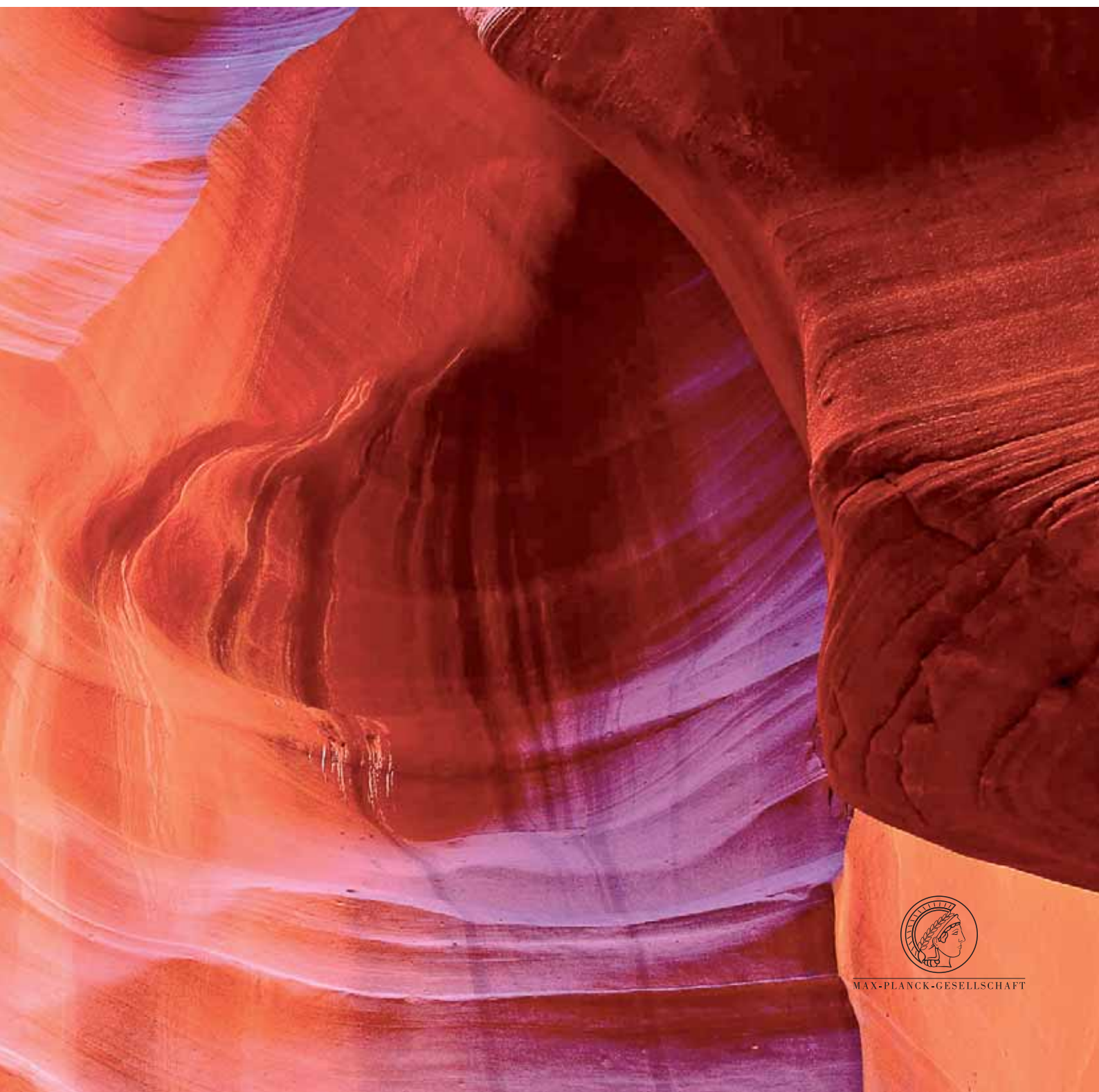




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## The Years 2005–2007

The years 2005 to 2007 were years of change at the MPIfG. With the arrival of Jens Beckert as the successor to Fritz W. Scharpf in 2005 a new research cluster in economic sociology was started, bringing new projects and new researchers to the institute. The institute also secured the funds for a second independent research group. The two groups allow us to explore new fields essential to our program. Group leaders take responsibility for projects conducted by junior researchers and thereby also contribute to the training of doctoral students.

The development of a structured doctoral program and its subsequent institutionalization as the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) was another central element of change. The IMPRS takes the training of doctoral students at the institute to a new level. Cooperation with the University of Cologne and with our international partners makes for a well-rounded research environment and enables us to attract talented young researchers in an increasingly competitive environment. New programs like the “Scholar in Residence” and “Journalist in Residence” were introduced to facilitate the exchange of ideas, not only with the international research community but also with the general public. A new professional development program for researchers was also established, which complements the coursework at the IMPRS-SPCE. The most visible changes of all are the new conference center, the cafeteria and additional offices we were able to build by renting new space in the adjacent building. Funds for construction, which included connecting the two buildings, were provided by the Max Planck Society. The cafeteria opened its doors in the spring of 2008. For the first time, researchers and staff now have adequate space for informal gatherings.

Planning and executing the changes was hard work for the MPIfG researchers and staff. As usual, participation of all interested parties was encouraged. We are confident that this has not detracted from scholarly productivity. Many important research projects were completed in the last three years, and even more new projects were started. A new publication series, “MPIfG Journal Articles,” makes the large

number of peer-reviewed articles our researchers have published in high-ranking journals easily visible and accessible to the public.

