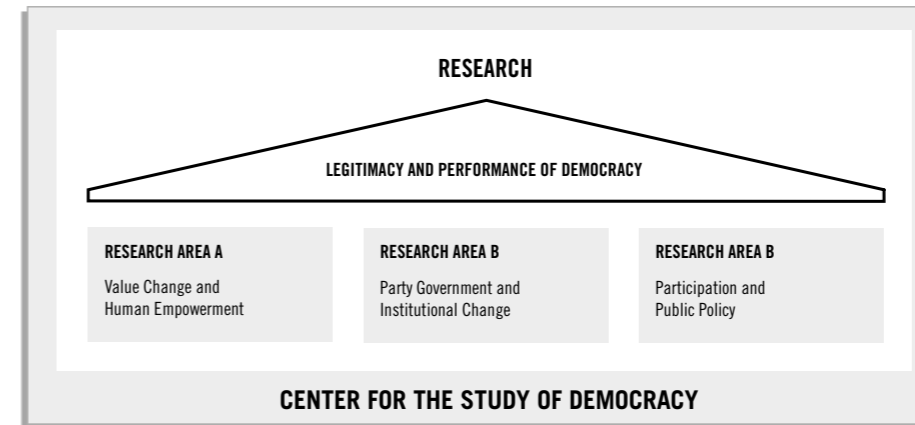
publish articles directed at a broad audience in politics and civil society. CSD's researchers have also conducted various research projects with a direct relevance for regional political and civil society actors over the past years.

Finally, the CSD strongly engages in promoting the careers of junior researchers. Currently, more than 20 full-time and part-time PhD researchers are supervised at the CSD, benefitting from an excellent environment for their academic training. Every year, the CSD organizes a doctoral workshop where PhD students from Northern German universities get the opportunity to present their dissertation projects. Moreover, from 2013 to 2015 and in cooperation with the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties, the CSD organizes an international summer school on "Political Parties and Democracy".

This report will present the Center's activities in research, graduate teaching and knowledge transfer in the past ten years. A first part giving a general overview of the CSD's activities in these areas will be followed by a detailed record.

RESEARCH PROGRAM: LEGITIMACY AND PERFORMANCE OF DEMOCRACY

CSD's main activities are directed towards expanding scholarly knowledge about democracy. The Center's current research program was adopted in 2010 and focuses on questions relating to the tension between legitimacy and performance of democracies. Research around this subject is organized within three research areas, integrating the work of eight professors and more than 20 doctoral and post-doctoral researchers.



RESEARCH AREA A: VALUE CHANGE AND HUMAN EMPOWERMENT

Research Area A (Value Change and Human Empowerment) under the direction of Prof. Christian Welzel analyzes the civil-societal fundament of democracy, examining values, attitudes and behaviors that are preconditions for democratic institutions to flourish. The focus of research in this area lies on the interaction between values, culture and democracy. Central research questions include: What gives rise to 'emancipative cultures' that value freedom of choice and equality of opportunities? How do emancipative cultures transform civil society into an instrument of human empowerment? How does the human empowerment process affect the livability and florescence of democracy?

Over the past years, research in Unit A has been closely connected to the World Values Surveys (WVS). Monitoring the development of a large set of values and beliefs in more than 100 countries worldwide, the WVS is the most widely cited project among cross-national surveys. The survey dates back to the early 1980s and is frequently repeated under the auspices of the World Values Survey Association (WVSA). In 2013, Prof. Christian Welzel was elected President of the WVSA, following Founding President Ronald Inglehart. Research in Unit A has employed WVS data, for example, to explore the effect emancipative values have on the emergence and stability of democratic regimes, or to analyze the role of emancipative values in the empowerment of women.

During the next years, research in Area A will continue along these lines. Specifically, researchers will continue their work on "Value orientations and cooperation", a major project involving the continuation of the World Values Survey in Germany, thereby exploring linkages between individual value orientations and an individual's willingness to cooperate with others (see below). Current members of Research Area A are: Prof. Christian Welzel; Björn Buß; Marcus Kronfeldt, Stefan Kruse.



Prof. Christian Welzel (CSD), Prof. Hans-Dieter Klingemann (Social Science Research Center Berlin), Prof. Ronald Inglehart (University of Michigan) and Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (CSD).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS FROM AREA A

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS:



— Value Orientations and Cooperation

— Political culture and political development

Welzel, Christian; Dalton, Russell (Eds.) (2014): *The Civic Culture Transformed: From Allegiant to Assertive Citizenship*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Welzel, Christian (2013): *Freedom Rising: Human Empowerment and the Quest for Emancipation*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Alexander, Amy Catherine; Inglehart, Ronald; Welzel, Christian (2012): Measuring Effective Democracy: A Defense. In: *International Political Science Review* (1), S. 41–62.

Welzel, Christian; Deutsch, Franziska (2012): Emancipative Values and Non-violent Protest: The Importance of 'Ecological' Effects. In: *Comparative Politics* 42 (2), pp. 465–479.

Welzel, Christian; Alexander, Amy Catherine (2011): Islam and Patriarchy: How Robust is Muslim Support for Patriarchal Values? In: *International Review of Sociology* 21 (2), pp. 249–276.

Alexander, Amy Catherine; Welzel, Christian (2011): Empowering Women: the Role of Emancipative Beliefs. In: *European Sociological Review* (3), S. 364–384.

RESEARCH AREA B: PARTY GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

In Research Area B (Party Government and Institutional Change) under the direction of Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, research examines formal and informal institutional settings and their impacts on the performance of party governments and democracy, including questions of institutional reform and change. Central research questions include: What is the impact of formal and informal institutional settings on the performance of party governments? What are the social and political preconditions for institutional reforms? What is the role and function of political leaders in representative democracies?

In the past years, much of this research has had a focus on the new democracies in Central and Eastern Europe, dealing, for example, with ministerial recruitment and career patterns in Central Eastern Europe, or the internal decision-making processes of cabinets in Central and Eastern European countries. For example, the project "Patterns of democracy" empirically analyzed different patterns of democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, originating a prize-winning paper being ranked second in the Fritz Thyssen Foundation's 2008 awards for the best German language scholarly journal article in the social sciences (Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Harfst, Philipp; Schultze, Henrike (2008): *Von der typologischen zur dimensionalen Analyse parlamentarischer Demokratien: konzeptionelle Überlegungen am Beispiel Mittelosteuropas*. In: *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 49 (4), pp. 669–694). Moreover, researchers in Area B have been especially active in providing policy advice. For example, between 2006 and 2009, Prof. Müller-Rommel has directed two research projects evaluating administrative reforms for the government of Lower Saxony.



Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (CSD) and Prof. Florian Grotz, Professor for German Politics at the CSD from 2008 to 2013 (now Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg)

With Prof. Sebastian Elischer and Prof. Vera Van Hüllen joining the CSD in 2012 and 2013, the regional focus of research in Area B has shifted towards other areas and will also be concerned with democracy and political institutions in African countries in the next years. For example, one project systematically compares regional organizations in Sub-Saharan Africa (“Regional Cooperation and Integration in Sub-Saharan Africa”). Yet, democracy in Europe stays an important subject of research in Area B, for example in a project exploring the role of Prime Ministers in government decision making in Europe (“Executive Power in Parliamentary Democracies”).

Current members of Research Area B are: Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel; Prof. Sebastian Elischer; Prof. Vera van Hüllen; Dr. Norma Osterberg-Kaufmann; Felipe Böttcher; Ina Kubbe; Jessica Kunert; Esther Seha.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS FROM AREA B

Elischer, Sebastian (2013): Political Parties in Africa: Ethnicity and Party Formation. Cambridge University Press.

Grotz, Florian; Weber, Till (2012): Party Systems and Government Stability in Central and Eastern Europe. In: World Politics 64 (4), S. 699–740.

Keman, Hans; Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (ed.) (2012): Party Government in the New Europe. London: Routledge.

Grotz, Florian; Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (ed.) (2011): Regierungssysteme in Mittel- und Osteuropa: Die neuen EU-Staaten im Vergleich. 1. Aufl.: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Meyer, Holger; Heins, Friederike (2010): Verwaltungsmodernisierung in Niedersachsen. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Blondel, Jean; Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Malova, Darina (ed.) (2007): Governing new European democracies: Palgrave MacMillan.

☉ EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- Governing New Democracies
- Ministerial Recruitment and Career and Career Patterns in Central Eastern Europe
- East-West Network of Competence Celle-Lüneburg
- Patterns of democracy and capacity of political systems in Central and Eastern Europe
- Model County Law – Lower Saxony
- Modernization of public administration – Lower Saxony
- Strategic Control in Party Government Systems
- Salafism in the Sahel: State Strategies and Their Consequences

Selected publications AREA B (continuing from Page 15)

Nohlen, Dieter; Grotz, Florian (ed.) (2007): Kleines Lexikon der Politik. 4. Aufl.: C. H. Beck.

Berg-Schlosser, Dirk; Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (ed.) (2006): Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

Luther, Kurt Richard; Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (ed.) (2005): Political Parties in the New Europe: Political and Analytical Challenges. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

RESEARCH AREA C: PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC POLICY

Research Area C (Participation and Public Policy) under the direction of Prof. Thomas Saretzki is concerned with the question of how the interaction of civil society and institutions translates into specific policies, focusing on issues of participation, representation and deliberation on both the national and the European level. Central research questions include: What old and new forms of democratic representation, participation and deliberation exist both within and beyond the nation state? How do actors formulate and pursue political strategies in democratic societies? How can we analyze, explain and evaluate the possibilities and limitations of participatory and deliberative approaches to democratic problem-solving and conflict resolution in differentiated policy fields?

One important element in past research in Area C has been the analysis of political strategies. Emanating from a research project funded by the German Science Foundation, Ralf Tils' pioneering book "Strategische Regierungssteuerung. Schröder und Blair im Vergleich" (VS Verlag, 2011) compares the political strategies of the Blair (1997-2005) and Schröder (1998-2005) governments, showing that the approaches to strategic policy making strongly differed between both governments. Other research has dealt with civil society and democratic representation in the European Union. In terms of policy areas, environmental policy has been a focus of research in Area C. This emphasis has been further strengthened with Prof. Jens Newig (Institute for Environmental Communication at Leuphana University Lüneburg) joining the CSD in January 2013.



Dr. Basil Bornemann, research assistant at the CSD from 2006 to 2012 (now University of Basel).

In the coming years, research Area C will continue along these lines. In the project “Analysis of Climate Adaptation Strategy Development in Lower Saxony”, Prof. Thomas Saretzki and Veit Ebermann evaluate the impact of new forms of participatory governance on policy. Similarly, Prof. Newig’s project “Evaluating the Delivery of participatory environmental Governance using an Evidence-based research design” also deals with participation’s effects on policy outputs. Another project by Prof. Newig, “Modes of Sustainability-Related Research in Comparison” assesses the effects of transdisciplinarity in sustainability-related research, a research mode often thought of as “democratizing” research by bringing it nearer to society’s needs.

Current members in Research Area C are: Prof. Thomas Saretzki; Prof. Dawid Friedrich; Prof. Jens Newig; Veit Ebermann; Lena Wach.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS FROM AREA C

Kröger, Sandra; Friedrich, Dawid (ed.) (2013): The Representative Turn in EU Studies. *Journal of European Public Policy* 20 (2).

Friedrich, Dawid; Kröger, Sandra (ed.) (2012): The Challenge of Democratic Representation in the European Union. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.

Saretzki, Thomas (2012): Legitimation Problems of Participatory Processes in Technology Assessment and Technology Policy. In: *Poiesis & Praxis* 9 (1-2), S. 7–26.

Friedrich, Dawid (2011): Democratic Participation and Civil Society in the European Union. 1. Aufl.: Manchester University Press (Europe in change).

Saretzki, Thomas (2011): Der Klimawandel und die Problemlösungsfähigkeit der Demokratie. In: Suzanne Schüttemeyer (ed.): *Politik im Klimawandel. Keine Macht für gerechte Lösungen?* 1. Aufl. Baden-Baden: Nomos, S. 41–64.

Thomas Saretzki (2009): From Bargaining to Arguing, from Strategic to Communicative Action? In: *Critical Policy Studies* 3 (2), S. 153–183.

☉ EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- WaterScale – The Influence of Scales on Environmental Governance
- Youth and Politics
- Analysis of Climate Change Adaption Strategy Development in Lower Saxony

OVERALL RESEARCH PERFORMANCE

Research in all of these areas has been highly visible in the national and the international scientific discourse on democracy research. Over the past ten years, CSD members have published more than 200 books, journal articles and book chapters, with an output of 30-40 publications per year since 2010. Books have been published with renowned German and international publishers such as Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Palgrave MacMillan, Springer VS, and Nomos. Articles have appeared in prestigious peer-reviewed journals such as European Journal of Political Research, European Sociological Review, American Sociological Review, World Politics, and Journal of European Public Policy. The quality of CSD's research activities is also reflected by the high amount of external funding secured by CSD members over the past 10 years. Thus, research projects at the CSD have received more than 1.5 million Euros from organizations such as the German Research Foundation or the State of Lower Saxony. Additional 500 000 Euros have been secured for other activities such as the organization of conferences and summer schools or for funding international visiting researchers' stays in Lüneburg. In the past two years, CSD members have been particularly successful in securing third party funding for their activities.

