

**Christiane Lemke**  
**Max Weber Chair in German and European Studies at NYU**

**Activity Report, August 2012 to August 2013**

**1. Courses Taught, Fall 2012, Spring 2013**

Center for European and Mediterranean Studies at NYU

BA and MA European Studies; some cross-listed with Politics and History Departments

\*What is Europe? Graduate Seminar (required course for MA European Studies) Fall 2012

\*Governance in the European Union, graduate seminar, Spring 2013

\*Comparative European Government and Society, undergraduate seminar, Spring 2013

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

“The Taming of the Furies in Today’s Europe. A Conversation Inspired by Aeschylus’ Orestia”, Panel Discussion, Deutsches Haus, October 12, 2012

“Crisis Hits the EU: Building Cohesion in the Midst of Economic Collapse”, The New School, Global Studies Program and the European Affairs Committee of the UN Young Professionals, Panel Discussion, November 12, 2012

“Beyond the Fiscal Cliff: The US after the Elections”, Panel Discussion, Deutsches Haus, November 15, 2012

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AgafUVhw0A>

„30 Years German Greens“, Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University, Panel Commentator, February 28 - March 1, 2013

„Recognition of Rights and Transitional Justice: Post-Cold War Europe in Comparison“, Panel Chair (Presenters: Kathrin Braun, Angelika von Wahl, Helga Welsh), Conference of Europeanists, June 25-27, 2013, Amsterdam

„Neuanfang oder Stillstand in den USA? Politische Ausgangsbedingungen und Kontroversen zu Beginn der zweiten Amtszeit von Präsident Obama“, Amerikahaus Nordrhein-Westfalen, Neuss/Germany, July 11, 2013

<http://www.amerikahaus-nrw.de/event-liste.html?day=20130711>

**3. Publications**

“Germany in Europe: Powerhouse at the Crossroads”, editor, proceedings from the Max Weber Chair Conference 2013, Center for European Studies Working Papers, NYU

http: <http://cems.as.nyu.edu/page/publications>

**Articles and Papers**

“Reshaping America? Policy Choices and Policy Dilemmas in the Second Obama Term”  
Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft / Comparative Governance and Politics,  
Vol. 7, No. 2, 2013

“Markets are not Enough: How the Greek Crisis Challenges Legitimacy in the EU”, European  
Union Studies Center, paper No. 108/2012, <http://web.gc.cuny.edu/eusc/pages/papers.html>

“Angela Merkel”, in: Oxford Companion to Comparative Politics, ed. by Joel Krieger, Oxford  
and New York: Oxford University Press, 2013, Vol. 2, pp. 88-93

„Michelle Obama und Ann Romney – Die Frauen der Kandidaten“, Amerikahaus Köln,  
special series on US elections (online)

### **Internet Blog**

The Alien Scholar in New York, Deutsches Haus at NYU  
<http://thealienscholar.tumblr.com/>

On the US-elections 2012

Blog 1 On the Road to the White House

Blog 2 On „Sauerkraut“- Boulevard: Germans in New York

Blog 3 On the Campaign Trail: Right turn on Red

Blog 4 How women will vote in the presidential elections

Blog 5 Big Bird and the TV debates

Blog 6 Canvassing In Carolina

Blog 8 How Will Hurricane “Sandy”, Affect the Election?

Blog 9 Decision 2012 and US-Foreign Policy: Does Europe Matter?

Blog 10 After the Election

Blog 11 After Sandy: Climate Change and the Future of New York City

Blog 12 Beyond the Fiscal Cliff

Blog 13 Reinventing America: President Obama’s Second Term in Office

On the elections in Germany 2013

Blog 14 Will Angela Merkel Lead Germany Beyond 2013?

Blog 15 German Eurosceptics on the Rise

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

US-elections, Schweizer Fernsehen SRF/Swiss TV Zurich, November 6-7, 2012  
Special election night coverage (nine hours)

SWR Obama in the Presidential Candidates Debate, Oct 23, 2012

International Business Times on Angela Merkel

<http://www.ibtimes.com/angela-merkel-coasting-re-election-social-democrats-may-surprise-her-1375893>

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

### **I. Max Weber Chair Conference, in cooperation with the Deutsches Haus**

#### **“Powerhouse at the Crossroads: Germany before the elections 2013”, Max Weber Chair Conference**

April 11-12, 2013, Deutsches Haus, NYU

A conference report appeared in:

Europe.NYU. Newsletter of the New York Consortium for European Studies, May 2013.