Eighteen conferences and workshops, most of them international, several lecture series and more than 300 lectures given by MPIfG researchers at universities, research institutes or conferences also bear witness to the vibrant intellectual life at the MPIfG. In addition many of our researchers regularly teach courses at universities. Seven doctoral students received their degrees; four of the senior researchers completed their habilitation. As in the past, researchers at the MPIfG were offered and left for attractive university positions. Five senior researchers received prestigious professor-



ships at universities in Germany and Switzerland. One of our former doctoral students will be an Assistant Professor at Yale University as of June, another was appointed lecturer at Sciences Po in Paris in 2006.

Details on the research program and on the activities at the MPIfG in the past three years are found on the following pages of this report. Change and growth have gone hand in hand. We hope that our efforts to innovate and learn as an organization will turn out to have been a worthwhile investment in the years to come.

Jens Beckert, Wolfgang Streeck  
*Directors*

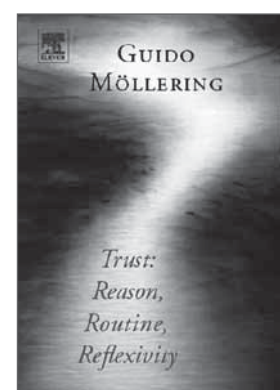
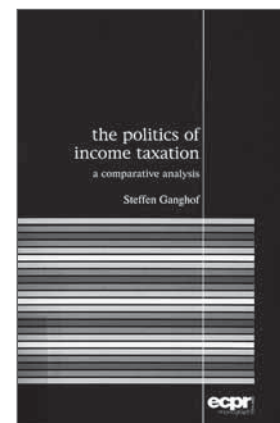


## Highlights

The years 2005–2007 were marked by substantial innovations at the institute. The appointment of economic sociologist Jens Beckert as director has enabled the institute to take on new challenges. The directorial team of Jens Beckert and Wolfgang Streeck has realized a vision long held at the institute of establishing an International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS-SPCE), putting the strong doctoral program on a more solid footing, giving it greater international visibility and strengthening the institute's ties with the University of Cologne. Several research projects were completed, reflected in 20 MPIfG Books and some 90 peer-reviewed journal articles, many of which can be downloaded using Open Access. Two new research groups were established, enabling the groups' heads to gain leadership experience and help build the IMPRS as faculty members. Senior researchers went on to major positions at universities, and three generations of researchers at the institute were honored for their contributions to sociology and political science. Public understanding of the institute's work increased thanks to a new, more dynamic website and the new Journalist in Residence program.

## Research Results

Over 30 projects were completed between 2005 and 2007, resulting in over 200 publications (see “Completed Projects”). Projects about “Industrial Relations and Welfare States” in the project area “Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism,” including studies of trade unions, the transformation of corporatism, institutional development in postcommunist countries, the religious background of welfare policies, and vocational education make up the largest group. Three other major areas of interest over the last several years – corporate governance, organized interests and European integration – are addressed in many journal publications and books such as Jürgen Beyer's *Pfadabhängigkeit* (2006) and Wolfgang Streeck et al.'s edited volume *Governing Interests* (2006). The research group on “Democratic Government and Economic Governance” completed its work in 2007, having published a wide range of findings on the quality of majoritarian democracy, the party-political center of gravity in Europe, “divided government” in Germany, and the influence of other major social phenomena such as religion, patronage and corruption on democratic governance. In 2008, the results of a conference project by Philip Manow and Kees van Kersbergen (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) will be published in *Religion, Class Coalitions and Welfare State Regimes*. The group also examined reforms in public finance, leading to Steffen Ganghof's *The Politics of Income Taxation* in 2006. The results of a project in the research area “Governance of Global Structures” were presented in the first paper in the MPIfG Research Report series, entitled *Globale Strukturen und deren Steuerung* (Renate Mayntz et al.). Raymund Werle and Ulrich Dolata published the results of a workshop on the social, economic and institutional impact



of technological change in the edited volume *Gesellschaft und die Macht der Technik* (2007). The institute's interest in institutional theory was reflected in publications on institutional complementarity and institutional change (*Beyond Continuity*, edited in 2005 by Wolfgang Streeck and Kathleen Thelen). In the new research area "The Sociology of Markets" one project was completed. Patrik Aspers' study on the construction and order of markets has issued in journal articles and two MPIfG Discussion Papers, one of which is titled *Status Markets and Standard Markets in the Global Garment Industry*. Guido Möllering's book *Trust: Reason, Routine, Reflexivity* has contributed to scholarly discourse on trust in business relations. The choice of topics covered in *Märkte als soziale Strukturen* (2007), edited by Jens Beckert, Rainer Diaz-Bone and Heiner Ganßmann, reflects Jens Beckert's interest in markets in society. His chapter from this book was translated into English and published as MPIfG Discussion Paper 07/15, *The Social Order of Markets*. In 2007, Jens Beckert and Mark Lutter published the first results of their study of the German lottery market ("Wer spielt hat schon verloren?" in *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*). For more see "The Development of the Institute's Project Portfolio."

### New Director



Jens Beckert

Jens Beckert's appointment as director at the MPIfG has given the institute's work a new direction. The new research program examining how markets and business organizations are embedded in historical, institutional, political and cultural frameworks, how they develop, and how their social contexts change over time reflects Jens Beckert's interest in economic sociology. It builds on the previous program periods, which studied economic sectors close to the state and the interplay between the state and markets (see "The Research Program"). In the three years since his arrival at the institute, Jens Beckert has built up a research area on "The Sociology of Markets."

Before coming to the MPIfG, one of Jens Beckert's interests was the sociology of inheritance, on which he wrote in his postdoctoral habilitation thesis (*Unverdientes Vermögen*). In 2008 he published the English translation, *Inherited Wealth*.

