Rethinking German Political Economy: Lessons for Comparative Theorizing after the Social Democratic Century

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017
Goethe-Institut San Francisco, 530 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94108

FINAL PROGRAM

8:30-9:00  Breakfast

9:00-9:30  Introduction | A Lens into Germany – Germany as a Lens
• Sidney A. Rothstein (U Penn) and Tobias Schulze-Cleven (Rutgers), “Germany after the Social Democratic Century: Capitalism, Democracy and Shifting Social Citizenship”

9:30-11:00  Germany in Europe | Growth, Postindustrialism and Economic Integration
Chair: Jonas Meckling (UC Berkeley)
Discussant: Matthias Matthijs (SAIS, Johns Hopkins)

• Steffen Lehndorff (Duisburg-Essen), “The German Growth Model and the Crises in Europe”
• Wade Jacoby (BYU), “Surplus Germany”
• Jan Behringer (IMK) and Till van Treeck (Duisburg-Essen), “Varieties of Capitalism and Growth Models: A Macroeconomic Perspective”

11:00-11:30  Coffee Break

11:30-1:00  Capitalism in Motion | New Actors, New Strategies
Chair: Ute Klammer (Duisburg-Essen)
Discussant: Mark Vail (Tulane)

• Martin Behrens (WSI) and Heiner Dribbusch (WSI), “Employer Resistance against Works Councils: Evidence from Surveys amongst Trade Unions”
• Thomas Haipeter (Duisburg-Essen), Markus Hertwig (TU Chemnitz) and Sophie Rosenbohm (Duisburg-Essen), “European Multi-Level Governance and Articulation: An Enlarged Perspective on Cross-Border Employee Representation in Multinational Companies”
• Sandra Engelbrecht (Hertie), “The Role of Labor and Service Mobility in Shaping Institutional Changes in German Industrial Relations”
• Niccolo Durazzi (LSE), “The Political Economy of Skills Revisited: University Expansion, High Skills, and State Coordination in Germany”

1:00-2:00  Lunch Break
Workshop on “Rethinking German Political Economy”

2:00-3:30 Multi-Level Democracy  |  Actors, Interactions and Priorities
Chair: Akasemi Newsome (UC Berkeley)
Discussant: R. Daniel Kelemen (Rutgers)
- Björn Bremer (EUI), “Austerity from The Left: Explaining the Fiscal Policies of the Germany SPD in Response to the Great Recession”
- Daniel Kinderman (Delaware), “German Business Elites’ Responses to the Fall of Liberalism and the Rise of Nationalist Populism”
- Ines Wagner (Institute for Social Research, Oslo), “German Political Economy, Migration and Variegated Citizenship”
- Martin Höpner (MPIfG) and Martin Seeliger (Jena), “Transnational Wage Coordination as a Means of Stabilizing the Euro? Has not Worked in the Past, Does not Work Now, Will not Work in the Future”

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

3:45-5:15 The New Social Question  |  Citizenship in the 21st Century?
Chair: Richard Deeg (Temple)
Discussant: Ines Wagner (Institute for Social Research, Oslo)
- Ute Klammer (Duisburg-Essen), “Regulating the Transition from Work to Retirement: Towards a New Distribution of Responsibilities between the State, Social Partners and Companies?”
- Gary Herrigel (Chicago) and Susanne Wengle (Notre Dame), “Sustainable Agriculture as a Relational Learning Process”
- Stephen Silvia (American), “The Transnational Activities of German Trade Unions: From Foreign Policy to Active Engagement”

5:15-6:00 Concluding Discussion  |  A Changing Germany and the Political Economy of Contemporary Europe

7:00 Dinner for Participants
Bluestem Brasserie, 1 Yerba Buena Lane, San Francisco CA 94103

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