The proceedings are published as a special issue of the Center for European Studies Working Papers, NYU, August 13, 2013

<http://cems.as.nyu.edu/page/publications>

Full program see appendix I

#### **Transatlantic Graduate Student Seminar at NYU**

Center for European Studies at NYU, April 9-13, 2012

In cooperation with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Leibniz University Hannover

Full program see appendix II

### **II. Max Weber Chair Guest Lectures**

Dr. Kundai Sithole, Anglo-German Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford  
„The Council of Europe and the abolition of the death penalty in Europe, and beyond“  
CEMS, April 10, 2013, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Prof. Dr. Claus Offe, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin  
"Europe Entrapped: Can the EU Overcome the Current Crisis?"  
CEMS, March 12, 2013, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

### **III. Max Weber Chair Symposium**

**September 25, 2012, 12-2:30 pm**  
**Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, NYU**

#### **Coping with the History of Genocide: Politics, Law and the Public Discourse in Europe**

Chair: Christiane Lemke, NYU

Speakers:

Angelika von Wahl, Lafayette College

'European Responses to Genocide: Restorative Justice and its Limits'

Kathrin Braun, Leibniz University Hannover

Framing right and wrong: coming to terms (or not) with sterilization policies in the past. The cases of Germany, Norway and the Czech Republic

#### **Film Workshops, Center for European Studies at NYU**

German Politics, with an introduction and a discussion following the movies:

**November , “Good bye, Lenin”**

**December , “The Lives of Others” (Das Leben der Anderen”)**

**February, “Das Weisse Band”**

**Max Weber Chair Conference 2013**

**“Powerhouse at the Crossroads: Germany Before the Elections 2013”**

**April 11 and 12, 2013, at Deutsches Haus NYU**

At a time when most European countries are troubled by fiscal problems and strict austerity measures, persistent mass protests, and volatile government coalitions, Germany’s political situation seems enviable. However, recent developments in Germany suggest that the political landscape is shifting; despite Germany’s strong economy, socio-economic inequality is increasing, political parties are more volatile, and citizens are divided over important issues such as EU-integration, immigration and civil rights.

This conference is designed to analyze the current state of Germany’s domestic political landscape, including the political culture, party competition, and political economy developments. It will also explore Germany’s role in the current European crisis and beyond. In the course of this conference, we expect to draw comparisons with the United States and explore changing transatlantic relations in a historical and political perspective. Is post-unification Germany more volatile today? How much “east” is in the West? Why has the German economy performed better than other European economies and will it continue to do so? What are the policy preferences of German political parties and how do they affect the European project? Is the “Merkel era” drawing to a close?

This conference is part of an effort to promote German and European studies at NYU. We invite graduate students and faculty from different departments and programs at NYU and the broader academic community.

**Program**

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm

Welcome: Martin Rauchbauer, Director, Deutsches Haus

Christiane Lemke, Max Weber Chair for German and European Politics at NYU

Prof. Daniel Hamilton, SAIS

“Transatlantic Relations 2013: Perceptions, Politics and Problems”

8:00 pm Reception

**Friday, April 12, 9:30am – 5:00 pm**

**9:30** Christiane Lemke, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, NYU

**Introduction: German Politics in 2013**

**10:00-11:30 Session I: Is There Still an East-West Divide?**

Chair: Tom Ertman, Dept. of Sociology, NYU

Helga Welsh, Dept. of Political Science, Wake Forest University, "The East Meets the West: Discourse, Politics, Elections“

Stephen G. Gross, Dept. of History, NYU, "The German Economy Today: Exports, Foreign Investment, and East-Central Europe"

**Coffee Break**

**11:45- 1:15 Session II: Political Cleavages, Parties and the German Economy**

Chair: Erica Edwards, Center for European Studies, UNC Chapel Hill

Molly Nolan, Dept. of History, NYU, "The Social Market Economy, European Integration, and the 2013 Elections"

David F. Patton, Government Dept., Connecticut College, "Germany's Political Parties on the Eve of the Bundestag Election Campaign: What Role will the European Crisis Play?"

**1:15 - 2:15**

**Lunch Break**

**2:15-3:45 Session III: Germany's Contested Role in Europe**

Chair: Christiane Lemke, CEMS, NYU

Irene Finel Honigman, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, "DeGaulle -Adenauer to Hollande- Merkel: Tradition, Erosion or Renewal?"

Holger Moroff, Dept. of Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill, "Triangulating the German Question between the EU, America and Russia"

Frank Wendler, Dept. of Political Science, University of Washington, "Debating Europe in State Parliaments"

**Coffee Break**

**4:00-5:00 Concluding Roundtable:**

**Never Waste a Crisis? Germany and the Future of Europe**

**Moderator:** Martin Rauchbauer, Deutsches Haus at NYU

With Christine Landfried/University of Hamburg, Holger Moroff/UNC Chapel Hill, Christiane Lemke/NYU

## APPENDIX II

Prof. Dr. Christiane Lemke  
Max Weber Chair for German and European Politics at NYU

### **Transatlantic Graduate Seminar at NYU**

New York, April 9-13, 2013

This seminar brings together graduate students from NYU, UNC-Chapel Hill and Leibniz University Hannover working in the field of European studies. The goal of the seminar is to explore the role of norms and institutions of the European Union in a global and transatlantic context. The program will include discussions with experts in European studies, explorations and on site visits of institutions in New York, including the United Nations, Human Rights Watch, the 9-11-Memorial, and a joint graduate student seminar.