### Journal Articles Featured in Open Access Initiative

In 2007 the MPIfG launched a showcase for peer-reviewed articles published by its researchers, the MPIfG Journal Articles series. Featuring articles from 2005 onwards, the series includes over 90 titles as of March 2008. The institute tries to provide free access to a PDF version of every article as part of its Open Access initiative. If the publisher does not release the full article, links to the abstract and the journal are offered. Contracts with publishers and database providers make it increasingly possible for research and higher education institutions to facilitate users' access to journal articles. The MPIfG is trying to secure as many open access agreements with publishers as possible.



## International Max Planck Research School

In 2007 the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy was inaugurated by the MPIfG with the University of Cologne. The IMPRS-SPCE, as it is called, is one of the 49 IMPRSs founded by the Max Planck Society since 1999. The schools offer gifted students from Germany and abroad an opportunity to work towards their PhD in a structured three-year program under excellent research conditions. Taking the MPIfG's well-established doctoral program to a new level, the IMPRS-SPCE accepts up to seven new students per year, giving them a regular curriculum of coursework and exposure to an international research environment. Doctoral fellowships include a six-month stay at one of the IMPRS-SPCE partner institutions abroad. These include the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po), Harvard University, London School of Economics, Northwestern University and the University of Milan. Each year the students present their work to leading scholars at a Summer Conference on Economy and Society.



University of Cologne, Main Hall

Doctoral students already at the institute since 2005 were fully integrated into the program and will be completing their degrees in 2008. The first official round of applications took place in early 2007. Presently there are 15 students in the school (see “Graduate Training”).

## Two New Research Groups

In 2007 the MPIfG established two new independent research groups. The group on “Liberalization Policies,” led by senior MPIfG research fellow Martin Höpner, analyzes determinants, processes and consequences of liberalization policies in developed democracies. The research group on “Institution Building across Borders,” led by Sigrid Quack, is concerned with the fact that the coordination of economic, social and political activity in capitalist economies is being increasingly affected by rules, norms and institutions of transnational and global reach (see “The Development of the Institute’s Project Portfolio”). Sigrid Quack, previously at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), is also Academic Coordinator of the IMPRS-SPCE.

## Scholar in Residence Fellowship

In 2007 the institute welcomed Jack Barbalet, a sociologist from the University of Leicester, as the first MPIfG Scholar in Residence. The Scholar in Residence program was developed to host distinguished scholars in the social sciences for six-month stays at the institute. Scholars in Residence are known for their outstanding academic achievements and pursue a research project that coincides with the research interests at the MPIfG. During their stay, they give a series of public lectures. The Scholars in Residence contribute to the intellectual life of the institute and help the MPIfG strengthen its ties to the international research community. Meeting with them is especially beneficial to young researchers getting started in their academic careers.



Christine Trampusch



Jürgen Beyer



Steffen Ganghof

## Career Moves

Four senior researchers whose contracts ended between 2005 and 2007 went on to full professorships at German universities. Jürgen Beyer, at the MPIfG from 2001 to 2006, was appointed Professor of Sociology at the University of Hamburg, where he is also involved with the university's "Centrum für Globalisierung und Governance" (CGG). Steffen Ganghof, who was at the MPIfG from 2002 to 2006, received a junior professorship in Comparative Government from the University of Mannheim in 2006 and is now Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Potsdam. Philip Manow left in 2007 for a professorship in Politics and Public Administration at the University of Konstanz. Susanne K. Schmidt, at the MPIfG from 1990 to 2005, received a professorship in Political Science at the University of Bielefeld in 2005 and later moved on to become Professor of Policy Analysis at the University of Bremen in 2006.

Moreover, Christine Trampusch (MPIfG from 2001 to 2007) is now Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics at the Institute for Political Science of the University of Berne. Cornelia Woll (2002 to 2006) became a research fellow at CERI (Centre d'études et de recherches internationales) and a lecturer at the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris. Sigrun Kahl (2002 to 2006) will become Assistant Professor of Political Science at the Department of Political Science at Yale University in 2008; she is presently a lecturer there. Imke Kruse (2002 to 2005) is a Research Manager and Research Scientist at the Center for Lifespan Psychology of the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin. Knut Lange (2002 to 2006) is a research fellow at the Institute for Management of the School of Business and Economics at Freie Universität Berlin.

## Journalist in Residence Program

The MPIfG initiated a Journalist in Residence Program (JiR) in 2005 with funds from the Volkswagen Foundation. Organized jointly with the Centre for Social Policy Research of the University of Bremen, the Social Science Research Center Berlin and the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies, the JiR program enables journalists to work closely with researchers, take a closer look at research projects, and use institute resources. The aim is to promote a better understanding between social scientists and specialized journalists and contribute to more professional coverage of social science issues in the media. The first round of fellowships in 2006 was found to be a rewarding experience for both parties; a new group of fellows will be welcomed at the research institutes in 2008 (see “Public Relations and Public Impact”).

## Lifetime Achievement, Books and Dissertations Honored

The lifetime achievement awards given to Renate Mayntz and Fritz W. Scharpf stand out among the prizes and honors that went to researchers at the MPIfG between 2005 and 2007. Fritz W. Scharpf received the Lifetime Contribution Award in European Union Studies from the European Studies Association. He also received the Science Prize of the Stifterverband, which is awarded for successful efforts to make the results of scholarly work publicly accessible and practically useful. At its 2006 meeting, the German Sociological Association presented Renate Mayntz with a Lifetime Achievement Award for her contribution to German and international sociology. For her book *How Institutions Evolve*, External Scientific Member Kathleen Thelen received the 2006 Mattei Dogan Award of the Society for Comparative Research and the 2005 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award of the American Political Science Association for the best book on government, politics, or international affairs. In 2005, Jens Beckert's book *Unverdientes Vermögen* was named the Best Law Book of the Year by the legal journal *Neue Juristische Wochenschrift*. In 2006, Wolfgang Streeck was named Honorary Fellow of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE).