PROVIDING KNOWLEDGE FOR POLITICS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Research conducted at the CSD is not only relevant for the scientific discourse, but also holds valuable insights for politicians and civil society members. CSD's researchers undertake constant efforts to diffuse their knowledge into society. These efforts include public lectures on subjects such as the crisis of the European Union as well as presentations for expert groups in government and administration, such as the Federal Foreign Office. Recently, CSD members participated as advisors in the Council of Europe's Venice Commission and provided a background report for the World Bank's World Development Report.

In addition, CSD members regularly conduct research projects with a direct relevance for regional political and civil society actors. For example, in the framework of the project "East-West Network of Competence Celle – Lüneburg", CSD researchers participated in the creation of a network furthering economic, cultural, administrative and scientific exchange between Lower Saxony and EU member states in Central and Eastern Europe. Between 2006 and 2008, two research projects evaluating changes in public administration rules in Lower Saxony were conducted at the CSD. Currently, the project "Public Participation and Climate Change Adaptation in Federal Systems" assesses an innovative participation process involving a broad range of stakeholders to develop recommendations for an adaptation strategy to climate change in Lower Saxony.

⊕ RESEARCH PROJECTS AIMING AT KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER IN POLITICS AND SOCIETY:

- Jugend und Politik – ein schwieriges Verhältnis? Schüler als Jugendforscher (2012-2013)
- "Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in the German Länder: the Case of Lower Saxony" (2010-2014)
- Modernization of Public Administration – Lower Saxony (2006-2008)
- Model County Law – Lower Saxony (2004-2007)
- East-West Network of Competence Celle - Lüneburg (2003-2005)

PROVIDING AN ATMOSPHERE OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

- Party Politics and Democracy in Europe (2014)
- Electoral Authoritarianism and Democratization in Africa (2013)
- Contestation of Hydraulic Fracking in Europe and the USA: Policies, Publics and Democracy (2013)
- Mapping and Tracing Global Cultural Change (2011)
- Party Government in the New Europe (2010)
- Democratic Government Systems in Central and Eastern Europe (Demokratische Regierungssysteme in Mittel- und Osteuropa, 2009)
- Political Strategy – Outlines of a Research Field (Politische Strategie: Konturen eines Forschungsfelds, 2009)
- Reform of Federalism in Germany (Föderalismusreform in Deutschland - Zwischenbilanz und Ausblick, 2008)



A measure the CSD takes to ensure the high quality of research undertaken at the Center is to facilitate academic exchange and cooperation among its members as well as between its members and domestic and international researchers. An important element in this effort is the organization of presentations by visiting scholars. Scholars from German and international universities are frequently invited to discuss their current research projects in the 'Tuesday Seminar', the Center's weekly research colloquium. Moreover, with the annual Hans-Dieter Klingemann Lecture, the CSD aims at bringing top scholars in the field of democracy research to Lüneburg. Among the researchers speaking in this lecture series have been Prof. Hans Keman, Prof. Manfred Schmidt, Prof. Ronald Inglehart, and Prof. Bernard Grofman. In addition, the CSD supports the organization of scientific workshops and conferences in Lüneburg. Since 2004, more than 20 such events have taken place in Lüneburg, including smaller events with a regional outreach such as the annual doctoral workshops for PhD researchers from Northern German universities organized at the CSD, as well as larger international conferences.

In addition to inviting German and international visiting scholars to present their research in Lüneburg, the CSD also offers scholarships for longer-term research stays at Leuphana University. Since 2006, a number of international PhD students and post-doctoral scholars have profited from this opportunity.

The CSD also promotes academic exchange by engaging in research networks and partnerships with other democracy research institutions. On the international level, the CSD is a member of the Network of Democracy Research Institutions (NDRI) and has close ties to the Center for the Study of Democracy (University of California, Irvine), the Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracy (Central European University, Budapest), the Institute of Government and Politics (University of Tartu), the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (University of Sydney), and the European Studies Institute (University of Siena). In Germany, the CSD is the leading coordinator of the Northern German Network of Democracy Studies and closely cooperates with Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (University of Bremen / Jacobs University Bremen) and Social Science Research Center Berlin.

Prominent among the CSD's networking activities is its involvement in the World Values Surveys. The CSD hosts the president's office of the entire WVS and coordinates the German part of the survey.

Workshops and conferences – continuing from prev. Page

- Performance of Democracies (Leistungsfähigkeit von Demokratien, 2007)
- Cabinet Decision-Making in Central Eastern Europe (2006)
- International Students and the Regional Economy (Ausländische Studierende und regionale Wirtschaft, 2005)
- Workshop on Qualitative Comparative Analysis (2005)
- Party Government in the New Europe (2010)
- Representation in the European Union: Coping with Present Challenges to Democracy? (2010)

PROMOTING JUNIOR RESEARCHERS

The Center for the Study of Democracy strongly engages in promoting the careers of junior researchers. It provides its doctoral students with an excellent environment for their academic training. PhD students at the CSD are supervised within the framework of Leuphana Graduate School, participating in interdisciplinary courses on the Philosophy of Science and on the Practice of Science & Ethics of Science and getting access to a variety of scholarships to cover their living expenses and their research activities. In the weekly Tuesday Seminars, CSD's doctoral students discuss their dissertation projects with the center's research staff and professors. Currently, more than 20 full-time and part-time

PhD researchers are supervised at the CSD. Past PhD students have successfully moved on to positions in research, public administration and non-profit organizations.

In addition to thesis supervision and support for PhD researchers in the framework of Leuphana Graduate School, the CSD engages in various other efforts designed to promote young researchers. Every year, CSD's Professor Thomas Saretzki organizes a workshop during which researchers from the Northern German Network for Democracy Research's member institutions present current research projects and PhD students from the Network present their

dissertation projects. In July 2014, the seventh workshop of this kind took place in Lüneburg.

In addition to doctoral workshops with a regional reach, the CSD has organized international summer schools bringing together leading scholars in the field of democracy research and PhD students from all around the world. From 2005 to 2007, the CSD hosted the annual PhD summer schools of the ECPR Standing Group on Central and East European Politics. Each year, the program under the direction of Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel provided a group of 20-25 junior researchers with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge on

the school's central theme, "Governance and Democracy in Central Eastern Europe". Courses were taught by a team of internationally renowned scholars, including, among others, Jean Blondel, Hans-Dieter Klingemann and Eric Uslaner.

From 2013 to 2015, the CSD is hosting the annual ECPR summer school on Political Parties and Democracy. Focusing on the role and the function of political parties in „old“ and „new“ European democracies, but also in other regions of the world, the two-week program features staff lectures as well as presentations by the 25 participating PhD researchers from around the world. Moreover, a one-day excursion

to Hamburg and a four-day academic excursion to Berlin are part of the program that is financially supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD; program funded by the Federal Foreign Office). Teaching staff includes Prof. Ingrid van Biezen, Dr. Elisabeth Carter, Prof. Zsolt Enyedi, Prof. Richard Katz, Prof. Hans Keman, Prof. Robert Ladrech, Prof. Wolfgang Müller and Prof. Andrea Römmele.

