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

“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

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


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: 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

“Angela Merkel”, in: Oxford Companion to Comparative Politics, ed. by Joel Krieger, Oxford

„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)


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:
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 it's 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”
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 – 5:000 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"

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 Bolopion, UN-Director of Human Rights Watch will talk about 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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Location: Center for European and Mediterranean Studies, Seminar room
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.