Doctoral students at the MPIfG were also honored. Armin Schäfer (2005), Cornelia Woll (2006) and Sigrun Kahl (2007) were each awarded the Otto Hahn Medal of the Max Planck Society for an outstanding dissertation. Moreover, in 2006, Philip Manow received the Thyssen Prize for the best article in a German social science journal in 2004, for his paper *Der demokratische Leviathan: Eine kurze Geschichte parlamentarischer Sitzanordnungen seit der französischen Revolution*. For her article *Legitimitätsdefizite des Co-Managements*, Britta Rehder was awarded the German Industrial Relations Association's 2006 award for the best journal article written by a junior researcher on industrial relations. Published in the *Zeitschrift für Soziologie*, the article examines conflicts between employees and their representatives over company pacts.



Renate Mayntz

## Scholars Gather to Discuss Transformations in Contemporary Capitalism



Festschrift editors with Wolfgang Streeck (center): Philip Manow, Jens Beckert, Anke Hassel and Bernhard Ebbinghaus

To honor Wolfgang Streeck on his 60th birthday, the MPIfG and the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG jointly organized an international conference on “Transformations of Contemporary Capitalism” in November 2006. In their lectures and discussions, colleagues from different phases of Streeck’s career addressed the wide range of interests he has pursued in 30 years of scholarship, including the institutional embeddedness of markets, the organization, articulation and intermediation of economic interests, and the ability of the welfare state to mitigate economic risks. At a reception attended by friends, family members, colleagues

and the MPIfG staff, Philip Manow presented Wolfgang Streeck with a festschrift he edited with Jens Beckert, Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Anke Hassel, *Transformationen des Kapitalismus*.

## New Conference Center and Offices

In 2006, the institute took the opportunity to lease vacant office space in a directly adjacent building. A plan for connecting the two buildings was developed and executed in the following months. Nine new offices for researchers were opened on the third floor in 2007, and a new conference area with a large conference room, three seminar rooms and a cafeteria was created on the ground floor. The offices provide more space to host visiting researchers. The conference center, opened in 2008, enables the institute to organize a wider range of events and offer better catering services. Most importantly, it gives the staff and guests new opportunities to communicate over coffee or a meal.



Cafeteria in the new wing of the institute

# Project Areas and Research Projects

## The Research Program

Since its foundation in 1985 the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies has gone through three program periods, each concerned with the governance of contemporary societies from a different perspective. Shifts in the program have reflected the results of research and theorizing, as well as real-world changes in economic and political organization that led to new research questions.

The first program, from 1986 to 1995, featured historically and internationally comparative studies of the interaction between political-administrative intervention and societal self-organization in selected sectors “close to the state” (*staatsnahe Sektoren*). Special attention was paid to health care systems, organized research and science, and large technical infrastructures, in particular telecommunications. The objective was to develop a realistic, practically useful social science-based theory of the governance of modern societies by an interventionist state in cooperation with an organized society.

The second period, from 1996 to 2005, responded to the growing importance of markets and competition even in sectors that had formerly been protected and controlled by state authority. Telecommunications, for instance, which until the mid-1990s had been a state monopoly, was privatized and deregulated. That markets played a growing role in the 1990s may in part have been due to changes in ideologies and in public perceptions of reality. But it was also a result of new constraints on the regulative capacities of the national state caused by internationalization, including European integration, and international regime competition. Subsequently, newly developing forms of multi-level governance and the consequences of economic liberalization for states and governments became main subjects of research at the MPIfG.

Today, the continuing shift from state regulation to market-driven forms of social order requires paying even more attention to the working of the economy and its in-



teraction with the polity and other societal subsystems. Thus current research investigates the social, cultural and political preconditions for the operation of markets, which have become dominant institutions governing production and distribution. Projects explore how markets and business organizations are embedded in historical, institutional, political and cultural frameworks, as well as the social and political processes that shape economic relations over time. Rather than a prescriptive theory of state intervention, the objective is an empirically based understanding of the social and political foundations, or the “constitution,” of modern economies and of the interrelations between social, political and economic action.

That the economy has become the main subject of interest at a research institute devoted to *Gesellschaftsforschung* – i.e., “the study of societies” – reflects the ongoing transformation of the postwar socio-economic order of “embedded liberalism.” As long as this order was intact, modern capitalism was amenable to supportive political intervention with respect to both economic efficiency and social peace. Today it appears that the capitalist economy has largely emancipated itself from the tutelage of politics and the state, and has in turn begun to impose its terms on the political system. In the midst of a historical process of worldwide liberalization, it seems that now more than ever, and certainly more than in the postwar period, capitalist markets determine the conditions under which other social spheres operate. Understanding the operation of the economy thus becomes a precondition for understanding other areas of social life, including politics and the state, which seem to be increasingly driven by what presents itself as a self-driven process of market expansion. Political economy in particular can no longer afford to treat the economy as a neutral entity separate from society operating under distinct and invariable “laws” of cause and effect, to be strategically utilized by policy-makers for the common good. As the economy ceases to function as a machine for the creation of material well-being, it becomes imperative for political-economic theory to crack open its “black box” and re-include its inner workings in the world of social action, much in the manner of classical political economy before the disciplinary peace settlement between sociology on the one hand and economics on the other.

