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**Germany's European Politics
Online Seminar, Summer Term 2020**

Content and Planning

- (1) 17 April, 10.00-12.00:
1st online meeting (as scheduled)
Introduction and survey (HM)
- (2) Between 17 April and 6 Mai:
Preparation of projects for seminar papers
 - Participants send in their projects, with
 - o topic,
 - o research question,
 - o methodology/theory,
 - o draft structure,
 - o state-of-the-art in research at a first glance
(for more detailed guidance see: Scott L. Minkoff: „[Guide to Writing Research Papers in Political Science](#)“, 2018)
 - HM will comment (via mail) on these projects in a back-and-forth communication
- (3) 13-15 Mai (as originally scheduled for the excursion to Berlin):
Individual skype-meetings participants-HM, in-depth discussion of participants' projects for seminar papers
- (4) Mid-May to Mid-July:
Finalizing seminar papers, with online-consultation and guidance with and by HM
- (5) 15 July
Exchange of Abstracts on all seminar papers
- (6) End of August: deadline for handing in the final seminar papers

Topics for seminar papers:

Constitutional and institutional structures

- The German “Fundamental Law” – which guidelines does it provide for Germany’s European politics?
- Germany’s institutional setting for putting European politics into practice – which institutions are involved? What is their role in shaping Germany’s European politics?
- The German Foreign Office – its structure, role and functioning in Germany’s European politics
- The German Chancellor as a central player in Germany’s European politics
- “Coordination” – Germany’s pivotal method for elaborating a German position in Brussels: How does it work?
- The German Federal Parliament’s involvement in Germany’s European politics
- The German Constitutional Court and its outstanding role in European politics – general reflections and case studies

Content

- “A New Departure for Europe” – The Coalition agreement of 2018 and its implementation by the German government
- The EU Commission’s “Green New Deal” and Germany’s Politics of Sustainability
- The dispute over the Multiannual Financial Framework (2021-2027) – Germany’s stance

- Migration in a European Perspective – Germany’s position and politics (2015-2020)
- Germany and France – still an “Engine” for European integration? Processes of coordination, disputes on issues
- Germany and its Neighbours – “Surrounded by Friends”? German Bilateral Relations with Neighbour States in a European Framework
- Germany’s Role in the EU’s International Politics (various issues and aspects: Russia, USA, China, Middle East, Africa ...)
- European Challenges of the Corona Crisis – Germany’s Contribution to European Solutions
- The German EU-Presidency (July-December 2020): Challenges, Preparation, Projects
- German Media Coverage of European Issues and Germany’s European Politics (various aspects)

Literature and Sources on Germany's European Policy:

In general and on various topics:

German European Policy Series (GEPS):

iep-berlin.de/blog/publications/filter/german-european-policy-series/

Some examples, to start with:

Books:

Bulmer, Simon, and Paterson, William E: Germany's European Diplomacy. Shaping the Regional Milieu. Manchester, 2000

Bulmer, Simon, and Paterson, William E.: The Federal Republic of Germany and the European Community. London, New York (Routledge), 2015 (first edition 1987)

Bulmer, Simon, Paterson, William E., Stephen Padgett: Rethinking Germany and Europe. Democracy and Diplomacy in a Semi-Sovereign State. Basingstoke (Palgrave Macmillan) 2010

Wolfgang Wessels, Andreas Maurer, Jürgen Mittag: Fifteen into one? The European Union and its Member States. Manchester 2003

Articles:

Cornelius Adebahr: German and European Politics in Times of Disruption; October 02, 2019; Carnegie-Europe;
<https://carnegieeurope.eu/2019/10/02/german-and-european-politics-in-times-of-disruption-pub-80216>

Bulmer, Simon, and Paterson, William E.: Germany as the EU's reluctant hegemon? Of economic strength and political constraints; in: Journal of European Public Policy 20 (10/2010), pp. 1387-1405

Krotz, Ulrich and Schild, Joachim : France: Germany's Indispensable Ally in European Policy-Making; Institut für europäische Politik: German European Policy Series, no 1/18; <http://iep-berlin.de/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/GEPS-01-18-France-Germanys-Indispensable-Ally-in-European-Policy-Making.pdf>

Lemke, Christiane: Germany's EU Policy: The Domestic Discourse; in: German Studies Review, Vol. 33, No. 3 (October 2010), pp. 503-516

For German reading participants:

To start with in all directions:

Weidenfeld, Werner, und Wessels, Wolfgang: Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration. Baden-Baden, jährlich seit 1980/81

integration, quarterly, edited by Institut für europäische Politik; <http://iep-berlin.de/blog/publications/filter/vierteljahreszeitschrift-integration/>