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**Activity Report, August 2010 to July 2011**

**1. Courses Taught, Fall 2010, Spring 2011**

European Union Integration, graduate seminar, fall 2010  
Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe, graduate seminar, spring 2011  
History and Politics of the European Union, undergraduate seminar, spring 2011

**2. Guest Lectures, Talks and Conference Presentations**

“Germany’ EU Policy: The Domestic Discourse”, paper presented at the German Studies Association Conference , October 6-10, 2010

“The German-German Dimension of Unification”, Conference on German Unification, BMW-Center, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, October 12, 2010

“Integration of Turks in Germany,” Conference Immigration and Integration Issues, German Consulate General New York and Hunter College, November 4, 2010

“German Unification Revisited 1989/90”, Conference German Unification: Twenty Years Later, UNC-CH, November 18, 2010

Moderator and Commentator to Oliver Rathkolb "The Paradoxical Republic. Austria 1945-2005" (Berghahn books), Austrian Cultural Forum New York, February 8, 2011

“German Ascendancy: Rising Power in Europe and the World?”  
Great Decisions Guest Lecture, UNC Chapel Hill, March 15, 2011

“Lichtgestalt im Arbeitsanzug: Die Politik der Obama-Administration”, Literarischer Salon Hannover, May 30, 2011  
<http://www.literarischer-salon.de/archiv/2011-05-30.html>

**3. Publications**

Richtungswechsel: Reformpolitik der Obama-Administration, Wiesbaden: VS Verlag 2011

Gesellschaftspolitische Kontroversen: Das Gesundheitswesen der USA“, in: Länderprofile. Edition USA, hrsg. von GATE-Germany (DAAD und HRK), Bonn 2010, S. 30

“Germany’ EU Policy: The Domestic Discourse”, German Studies Review, October 2010

#### **4. Interviews and Public Service**

“Tea Party Movement”, SWR 2, 28. September 2010

<http://www.swr.de/swr2/programm/sendungen/swr2-forum/rueckschau/-/id=660194/1365uzh/index.html>

„Erstes Treffen von Obama mit Republikanern nach Wahl“, Interview, Info Radio (Berlin), December 1, 2010

„Ein verbaler Bürgerkrieg ? Warum die politische Auseinandersetzung in den USA eskaliert“, SWR 2, 12. Januar 2011

“Military Action Against Libya: The US Policy”, DW-RADIO/DW-WORLD.DE/ English, March 30, 2011

#### **5. Max Weber Chair Conferences, workshops and guest lectures (Chief Organizer)**

Max Weber Chair Conference

**European Identity: Crisis and Transitions**

April 7 and 8, 2011, at Deutsches Haus, NYU

The European Union with its 27 member states is a major player in the globalized economy. However, politically the EU is still searching for a common identity after the end of the Cold War. In fact, the Euro-polity is undergoing major transformations today. The extension and inclusion of new member states has resulted in a greater diversity within the EU and migration has changed the social composition of European societies. Moreover, external relations are faced with the ever more complex task of “speaking with one voice” in foreign policy. The conference will address the challenges involved in developing a joint European identity and explore key features of the multi-dimensional construction of identity. Will the European Union develop a new political identity, and what are the future prospects for the Union? What is the impact of the Euro crisis for united Europe? Are citizens “Europeans” today? Speakers from various disciplines and from both sides of the Atlantic will explore the foundations and features of European identity. Topics will include the impact of migration, religion and the integration of migrants, democratic legitimacy, diversity of identities, foreign relations, and perceptions of globalization. Speakers and commentators: Andrew Moravcsik (keynote), Vivian Schmidt, Ulrike Liebert, Holger Moroff, Asyie Kaya, Jytte Klausen, Leah Haus, Sophie Meunier, Milada Vachudova, Christiane Lemke

Max Weber Chair Workshop

**"The Public-Private Divide in Security Governance: New Research on Europe and the US"** – Workshop, March 21, 2011 CEMS at NYU

Speaker: Andrea Schaefer, University of Bremen "Torn Between Criticism and Partnership: How NGOs Deal with Private Military and Security Companies", comment: Christiane Lemke, Max Weber Chair NYU

Max Weber Chair Guest Lecture by Prof. Konrad Jarausch, UNC Chapel Hill and FU Berlin:  
**"Reluctant Accomplice: The Involvement of 'Good Germans' in the War of Annihilation, 1939-1942"**, Deutsches Haus NYU, February 7, 2011

Max Weber Chair Conference

**"German Unification Revisited: 1990-2010"**, November 12, 2010

CEMS at NYU, speakers: Joyce Mushaben, University of Missouri St. Louis, and Holger Moroff, UNC Chapel Hill

In fall of 2010, Germany will celebrate twenty years of unification. The "rush to German unity" occurred shortly after the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the demise of communism in East Germany and Eastern Europe. The conference will examine continuity and change in united Germany by focusing on two dimensions: internal, or domestic politics, and the foreign policy dimension. The speakers will present current research on these two dimensions and discuss the question of continuity and change from a political science perspective.

A Report about the Conference appeared in: Max Weber Chair German Unification Workshop, Europe.NYU, Newsletter of the New York Consortium for European Studies, November 2010

In addition to the conference, there were two movie **Movie Screenings** with an introduction and a discussion following the movies:

**November 9, "Good bye, Lenin"**

**December 7, "The Lives of Others" (Das Leben der Anderen)**

Max Weber Chair Workshop **"Deliberation in Politics"**, October 29, 2010

CEMS at NYU

Speakers Jürg Steiner, UNC Chapel Hill and Bern University, and Jane Mansbridge, Harvard University

Politics is often described as a human activity of making collective decisions about resource allocation. According to political philosopher Jürgen Habermas, deliberation is seen as a way to create a public sphere for discourse and debating claims and best practice solutions. While this normative approach has generated new theoretical insights into the politics of advanced industrial societies, it is less clear to what extent the deliberation model can be applied to defect democracies or post-civil war societies. The two speakers will address philosophical questions as well as empirical findings about deliberation as a process in politics. Professor Mansbridge from Harvard University who has written widely on democratic political theory is focusing on American politics while Jürg Steiner from the University of Bern will present findings from a comparative empirical project on deliberation in divided societies. His talk will include country case studies from the West Balkan states and Columbia.

Workshop papers by the two speakers will be provided shortly before the conference.