Thus, although the current program moves the economy to the center of the institute’s research agenda, this does not mean that work at the MPIfG will replicate economics as an academic discipline. Unlike standard neo-classical economics, and in an attempt to return to some of the roots of sociological and economic theory, projects at the MPIfG study the contemporary capitalist economy *as a historical social order* with real actors in unique historical contexts. Doing so requires a revival of traditions of *economic sociology and political economy as theories of society*. While recovery of *a social theory of the economy* cannot at present be more than a program, previous and ongoing research suggest several directions in which to go:

1. A theory of the economy as a social order needs to be based on empirical-historical rather than theoretically stylized *actor preferences*. In other words, it requires a theory of action that is capable of understanding preference formation as shaped by the identities and interest perceptions of actors in historical social contexts. This is a



categorically different approach from theories of “rational choice,” even though instrumental rationality may in specific contexts be a pragmatically useful assumption or a correct empirical observation, just as rational-egoistic utility maximization may be and indeed is a powerful, socially sanctioned actor disposition in specific circumstances and social contexts. In dealing with empirical preferences, the inevitable limitations on the cognitive and predictive capacities of human actors must be taken seriously, in the sense that they must be treated as essential rather than ephemeral elements of human action. To endogenize actor preferences and overcome the manifold limitations of rational choice modeling (“homo oeconomicus”), research at the MPIfG looks to *sociological theories* of action and cultural evolution, as opposed to psychological-naturalistic approaches that assume preferences and behavior to be “hard-wired” products of natural, i.e. evolutionary-biological history.

2. Explaining the economy as a society requires an *empirical-analytical* rather than a functionalist and efficiency-theoretical, prescriptive approach. Unlike most of contemporary economics, a theory of the social and political constitution of the economy cannot be content with analyzing economic processes in terms of the extent to which they maximize, or fail to maximize, the “efficient” use of resources. Instead it must try to understand how actors in specific social contexts define economic efficiency and how and why they act, or do not act, in its pursuit. This makes it necessary to include in the analysis cultural frames and meanings attached to economics and the economy, paying attention to their evolution over time.

3. A central subject of any social theory of the economy must be the social preconditions needed for *markets* to become stable arenas of social interaction in production and exchange. These include but are not limited to firmly enshrined property rights, reliable legal protection, especially from predatory government, and non-confiscatory regimes of taxation. Generally for market exchange to take place, actors need to be able to form stable expectations regarding the outcomes of risky decisions. Research and theory have identified three coordination problems faced by market actors: the value problem; the problem of competition; and the problem of cooperation. Typically these are studied from a micro perspective, looking at economic exchange from the viewpoint of actors, while explaining the solutions found with reference to the social macrostructures in which actors are embedded, which include institutions, social networks and cognitive framings. From the perspective of society as a whole, the latter also limit the reach of markets and commodification, protecting zones of social stability from the volatility of self-regulating relative prices, which typically takes place in conflict with the progress of market expansion.





4. A social theory of the economy recognizes that societies and social structures cannot ultimately be explained as results of economic rationalization, nor can they be entirely reorganized in the service of economic efficiency. Even in contemporary capitalism, efficient allocation of resources is only one social value among others, with some of which it is in continuous and irresolvable conflict. For example, pressures to “economize” may violate interests in the predictability of social relations and the stability of social structures, subjecting social life to a degree of volatility that sections of society may, for various and again potentially conflicting reasons, find unacceptable. Expanding markets may therefore, and typically do, cause deep divisions in societies about what limits to set to the commodification of labor, capital, nature and other “fictitious commodities.” Such divisions, in turn, may give rise to social countermovements to marketization, trying to exempt specific spheres of social life from economic rationalization. “Market struggles” of this sort are typically fought as political conflicts over redistributive policies, the nature and extent of the modern welfare state, or the proper role of political democracy in relation to a capitalist economy. Their fundamental significance for modern societies derives from the fact that utility-maximizing rational-economic action as a variant of social action seems to depend on the presence of social relations and institutions that are based on trust, reciprocity, equity and the like – institutions, in other words, that also support and contain economic action. This raises the possibility that rational-egoistic economic action may undermine social conditions that it requires for its continued viability – and that, paradoxically and unintentionally, social countermovements against market expansion may ensure that rational utility maximization, where it is socially licensed, remains socially and technically viable. Economic sociology and political economy need to develop a sufficiently complex conceptual toolkit to enable themselves to tackle these central issues of contemporary sociology and political economy.

5. A social theory of the economy must not conceive of its object in the abstract, but rather in the concrete *historical forms* that it takes. The predominant form today is *modern capitalism*. The themes this points to include the processes of “globalization” and liberalization and the way they transform the postwar political-economic order, in Europe and beyond, as well as rapid technological change, including change in the needs and rewards for different kinds of work skills. While research at the MPIfG has made important contributions to the study of the “varieties of capitalism,” it must be equally concerned with the commonalities of capitalism, i.e., the common evolutionary trends to which national capitalist economies are currently subject.

6. Studying “the economy” as a social order in the historical form of modern capitalism suggests an *institutionalist approach* that investigates the structure and development of the collectively sanctioned social norms that govern economic action as a category of social action. Institutional analysis has a long and well-established

tradition at the MPIfG, where it was always assumed that “institutions matter,” as both constraints and opportunities. While this view is shared with the “neo-institutionalism” that comes out of neo-classical economics, however, institutionalism at the MPIfG is not efficiency-theoretical (neither in the prescriptive nor in the functionalist sense) but *empirical-analytical*. Unlike standard neo-classical economics or rational choice political economy, which explain economic action and economic institutions as the outcome of pressures for, or in relation to ideal conditions of, maximal “efficiency,” research at the MPIfG draws on the interests and objectives of real actors acting on and within social institutions.