Moreover, since 2007, the CSD cooperates with „Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences“ (BIGSSS), a joint program of Jacob University and University of Bremen funded by the German Research Foundation within the framework of the

German Excellence Initiative. The cooperation includes course teaching of CSD members at BIGSSS, particularly in the fields of democracy studies and comparative politics. Furthermore it was agreed that doctoral students from BIGSSS may choose CSD professors as supervisors. Over the past years, Prof. Christian Welzel and Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (both CSD) have been supervisors of several BIGSSS doctoral researchers. Prof. Welzel has also taught seminars on methodology at BIGSSS. The cooperation between BIGSSS and CSD has been prolonged until 2015, under the second wave of the Excellence Program of the German Research Foundation.



CURRENT MEMBERS

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- Assistent Prof. Sebastian Elischer
- Assistent Prof. Vera van Hüllen
- Prof. Jens Newig
- Prof. Thomas Saretzki
- Prof. Christian Welzel
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- Veit Ebermann (Doc)
- Ina Kubbe (Post-Doc)
- Esther Seha (Doc)

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- Marcus Kronfeldt (Doc)
- Stefan Kruse (Doc)
- Jessica Kunert (Doc)

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- Prof. Vello Pettai (University of Tartu, Estonia)
- Dr. Ralf Tils (Agency for political strategy, Hamburg)

PAST MEMBERS

PAST MEMBER	PERIOD OF STAY	CURRENT AFFILIATION
Prof. Uwe Thaysen	2004-2007	Deceased June 26, 2007
Dr. Stefan Lage	2004-2006	Consultant, Volkswagen Financial Services A.G. Wolfsburg
Dr. Patrick Horst	2004-2007	Lecturer, University of Passau
Dr. Katja Fettelschoß	2004-2008	Consultant for junior academic researchers, German Research Foundation
Dr. Philipp Harfst	2004-2008; 2013	Assistant professor, University of Greifswald
Dr. Holger Meyer	2004-2009	Staff member, Prime Ministers Office of Lower Saxony
Dr. Henrike Englert	2005-2009	Assistant professor, University of Greifswald

PAST MEMBER	PERIOD OF STAY	CURRENT AFFILIATION
Dr. Stefanie Seewald	2005-2010	Teaching Staff, University Studies Abroad Program, Leuphana University Lüneburg
Dr. Friederike Heins	2006-2008	Lawyer, Kapellmann Rechtsanwälte
Jessica Fortin-Rittberger, PhD	2006-2009	Professor, University of Salzburg
Axel Piesker	2006-2009	Research associate, University of Administrative Sciences, Speyer
Dr. Basil Bornemann	2006-2012	Researcher, University of Basel
Prof. Julia von Blumenthal	2007-2008	Professor, Humboldt University of Berlin
Prof. Michael Haus	2008	Professor, University of Heidelberg

PAST MEMBER	PERIOD OF STAY	CURRENT AFFILIATION
Dr. Holger Albrecht	2008	Assistant professor, American University of Cairo
Amy Alexander, PhD	2008-2009; 2011-2012	Professor, University of Göttingen
Dr. Eva-Clarita Pettai	2009-2010	Researcher, University of Tartu
Dr. Franziska Deutsch	2010-2011	Researcher, Jacobs University Bremen
Dr. Charlotte Freund	2010-2013	Personal advisor to the former chancellor Gerhard Schröder
Prof. Andreas Lutter	2011-2012	Professor, University of Kiel
Dr. Marcel Lewandowsky	2012-2013	Research assistant, Helmut Schmidt University, Hamburg

PAST MEMBER	PERIOD OF STAY	CURRENT AFFILIATION
Henrike Knappe	2010-2014	Research assistant, University of Göttingen
Prof. Waltraud Meints-Stender	2013-2014	Professor, University of Applied Sciences Mönchengladbach
Dr. Frieder Wolf	2013-2014	Researcher, University of Heidelberg



COOPERATION PARTNERS

MEMBERSHIP IN NETWORKS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- Network of Democracy Research Institutions (NDRI)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)
- Norddeutsches Netzwerk Demokratieforschung (NND)

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

- Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine
- Center for the Study of Imperfections in Democracy, Central European University, Budapest
- Institute of Government and Politics, Universität Tartu
- Institute for Democracy and Human Rights, University of Sydney
- Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Universität Bremen und Jacobs University Bremen
- Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

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- Prof. Russell J. Dalton (University of California, Irvine)
- Prof. Peter Feindt (Wageningen University)
- Prof. Frank Fischer (Rutgers University, New Jersey)
- Prof. Hans-Jörg Trezn (Universität Kopenhagen)
- Prof. Ronald Inglehart (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
- Prof. Hans Keman (University of Amsterdam)
- Prof. Tomas M. Koontz (Ohio State University)
- Dr. Sandra Kröger (University of Exeter)
- Prof. Richard Luther (Keele University)
- Prof. Eduard Ponarin (Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg)
- Prof. Bi Puranen (Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm)
- Prof. Lindsay C. Stringer (University of Leeds)

HANS-DIETER KLINGEMANN LECTURE: GUEST SPEAKERS

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
2014	Prof. Robert Rohrschneider	University of Kansas	Polarization over Integration? The Stances of Political Parties on European Integration, 2008 - 2013
2013	Prof. Doh Shin	University of Missouri, Columbia	Confucianism and Democratization in East Asia
2012	Prof. Bernard Grofman	University of California, Irvine	Electoral Engineering
2011	Prof. Wolfgang Merkel	Social Science Research Center Berlin	Ist die Krise der Demokratie ein Mythos?
2010	Prof. Hans Keman	Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	In Search of Votes - Offices - Policy: Third Ways of Social Democracy
2009	Prof. Ronald Inglehart	University of Michigan	Value Change in a Global World. Can we believe our senses? How reliable and valid are the Large-N cross-national surveys?