The seminar will be concluded by the conference on „Transatlantic Relations“, organized by the Max Weber Chair in cooperation with the Deutsches Haus at NYU, April 11-12, 2013

Participants: 8 graduate students from the European Studies Master Program at NYU; 4 graduate students and 2 advisors from the Transatlantic Masters (TAM) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 5 Graduate students and 1 advisor from Leibniz University Hannover/Germany

Organizers: Prof. Dr. Christiane Lemke, Max Weber Chair for German and European Politics at NYU, and Erica Lee, assistant to Max Weber Chair  
Dr. Erica Edwards and Sarah Hutchinson, TAM-program, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Dr. Jutta Joachim, Institute of Political Science, Leibniz University Hannover

#### Program

##### **Tuesday, April 9**

Arrival of UNC TAM-group; German participants from Hannover

3:00 pm Welcome of German students, with Prof. Lemke

location: Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, NYU, 285 Mercer St., 7th floor,

##### **Wednesday April 10**

10:00- 12 pm German students, PhD topics in international relations and European Studies, with Prof. Lemke, CEMS, Mercer St.

3:00 pm Coffee (all students)

Guest lecture: Dr. Kundai Sithole, Anglo-German Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Oxford

„The Council of Europe and the Abolition of the Death Penalty in Europe, and Beyond“

CEMS, April 10, 2013, 3:30 – 5:00 pm

5:00-7:00 Graduate student workshop with students presentations

7:00 pm TAM-Alumni evening event, „Apple“-Restaurant, 17 Waverly Place

## **Thursday, April 11**

10:00 am-12:00 Site Visits

10 am Philippe Boloipon, UN-Director of Human Rights Watch will talk about the the role of HRW at the United Nations

Location: Human Rights Watch Office, 34th floor of the Empire State Building (350 Fifth Avenue, at 34th Street)

11 am EU- Representation at the United Nations, presentation and discussion

Location: 666 Third Avenue, 31st Floor

12:30 Lunch

3:00 pm-4:00 Freedom House,

Location: 120 Wall Street Floor 26.

6:00 pm Start of Conference „Germany Before the Elections “

Deutsches Haus at NYU, in cooperation with Max Weber Chair at NYU

Keynote speech (see program)

Location: Deutsches Haus, NYU, Washington Mews

## **Friday, April 12**

10:00 am- 5:00 pm Conference Continues

Deutsches Haus at NYU, in cooperation with the Max Weber Chair at NYU

## **Saturday, April 13, 2012**

Diversity and Civic Communities: Walking Tour Welcome to Harlem (optional)

Departure

Hotel: Washington Square Inn

Sponsored by: Max Weber Chair at NYU; DAAD; UNC Chapel Hill TAM-program;



Appendix III  
**Max Weber Chair Guest Lectures**

Prof. Dr. Claus Offe, Berlin

"Europe Entrapped: Can the EU Overcome the Current Crisis?"

March 12, 2013, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Location: Center for European and Mediterranean Studies Seminar room  
285 Mercer Street, 7th floor.

Professor Claus Offe is a [political sociologist](#) at the [Hertie School of Governance](#) in Berlin and currently visiting professor at The New School in New York. He received his PhD from the University of Frankfurt and his Habilitation at the University of Konstanz. In Germany, he has held chairs for Political Science and Political Sociology at the Universities of Bielefeld and Bremen, as well as at the Humboldt-University of Berlin. He has worked as fellow and visiting professor at the Institutes for Advanced Study in Stanford, Princeton, and the Australian National University as well as Harvard University, the University of California at Berkeley and [The New School](#) University, New York. Once a student of [Jürgen Habermas](#), Professor Offe is counted among the second generation [Frankfurt School](#). He has made substantive contributions to understanding the relationships between [democracy](#) and [capitalism](#). His recent work has focused on [economies](#) and [states](#) in transition to democracy.

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285 Mercer Street, 7th floor.

**Kundai Sithole** is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow on Anglo-German ‘State of the State’ Fellowship Programme in the Department of Politics and International Relations, and a member of Wolfson College, at the University of Oxford. She is currently working on a book project examining the importance of the European Convention on Human Rights to the Council of Europe’s political legitimacy. This project builds on her PhD thesis on the Council of Europe, which she received from the University of Reading (UK) in 2010. Her forthcoming publications examine the Council of Europe’s political authority as a regional human rights actor, the role of NGOs in the Council of Europe’s human rights policy-making, and its contribution to securing the abolition of the death penalty in Europe.