7. Economic sociology and political economy at the MPIfG share the growing discontent of advanced contemporary economics with the discipline’s established rational actor models (“homo oeconomicus”). Unlike behavioral economics, however, and in competition with the biological naturalism that it offers as an alternative, research at the MPIfG proposes to invest in a *theory of social action* as the most promising approach to a deeper understanding and an improved theorization of the economy as a socially and politically constituted system of action. This does not mean that research and theory at the MPIfG will be ignorant of important new developments under way at some of the frontiers of economics as a discipline. In particular, close attention will be paid to efforts to give disequilibrium and change the prominent place they deserve; to the work of economic historians recognizing and trying to account for the stability over time of “inefficient” institutional arrangements; to attempts to come to terms with temporality and periodicity in economic processes and economic development; to evolutionary economics of a Schumpeterian or another kind; to efforts to account for (“endogenize”) actor preferences, instead of treating them as given or unproblematic; and to economic theories that take uncertainty seriously and recognize the significance of the openness of the future for economic action.

8. Institutional social and political analysis deals with both *formal and informal institutions*. *Political economy* studies the origin, change, operation, interaction and effects of the formal political and legal institutions that govern economic action in modern societies. *Economic sociology*, by contrast, also looks at informal institutions, social networks, and cultural frames that regulate economic action without necessarily being part of the political-legal complex. That distinction, however, is far from categorical. Moreover, the way the different types of social macrostructures interact in the real world is of great systematic interest, given that political institutions, like social ones, are embedded in cultural contexts and social networks, while the latter are often profoundly shaped by political and legal intervention. Working side by side at the MPIfG, economic sociology and political economy have a unique opportunity to overcome their respective traditional (self-) limitations: whereas economic sociology often underestimates the role of political-legal institutions in



The MPIfG directors past and present: Jens Beckert, Wolfgang Streeck, Renate Mayntz and Fritz W. Scharpf

economic life, political economy sometimes overlooks the cultural and “moral” dimension of the economy.

9. An important issue that is often neglected in political economy while being central to economic sociology is the *cultural and moral dimension* of economic social action. For example, economic growth depends on expanding demand, which in turn depends on needs created and stabilized by social processes of preference formation. In advanced capitalist economies in particular, continuing accumulation depends on cultural mechanisms that devalue existing levels of need satisfaction and create demand for new, “improved” means of consumption. Generally, economic and social policies are shaped by ideas and public discourses whose significance for political economy is as yet only incompletely understood. Furthermore, debates in advanced capitalist countries on the appropriate market behavior of firms and individuals and the legitimate purposes of social policies are saturated with competing conceptions of fairness and “social justice” that exercise effective but still largely unexplored influence on the operation of the economy.

10. Institutionalism at the MPIfG, especially in the political economy tradition, has increasingly tended to be *historical institutionalism*. Historical institutionalism recognizes the importance of historical legacies for the “paths” along which institutions and social orders change. It also allows for the possibility of the principles governing economic life differing between historical periods (“periodicity”). Many of the research projects at the institute today assume a dynamic perspective, studying political-economic institutions in historical context and explaining them not by their implied efficiency effects, but as moments in processes of – endogenous or exogenous – *institutional change*. In fact institutional change has become one of the MPIfG’s core subjects of empirical study and theory-building. Understanding it has turned out to be essential for studies at the micro-level of the emergence of stable exchange structures. At the same time, taking account of how markets are integrated in patterns of social action appears indispensable for understanding the operation of the macroeconomy and the functioning of the society as a whole.

11. Studying the contemporary capitalist economy as a society and a polity can only be done in *international and transnational perspective*. The defining element in contemporary capitalist development is the rapid and universal expansion of markets across national borders. As the capitalist economy finally turns into a world system, regulatory institutions and embedding social structures follow only slowly. While this offers market actors an unprecedented wealth of new strategic options, institution-building across borders has become a fundamental concern in national societies trying to adjust to the constraints and opportunities inherent in a new and powerful wave of economic internationalization and “globalization.” Even more than in the past, research at the MPIfG on institution-building and institutional change must consider the evolving relationship between international market expansion and a social order that is still largely national.



In sum, research at the MPIfG in its third program period undertakes to explain economic structures and processes with reference to the social and institutional structures in which economic action is embedded. It proceeds on the assumption that not only social but also economic phenomena cannot be adequately accounted for in terms of general theories of “rational choice,” but must be related to historically specific social, cultural and political contexts. Ultimately this would seem to require a micro-foundation of institutional analysis in a theory of social action that considers not just the constraints and opportunities offered by social institutions, but also the cultural meanings actors assign to social structures and to themselves (“action-based institutionalism”). By recognizing the historical and cultural embeddedness of economic action, research at the MPIfG differs from efficiency-theoretical and behaviorist approaches pursued in institutional and behavioral economics. Instead it tries to explain contemporary phenomena by reviving traditions of classical sociology and political economy that treated economic action as social action, and economic relations as social relations, to be analyzed in the same way and by the same means as any other social phenomena.

Research projects at the MPIfG are informed by the institute’s program without necessarily having to contribute to each and every facet of it. Currently several projects investigate the formation and operation of markets, for example the role of trust and the way prices are set in social contexts. Others look at the ongoing liberalization of the postwar political economy, in terms of both ongoing processes of institutional change and specific policies. Relocation of production in low-wage countries is studied with respect to the cultural “fit” of manufacturing operations in host environments, or to the moral pressures exerted on managements in countries of origin where job losses are feared. Political economy is combined with democratic theory in projects that explore the effect of economic liberalization on democratic performance and political participation. Other perspectives on the problem of social order in societies with receding state intervention and an increased role for markets are offered by research on social networks in deregulated labor markets; on the changing role of law and courts of law in the regulation of the economy; on the mechanisms that support or undermine the cross-national diffusion of legal norms in periods of liberalization-through-internationalization; and on the rise and nature of transnational institutions emerging at a time when national institutions are losing their grip on an internationalizing economy. While individual research results are to shed light on the general questions behind the institute’s research program, they also continuously redefine its perspectives and leading assumptions.