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
2008	Prof. Dirk Berg-Schlosser	University of Marburg	Erfolg und Scheitern von Demokratien - Erfahrungen und Perspektiven
2007	Prof. Christian Welzel	Jacobs University Bremen	Ist Demokratie ein universell übertragbares Konzept?
2006	Prof. Klaus von Beyme	University of Heidelberg	Demokratie und Föderalismus
2005	Prof. Manfred Schmidt	University of Heidelberg	Die Zukunft der Demokratie
2004	Prof. Hans-Dieter Klingemann	Social Science Research Center Berlin	Die Entwicklung einer demokratischen politischen Kultur in Mittel- und Osteuropa

INTERNATIONAL VISITING RESEARCHERS

VISITING FELLOW	PERIOD OF STAY
Dr. Jessica Fortin-Rittberger	January 2006 – December 2006 (Doc); September 2007 – March 2009 (Post-doc)
Fernando Casal Bertoa	June 2009-December 2009
Katja Michalak	July 2006 – December 2006
Jill Wittrock	May 2007 – August 2007
Dr. Holger Albrecht	March 2008 – October 2008
Prof. Vello Pettai	2008-2011
Chenxing Guo	June 2008 – April 2009

VISITING FELLOW	PERIOD OF STAY
Amy Alexander	September 2008 - March 2009
Dr. Katarzyna Gajewska	October 2008 – September 2009
Prof. Fang Lei	October 2008 – December 2008
Dr. Michelangelo Vercesi	October 2010 - December 2010 (Doc);
Nairooz Ali	September 2011 - December 2011
Prof. Thomas Koelble	June 2012- July 2012
Prof. Richard Luther	September 2013

LECTURES OF INTERNATIONAL VISITING SCHOLARS

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
January 21, 2014	Prof. Rory Fitzgerald	City University London	Acculturation amongst those moving from East to West: attitudes towards homosexuality in comparative perspective.
December 3, 2013	Prof. Nebojsa Blanasal	University of Zagreb	Political unconscious of Croatia and the EU: tracing the Yugoslav syndrome.
October 15, 2013	Benedetta Cotta	European University Institute, Florence	Variation in the implementation compliance: an analysis of the waste-management policies in Hungary and Poland.
June 18, 2013	Dr. Diego Garcia	European University Institute, Florence	Personalization of politics and electoral change.
June 4, 2013	Jessica Fortin-Rittberger, PhD	University of Salzburg	Measurements of Presidential Power.
May 28, 2013	Prof. Serban Tanasa	Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg	Happier than thou.
July 10, 2012	Prof. Ronald Inglehart	University of Michigan	Evolutionary modernization and cultural change.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
July 3, 2012	Prof. Bernard Grofman	University of California, Irvine	Selection bias in the dependent variable(s) in political science research.
June 19, 2012	Prof. Thomas Koelble	University of Cape Town	The failure of decentralization in South Africa: complexity and unanticipated consequences
June 5, 2012	Prof. Zlatko Sabic	University of Ljubljana	International parliamentary institutions – a research agenda.
May 22, 2012	Dr. Juliet Kaarbo	University of Edinburgh	Personality and politics: prime ministers' beliefs and leadership styles.
January 24, 2012	Prof. Jan Delhey	Jacobs University, Bremen	Is trust in co-Europeans relevant for citizens' support for political integration?
January 17, 2012	Prof. John Keane	University of Sydney	Monitoring democracy: a new perspective on contemporary trends.
November 22, 2011	Prof. Christoph H. Stefes	University of Colorado, Denver	Explaining the stability of autocratic regimes – beyond elites and formal institutions.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
November 15, 2011	Prof. Daniele Caramani	University of St. Gallen	Discrepant electorates: the Inclusiveness of electorates and its impact on the representation of citizens.
November 7, 2013	Prof. Frank Fischer	Rutgers University	Deliberating nuclear safety: Between risk assessment and everyday reason.
October 18, 2011	Conor Little, Dr. Holger Döring	European University Institute, Florence; University of Bremen	Ministerial career patterns in seventeen parliamentary democracies.
June 14, 2011	Dr. Martha Wörching	Loughborough University	Political participation of young people in Britain.
May 17, 2011	Prof. Matthijs Bogaards	Jacobs University, Bremen	Electoral systems and peace.
January 18, 2011	Prof. Jean Blondel	European University Institute, Florence	A plea for a genuine “micro political” analysis in political science.
December 14	Johannes Oschlies	University of Tartu	What kind of democracy are we living in? Normative attitudes toward democracy among citizens and political elites in Estonia and Eastern Germany.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
June 1, 2010	Prof. Timothy Boylan	Winthrop University	Three images of democracy in the United States: unchecked, balanced and qualified.
December 8, 2009	Dr. Daniel Bochsler	Central European University, Budapest	Representing inequalities: how can social conflict be radicalized through political institutions?
December 1, 2009	Dr. Lars Johannsen	University of Aarhus	Corruption and democracy: recent research findings from post-communist countries.
June 30, 2009	Prof. Huan Quingzhi	Shandong University	Seeking for the right direction: political reform / development in China after 30 years.
June 16 2009	Prof. Jean Blondel	European University Institute, Florence	Switzerland as a model for the EU.
May 26, 2009	Dr. Jan Meyer-Sahling	University of Nottingham	Post-accession sustainability of administrative reforms in new EU member states.
May 5, 2009	Dr. Allan Sikk	London School of Economics and Political Science	Green without a tinge of red: the fall and rise of Estonian Greens.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
December 9, 2008	Prof. Leslie Holmes	University of Melbourne	Crime, organized crime and corruption in post-communist Europe and the CIS.
June 17, 2008	Dr. Silvia Bolgherini	University Naples Federico II	The impact of EU cohesion policy on member states.
May 20, 2008	Dr. Richard Luther	Keele University	Europeanization of national parties.
May 6, 2008	Prof. Philippe C. Schmitter	European University Institute, Florence	Second thoughts on what democracy is... and is not.
July 3, 2007	Prof. Andrei Markovits	University of Michigan	Sport und Politik.
June 12, 2007	Alexandra Ionascu	Vrije Universiteit Brussel	Romanian political elites: When (and How) Does the selection of ministers matter?
November 28, 2006	Prof. John Higley	University of Texas, Austin	Elite foundations of liberal democracy.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
December 13, 2005	Prof. Michael Huelshoff	University of New Orleans	Institutions, structure and political parties in new and old Democracies.
December 6, 2005	Prof. Vello Pettai	University of Tartu	The institutionalization of the political class in the Baltic States.

LECTURES OF VISITING SCHOLARS FROM GERMANY

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
November 12, 2013	Prof. Anna Geis	University of Magdeburg	Die Theorie des „demokratischen Friedens“ und ihre Kritiker.
July 2, 2013	Dr. Frieder Wolf	University of Heidelberg	Die Härtefallkommissionen der Bundesländer und die Vereinheitlichung des Asylrechts in der EU.
May 7, 2013	Dr. Christian von Soest	German Institute of Global and Area Studies	Auswirkungen von Sanktionen auf Demokratisierung.
April 23, 2013	Prof. Michael Minkenberg	European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder	Religion, Staat und Demokratie in der westlichen Welt: Herausforderungen von Pluralismus und Pluralisierung.
April 16, 2013	Prof. em. Gerd Meyer	University of Tübingen	Wer wagt, gewinnt? – Zivilcourage in Gesellschaft und Politik.
January 15, 2013	Prof. Marc Debus	University of Mannheim	Demokratische Responsivität? Länge und Inhalte von Abgeordnetenreden im Deutschen Bundestag.
December 4, 2012	Dr. Till Weber, Prof. Florian Grotz	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Center for the Study of Democracy	When do new parties enter government? The case of Central and Eastern Europe.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
October 16, 2012	Prof. Sabine Kropp	German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer	Hierarchie und Netzwerke in den russischen Regionen. Governance unter den Bedingungen eines semi-autoritären Systems.
May 8, 2012	Lars Vogel	University of Jena	Zwischen Führung und Responsivität: Repräsentatives Handeln von Parlamentsabgeordneten in Deutschland.
January 31, 2012	Prof. Christoph Möllers	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Demokratische Legitimation in der EU.
November 8, 2011	Prof. Jens Steffek	Technische Universität Darmstadt	Demokratie und Technologie im internationalen Regieren.
July 5, 2011	Dr. Matthias Basedau	German Institute of Global and Area Studies	Managing ethnic conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa (and beyond): prospects and limits of institutional engineering.
April 5, 2011	Dr. Oleh Protsyk	University of Flensburg	Semi-presidentialism under post-communism.
January 25, 2011	Stefanie John	University of Bochum	Die deutschen Parteien im europäischen Mehrebenensystem: Konsistent zwischen Positionierung und politischem Handeln.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
July 6, 2010	Prof. André Kaiser	University of Cologne	Föderalismus, Dezentralisierung und Performanz.
June 15, 2010	Dr. Henrik Gast	University of Regensburg	Möglichkeiten und Grenzen einer kontextspezifischen Theorie der politischen Führung.
May 18, 2010	Prof. Frank Decker	University of Bonn	Direkte Demokratie auf der Landesebene.
May 4, 2010	Prof. Michael Haus	University of Kassel	Die Mittelschicht als Opfer und Profiteur demokratischer Wohlfahrtstaatlichkeit.
January 12, 2010	Dr. Armin Schäfer	Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies	Warum eine sinkende Wahlbeteiligung der Demokratie schadet.
April 29, 2008	Prof. Andreas Busch	University of Göttingen	Privacy, politics and protest. What do we know?
January 8, 2008	Dr. Stefan Marschall	University of Düsseldorf	Zum parlamentarischen Frieden? Design und Ergebnisse des paks-Projekts an der Universität Düsseldorf.

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
December 4, 2007	Holger Döring	University of Konstanz	Politische Repräsentation in Europa: Die parteipolitische Zusammensetzung der EU-Institutionen.
June 5, 2007	Prof. Joachim Raschke	University of Hamburg	Politische Strategien.
November 21, 2006	Prof. Richard Stöss	Free University of Berlin	Rechtsextremismus im Wandel.
May 2, 2006	Dr. Oleh Protsyk	European Center for Minority Issues, Flensburg	Institutional sources of variation in democratic performance of the Western CIS countries.
January 17, 2006	Dr. Guido Tiemann	European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder	Wahlssysteme, Parteiensysteme und politische Repräsentationen in Osteuropa.
November 22, 2005	Delia Schindler	University of Hamburg	Urban Governance. Wandel von Steuerungsmustern durch Netzwerke.
June 21, 2005	Prof. Friedbert Rüb	University of Hamburg	Governance in der Demokratie. Ist der Begriff des Regierens antiquiert?

DATE	SPEAKER	RESEARCH INSTITUTION	TITLE OF THE LECTURE
April 26, 2005	Dr. Steffen Ganghoff	Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies / University of Cologne	Normative Modelle, institutionelle Typen und beobachtbare Verhaltensmuster: Ein Vorschlag zum Vergleich parlamentarischer Demokratien.

EXTERNALLY FINANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS RESEARCH AREA A

PROJECT PUBLICATION:

Dalton, Russell J.; Welzel, Christian (eds.) (2014).
The Civic Culture Transformed: From Allegiant to
Assertive Citizens. New York: Cambridge University
Press.



Political culture and political development

The aim of this project was to conceptualize a key transformation in the civic culture and civil society of postindustrial societies: the transition from a traditional model of “allegiant democratic citizens” to a new model of “assertive democratic citizens.” Using data from the Global Democracy Barometers and the World Values Surveys, the empirical implications of the “assertive citizen model” were tested on a worldwide comparative scale, using multi-level models to examine how a society’s cultural legacy, (un)democratic history, and economic development vary the prevalent model of democratic citizenship and hence the character of civil society.

Project partners: Russel J. Dalton, Christian Welzel

Project duration: 2009 to 2013

Funding: Alexander-von-Humboldt-Stiftung, Center for the Study of Democracy at University of California, Irvine

Value Orientations and Cooperation

The project under the Direction of Prof. Christian Welzel and Prof. Christian Thöni (University of Lausanne) analyzes the link between individuals’ value orientations and their cooperative behavior. Involving the conduct of 2,000 face-to-face interviews, it takes place within the framework of the sixth round of the World Values Survey (WVS). Apart from continuing an important time series, the sixth WVS in Germany puts a new focus on the relationship between values and cooperation which connection is rarely analyzed. For this reason, the sixth round of the WVS invited respondents to participate in an online version of a standard cooperation game that has been tried and tested in behavioral economics. The aim is to find out how certain values that have been on the rise in Germany and other postindustrial societies affect cooperation and what external conditions ease the translation of these values into cooperation.

Cooperation partners: The Executive Committee of the World Values Survey;
Prof. Dr. Michael Schefzyk

Funding: German Science Foundation (DFG) and Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).
Foundation: 560,000 Euros

Duration: March 2013 to February 2016

RESEARCH AREA B

PROJECT PUBLICATION:

Blondel, Jean; Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Malova, Darina (eds.) (2007): *Governing New European Democracies*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.

Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (2005): Parteienwettbewerb in mittelosteuropäischen Demokratien. Zum Zusammenhang von Strukturen der Regierungsbildung und Stabilität von Parteiensystemen. In: *Zeitschrift für Parlamentsfragen* 36 (3), pp. 666–679.

Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (2008): Prime Ministerial Staff in Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe. In: *The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* 24 (2), pp. 256–271.



Governing New Democracies

The project comparatively analyzed the internal characteristics of cabinet decision-making in ten Central Eastern European countries between 1990 and 2003. On the basis of 320 interviews with former ministers who participated in these decision-making processes, the study examined the role of procedures and rules, parties, civil servants, individual ministers, the finance minister and above all prime ministers on the nature of cabinet decision-making. It contributed to an empirical comparative framework on streamlining decision-making processes in cabinet governments. The key finding of the study was that Central Eastern European countries have implemented a cabinet system that compares well with governmental systems of Western Europe.