## Current Research Projects in March 2008

### Sociology of Markets

#### Fundamentals

- The Economy as a Subject of Sociological Research
- How Are Markets Possible?
- Trust as a Mechanism of Economic Coordination

#### Social Risks of Market Exchange

- Industrial Relocations and the Problem of Disembedding

#### The Emergence of Markets

- The Constitution of Markets and Collective Institutional Entrepreneurship
- Construction and Order of Markets
- Trading Intellectual Property

#### Creation of Value in Markets

- Demand Structure and Distributional Effects of the Lottery
- Political Regulation in the Wine Market

#### Wealth and Inequality

- Inequality and the Dynastic Accumulation of Wealth

### Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism

#### Industrial Relations and Welfare States

- The Political Logic of Juridical Action
- The German Vocational Training System
- Vocational Education in International Comparison

#### Corporate Governance

- Decentralization of Capital in Germany
- Insiders, Outsiders and the Politics of Corporate Governance

#### European Integration

- The Political Economy of European Integration
- The Clash of Capitalisms

#### Democratic Theory

- Democracy in an Age of Liberalization

#### Societal Aging

- The Politics of Aging Societies
- Politics in Aging Societies

### Research Group on Liberalization Policies

*The research group is currently being set up.*

### Research Group on Institution Building across Borders

- Setting International Financial Reporting Standards
- Law and Legitimacy in the Global Economy
- Transnational Communities
- The Copyright Dispute
- Civil Society Actors and the Institutionalization of Labor Standards

### Science, Technology and Innovation

- Technical Innovations and the Protection of Intellectual Property
- Impact of Modern Information and Communication Technologies on Governance
- Science and Policy-Making
- Technological Innovations and Sectoral Change
- Bringing Technology Back In

### Governance of Global Structures

- Globalization and the Consequences for Governance
- Legitimation beyond the Nation-State

### Theories and Methods

- Emergence and Reduction
- Institutional Complementarities and Institutional Change
- Simulation as a Research Method
- Technical Advice for Projects at the Institute

### Doctoral Program IMPRS-SPCE: Dissertation Projects

- Employment Institutions in Project-based Networks
- Comparing Political Capitalisms
- Corporate Governance Reforms and Legal Ideas
- The Impact of Global Private Regulation
- The Regulation of Unemployment
- Social Preferences in Democratic Decision-Making
- Relocations, Economic Interests and Moral Considerations
- International Harmonization of Government Financial Statistics



## The Development of the Institute's Project Portfolio

The period since 2005 has seen important changes in the institute's project portfolio. This is due primarily to the arrival of Jens Beckert as new director in 2005, but also to two new research groups launched in the fall of 2007. One of the research groups, "Liberalization Policies," succeeds the group on "Democratic Government and Economic Governance" led by Philip Manow, which concluded five years of research at the end of 2007 when Philip Manow took up a full professorship at the University of Konstanz. The other new research group, on "Institution Building across Borders," is made possible by additional institutional funding from the Max Planck Society.

### Project Area "Sociology of Markets"

Research projects in this field started in 2005 when Jens Beckert took up his position. The project portfolio is still being built up. The first of the research projects is being completed in 2008. The general theme is the social preconditions of the emergence and functioning of markets. Research starts from the assumption that uncertainty must be reduced in market fields in order for market order to emerge. In theoretical contributions three coordination problems market actors face were identified: the problems of valuation, competition, and cooperation. Research projects follow the hypothesis that it is only through social macrostructures – institutions, social networks and cognitive frameworks – that these coordination problems can be resolved. Hence, for markets to emerge and to reproduce they must be embedded in social contexts. Since these cannot be understood as the outcome of deliberate contractual agreements between self-interested actors, market exchange depends on social conditions that precede the individuals involved in it.

Analyzing the social embeddedness of markets aims at showing economic exchange to be socially anchored. This requires an understanding not only of how social macrostructures influence economic outcomes, but of the relationship between social macrostructures and agency, and of the development and change of social macrostructures relevant in a market. Research is therefore based on an actor perspective focusing on the "market struggles" (Max Weber) of market participants. The social macrostructures influencing the solution of coordination problems in markets are permanently contested between powerful actors because of their distributive consequences. To analyze markets from their social embeddedness provides a distinctively sociological angle to the understanding of economic outcomes.

Based on the identification of the three coordination problems, most research projects investigate specific markets, attempting to identify mechanisms through



Researchers in the project area "Sociology of Markets":  
Geny Piotti, Guido Möllering, Natalia Besedovsky,  
Patrik Aspers (back), Mark Lutter, Raymund Werle (front)

which coordination problems are resolved. Current research projects can be grouped in three areas.

The first area, “The Emergence of Markets,” focuses on newly developing markets. Investigating markets “in the making” is a particularly promising research approach, since coordination problems are especially visible during this phase and their specific solution is not yet taken for granted by actors. Guido Möllering’s project focuses on the market for wind energy and the semiconductor industry. He is investigating how the design of institutional preconditions of these markets is influenced by cooperation among otherwise competing market actors. Paradoxically, it is collective institutional entrepreneurship, for instance in the setting of technological standards, that creates the institutional conditions for market competition. Patrik Aspers’ project focused on the global garment industry. Begun before Patrik Aspers joined the MPIfG, this is the first project in this project area to have been completed. Aspers investigated the commodity chain between garment producers, garment retailers and consumers with the aim of explaining the social construction of order in these markets. Aspers came up with the important distinction between status markets and standard markets. In a status market, order is maintained because the identities of actors on both sides of the market are ranked according to status. In a standard market the situation is reversed: the commodity is a more entrenched social construction than the identity rankings of actors in the market. Several journal articles have resulted from this project, and a monograph is soon to be published by Aspers. The third project in this area of the cluster examines the emergence of markets for intellectual property rights. Recently started, this project is conducted by Irene Troy under the supervision of Raymund Werle. Not long ago the first auctions for patents were held – without much success. The project explores how the value of patents is constructed and transactions are carried out by patent owners, potential buyers, intermediaries and other market participants. In a first step Raymund Werle conducted pilot interviews with different types of actors in the patent trade. The theoretically interesting problem underlying the investigation of these markets is how to evaluate the economic worth of innovations. How are markets for knowledge possible if the economic profit to be rendered from the innovation cannot be accurately anticipated? Since value creation in contemporary economies is shifting more and more to the realm of knowledge, leading to what has been coined “cognitive capitalism,” the understanding of possibilities and obstacles in markets for knowledge is of tremendous interest.