Cooperation partners: Jean Blondel, Darina Malova, Ferdinand Müller-Rommel

Funding: The World Bank and Fritz Thyssen Foundation: 31,500 Euros

Duration: November 2002 to December 2006

Ministerial Recruitment and Career Patterns in Central Eastern Europe

The goal of this project embedded into a larger European research network was to create a database on the socio-structural background and the career patterns of approximately 1,200 ministers in ten Central and Eastern European Countries.

Project director: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel

Funding: European Science Foundation (ESF): 5000 Euros

Duration: November 2002 to October 2007

PROJECT PUBLICATION:

Fettelschoss, Katja (2009): *Politische Eliten und Demokratie. Professionalisierung von Ministern in Mitteleuropa*. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

East-West Network of Competence Celle - Lüneburg

The project aimed at the creation of a network between economy, science, culture and administration, concentrating the knowledge and coordinating the actions of different actors with an East-West competence in the government district of Lüneburg. The network thus furthered economic, cultural, administrative and scientific exchange between Lower Saxony and EU member states in Central and Eastern Europe.

Cooperation partners: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Ralf Othmer, Holger Meyer, Frank Neumann

Funding: European Regional Development Fund, Ministry of Economy of Lower Saxony: 162,000 Euros

Duration: October 2003 to December 2005

Patterns of democracy and capacity of political systems in Central and Eastern Europe

This project empirically analyzed different patterns of democracy in Central and Eastern Europe, relating patterns of democracy and policy performance. It was based on a quantitative-empirical comparison of the economic, ecological and social performance of ten Central and Eastern European countries.

Project director: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Detlef Jahn

Funding: German Science Foundation (DFG): 265,000 Euros

Duration: January 2004 to December 2007

⊙ PROJECT-RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand (2008): Demokratiemuster und Leistungsbilanz von Regierungen: Theorie, Methode und Kritik an Arend Lijpharts „Patterns of Democracy“. In: Zeitschrift für vergleichende Politikwissenschaft 2 (1), pp. 78–94.

Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Harfst, Philipp; Schultze, Henrike (2008): Von der typologischen zur dimensional Analyse parlamentarischer Demokratien: konzeptionelle Überlegungen am Beispiel Mittelsteuropas. In: Politische Vierteljahresschrift 49 (4), pp. 669–694..

PROJECT PUBLICATIONS:

Tils, Ralf (2011): Strategische Regierungssteuerung. Schröder und Blair im Vergleich. Wiesbaden: VS-Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften.

**Strategic control in party government systems**

Conducting pioneering research in the field of political strategies, this project developed a concept of strategic management in the context of party government systems and empirically applied it to a comparative study of strategic government control in Great Britain and Germany.

Project director: Ralf Tils

Project duration: April 2006 to March 2009

Funding: German Science Foundation (DFG): 245,000 Euros

Model County Law – Lower Saxony

With this project, CSD researchers scientifically accompanied and evaluated the introduction of new administrative rules on the county level in Lower Saxony, designed to reduce administrative costs and to accelerate administrative decision-making.

Project partners: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Iris Thye, Holger Meyer, Axel Piesker, Anja Rißland

Project duration: January 2006 to December 2008

Funding: Lower Saxony State Chancellery: 96,250 Euros

PROJECT-RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Thye, Iris; Meyer, Holger; Piesker, Axel; Rißland, Anja (2009): Abschlussbericht zur wissenschaftlichen Begleitung des Gesetzes zur Erprobung erweiterter Handlungsspielräume.

Available online at
http://www.stk.niedersachsen.de/download/2243/Abschlussbericht_zur_wissenschaftlichen_Begleitung_des_Modellkommunen-Gesetzes_-_Juni_2009.pdf, checked on 1/07/2013.

PROJECT PUBLICATION:

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Müller-Rommel, Ferdinand; Meyer, Holger; Heins, Friederike (2010): Verwaltungsmodernisierung in Niedersachsen. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft.



Modernization of public administration – Lower Saxony

This project empirically analyzed and evaluated the impact of an administrative reform in Lower Saxony, abolishing certain proceedings of opposition to administrative decisions.

Project director: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Holger Meyer

Project duration: January 2006 to December 2008

Funding: Ministry of the Interior of Lower Saxony: 70,000 Euros

Salafism in the Sahel: State Strategies and Their Consequences

The literature on radical Islam stresses the significant role of the Salafi creed for the radicalization of Muslims worldwide. The project is interested in the causes and the consequences of the rise of Salafi activity in the Sahel zone. It distinguishes between three main Salafi factions: purist, political and jihadi Salafism. Political and jihadi salafists are known to polarize young democracies and weak states. The project examines which faction has come to dominate in four countries including Niger, Mali, Mauritania and Chad. In a second step the project accounts for the formation of different Salafi groups across countries. It is particularly interested in the effect of state strategies (exclusion, monitoring and inclusion) of Salafi associations.

Project partners: Sebastian Elischer, German Institute of Global and Area Studies Hamburg, Centre for Strategic and International Studies Washington DC

Project duration: 2014 to 2016

Funding: Gerda Henkel Stiftung: 15,900 Euros

RESEARCH AREA C

Youth and Politics

How am I concerned by politics? This was the leading question of “Youth and politics,” a cooperation project between the Center for the Study of Democracy and three secondary schools in Lüneburg, inciting students to reflect upon their own role in democracy. Funded by Robert Bosch Stiftung, the project was designed to encourage the participating students to understand themselves not as bystanders in democracy, but as a part of the political discourse. Working on individual research questions, the students acquired knowledge about political problems and institutions, as well as about their own position in politics. Thereby, they were supported by researchers from Leuphana University Lüneburg, giving them insights into social science research topics and methodology. The project was concluded with a conference that gave the participating students the opportunity to present their research to the public.

Project director: Dawid Friedrich; Andreas Lutter

Project duration: September 2012 to December 2013

Funding: Robert Bosch Stiftung: 17,500 Euros

WaterScale – The Influence of Scales on Environmental Governance

The achievement of environmental and sustainability goals is dependent on resolving multifaceted scalar problems: political-administrative levels of decision-making often do not match natural scale-levels and thus produce spill-offs. Analyzing the implementation of the EC Water Framework Directive, this project explores such problems of scale in environmental governance

Project partners: Timothy Moss, Jens Newig

Project duration: 2010 to 2013

Funding: German Science Foundation (DFG): 340.000 Euros

⊕ PROJECT-RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

Newig, J. / Moss, T. (eds., 2010): Multi-Level Water Governance: Coping with Problems of Scale. Special Feature of *Environmental Management*, 45 (7).

Analysis of Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Development in Lower Saxony (A-CLIM)

Adaptation to climate change has emerged as a political issue in developed countries for some years. The German Land of Lower Saxony established a governmental commission involving interest groups, local and state government officials as well as climate scientists to develop recommendations for policy responses to climate change. A-CLIM analyses (I) how policy makers at the federal state level design and steer processes of science-based, cross-sectoral policy formulation and (II) which strengths and weaknesses with respect to policy coordination, knowledge integration and institutional settings appear during the political process. The research design is based upon the approach of political strategy analysis of Raschke/Tils (2007).

Project director: Thomas Saretzki, Meinfried Striegnitz, Veit Ebermann; A-CLIM is part of the research initiative KLIF (Climate Impact and Adaptation Research in Lower Saxony)

Project duration: October 2012 to September 2014

Funding: Ministry for Science and Culture of Lower Saxony: 100,000 Euros

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

PROFESSOR	DATE	CONFERENCE TITLE
Grotz	September 25-27, 2008	Reform of federalism in Germany („Föderalismusreform in Deutschland- Zwischenbilanz und Ausblick“)
Müller-Rommel	October 12-13, 2007	Performance of democracies (“Leistungsfähigkeit von Demokratien“)
Müller-Rommel, Thaysen	December 1, 2004	Reform of federalism in Germany (“Föderalismusreform in Deutschland: Auswirkungen auf die regionale und kommunale Ebene“), organized in cooperation with “Niedersächsische Landeszentrale für Politische Bildung“
Müller-Rommel	October 8-10, 2004	Empirical methods in comparative political science and their application

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

PROFESSOR	DATE	CONFERENCE TITLE
Müller-Rommel	February 23-26, 2014	Party Politics and Democracy in Europe (funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG)
Elischer	November 7-8, 2013	Electoral Authoritarianism and Democratization in Africa (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
Saretzki	October 10-12, 2013	Contestation of Hydraulic Fracking in Europe and the USA: Policies, Publics and Democracy
Welzel	March 3-5, 2011	Mapping and Tracing Global Cultural Change (funded by the World Value Surveys)
Müller-Rommel	December 2-3, 2010	Party Government in the New Europe
Friedrich	September 16-18, 2010	Representation in the European Challenges to Democracy? (funded by Union: Coping with present the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
Pettai	December 18, 2009	Estonia: From Founding Elections to Democratic Consolidation (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)

PROFESSOR	DATE	CONFERENCE TITLE
Grotz, Müller-Rommel	July 1, 2009	Democratic Government Systems in Central and Eastern Europe („Demokratische Regierungssysteme in Mittel- und Osteuropa“) (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
Tils	February 12-13, 2009	Political Strategy – Outlines of a Research Field („Politische Strategie: Konturen eines Forschungsfelds“) (funded by the German Research Foundation, DFG)
Müller-Rommel	May 4-6, 2006	Cabinet Decision-Making in Central Eastern Europe (funded by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation)
Müller-Rommel	February 24-25, 2005	Workshop on Qualitative Comparative Analysis

DOCTORAL WORKSHOP WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTHERN GERMAN NETWORK FOR DEMOCRATIC STUDIES

Through its participation in the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies (NND), the CSD cooperates with institutes and departments of political science at University of Bremen, Jacobs University Bremen, University of Greifswald, University of Hamburg, Leibniz University of Hannover and Leuphana University Lüneburg. The Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD) is the leading coordinator of the network.

One of the major NND activities is to organize regular PhD seminars and doctoral training workshops taking place at the CSD in Lüneburg. These are open to doctoral researchers from the collaborating partner institutions, who are not only invited to present and discuss their research designs and their preliminary findings, but also learn more about the practical aspects of “doing a PhD”, and about the academic life in the political science discipline.

All workshops have been initiated and organized by Prof. Thomas Saretzki.

DOCTORAL TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS AT THE CSD

DATE	TITEL
June 20, 2014	Seventh doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
May 31, 2013	Sixth doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
May 4, 2012	Fifth doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
April 29, 2011	Fourth doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
June 4, 2010	Third doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
June 19, 2009	Second doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies
November 14, 2008	First doctoral workshop of the Northern German Network for Democracy Studies

INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL TRAINING

Since its foundation in 2004, the CSD has repeatedly hosted international PhD summer schools in cooperation with the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). From 2005 to 2007, the CSD hosted the annual PhD summer schools on Central and East European Politics, receiving substantial financial support from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Each year, the program under the direction of Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel provided a group of 20-25 junior researchers with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge on the school's central theme, Governance and Democracy in Central Eastern Europe. Courses were taught by a team of internationally renowned scholars, including Prof. Frank Aarebrot, Prof. Attila Ágh, Prof. Klaus Armingeon, Prof. Sten Berglund, Prof. Jean Blondel, Prof. Zsolt Enyedi, Prof. Detlef Jahn, Prof. Hans-Dieter Klingemann, Prof. Paul Lewis, Prof. Darina Malova, Dr. Zdenka Mansfeldova, Prof. Radoslaw Markowski, Prof. Wolfgang Merkel, Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Prof. Vello Pettai, and Prof. Eric Uslander.

From 2013 to 2015, the CSD is hosting the ECPR summer schools on Political Parties and Democracy, focusing on the role and the function of political parties in „old“ and „new“. European democracies, but also in other regions of the world. Directed by Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, the Summer School provides PhD researchers with access to a wide range of core analytical perspectives in democracy studies, political party research, and comparative politics. Moreover, courses highlight current issues in political party research, such as the challenges of Europeanization and of electronic democracy.

The Summer School comprises an intensive program of lectures, seminars and presentations in English language. Each day consists of two main teaching elements. The first element commences with a presentation by a staff member of his/her current research project, or forthcoming publication, followed by a question-and-answer session. In the second element, two or more PhD researchers each present a paper on the design or empirical findings of their dissertation project. The presentations are followed by a period of intensive discussion.

Teaching staff included Prof. Ingrid van Biezen (Leiden University), Dr. Elisabeth Carter (Keele University), Prof. Zsolt Enyedi (Central European University, Budapest), Prof. Richard Katz (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore), Prof. Hans Keman (Free University of Amsterdam), Prof. Robert Ladrech (Keele University), Prof. Wolfgang Müller (University of Vienna) and Prof. Andrea Römmele (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin).

COMPLETED DISSERTATIONS

NAME	COMPLETION OF DISSERTATION	SUPERVISORS	TITLE OF DISSERTATION
Esther Seha	Juni 2014	Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel Prof. Florian Grotz	Post-sozialistische Regierungssystemreform: Armenien, Kroatien, Russland und die Ukraine im Vergleich
Kilian Seng	Mai 2014	Prof. Ferdinand Müller-Rommel Prof. Nathalie Behnke	Arbeitsmarktregime und Sprachverhalten
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