The second area within the cluster on the sociology of markets addresses the problem of cooperation. Markets are in danger of imploding if market actors suspect their exchange partners to defect. Institutional regulations, network structures and social norms make market exchange possible by reducing the risks of defection. Geny Piotti’s project investigates German companies relocating to China and to the Czech Republic, asking what this “disembedding” from an accustomed social environment implies for their experiences with market transactions in these countries. The initial

finding of this research is that about 40 percent of companies relocating are disappointed by their investment, many of them returning as a consequence.

The third area within the cluster on the sociology of markets concentrates on the problem of valuation. Two research projects currently address this issue. In collaboration with Mark Lutter, Jens Beckert is investigating lottery markets in Germany, asking why there is demand for a product with negative expected monetary utility. Results of the project point to the significance of intensive daydreaming in motivating lottery players, i.e. the evocation of a radical change in their economic situation made possible through winning the lottery. This finding is of significance for a more general understanding of consumer demand. Two co-authored articles have been published in the *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie*, and an article in English is currently under review. Mark Lutter's dissertation will be finished at the end of 2008. A workshop bringing together international scholars working on lotteries was held at the MPIfG in February 2008. The second project on issues of valuation investigates specific aspects of the wine market. This project, which is part of a larger research project conducted jointly with Prof. Jörg Rössel (Zürich), proceeds from the premise that price differentiation in the wine market becomes possible through specific quality signals communicated to buyers and honored by them. Since these quality signals are not objectively defined, but socially constructed in the wine industry and often institutionally determined, the regulation of these signals is of great interest to producers. The recently launched project, conducted with Thorsten Kogge, analyzes struggles in the German wine market for the institutionalization of quality signals in historical perspective. This project aims to bridge concerns of economic sociologists and concerns of political economists regarding the institutional macro-regulation of markets.

In addition to these empirical projects within the project area there are several theoretical projects. *Märkte als soziale Strukturen*, a volume edited by Jens Beckert, Rainer Diaz-Bone and Heiner Ganßmann, was published in 2007. The first book in German to address sociological research on markets, it includes chapters by leading scholars in economic sociology, some of which are translated from English and French. Another project is a planned monograph on the sociology of markets with the working title "How Are Markets Possible?" This theoretical book will develop the approach pursued in the research cluster, partly based on the initial findings from the empirical research projects. A first publication from this project is *The Social Order of Markets* (MPIfG Discussion Paper 07/15), published by Jens Beckert in 2007. A third project looks at the development of how the economy has been treated in sociology in the United States and Germany since the 1970s. A graduate thesis (*Diplomarbeit*) based on this project's dataset has been just finished, and an article to be published in a special issue of the *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* will be written this summer. Finally, the issue of trust, one crucial mechanism to resolve problems of cooperation in markets, is the subject of theoretical and empirical work by Guido





Brooke Harrington



Möllering and Jens Beckert. Guido Möllering's book *Trust: Reason, Routine, Reflexivity* is the most visible publication on this topic within the project area.

Lastly, a project outside the sociology of markets but related to Jens Beckert's other research focus, the sociology of inheritance, is being conducted by Humboldt Foundation fellow Brooke Harrington. The project looks at a specific aspect of the bequest of wealth, examining the strategies of wealthy families to accumulate wealth intergenerationally. Harrington is investigating this important and sorely underinvestigated issue by gaining access to the field of estate planning firms and trust managers. Jens Beckert published several articles on the sociology of inheritance during the period covered by this report (2005–2007), in addition to *Inherited Wealth* (Princeton University Press, 2008), the English translation of his monograph *Unverdientes Vermögen*.

Currently eight dissertation projects are being conducted in the project area. Having begun in 2005, first projects will be completed in the summer of 2008.

### Project Area "Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism"

This area is directed by Wolfgang Streeck. Its general themes in the past three years were the liberalization of national economies, the restructuring of the postwar democratic nation-state, and the internationalization of markets and the political institutions that regulate them. Special attention was given to the transformation of the "German model" of capitalism, democracy, and the welfare state. Subjects of research included the reform of collective labor relations and labor law in the direction of greater "flexibility"; the changing organization of group interests and their relationship to government policy; the ongoing transformation of social policy and the welfare state; and changes in the management, organization, and social role of large companies. Projects were aimed at providing insight into the causes, forms, and mechanisms of change in political-economic institutions, the role of political reform within nation-states, and the capacity of national politics to shape social relations under conditions of advancing internationalization. Many of the projects were internationally comparative, and increasingly a diachronic, historical perspective was adopted. In addition to general theoretical questions concerning institutional change, projects addressed the convergence and divergence of different national models of modern capitalism, as well as the possible development of a "European model" of a socially regulated market economy.

A number of projects came to an end in the period covered by this report while others were added, slowly changing the project portfolio and its substantive focus. With the departure of Susanne Schmidt to a professorial position, first at Bielefeld and then at Bremen, several research projects on European integration that had been temporarily attached to the cluster either ended or migrated. At the present time,



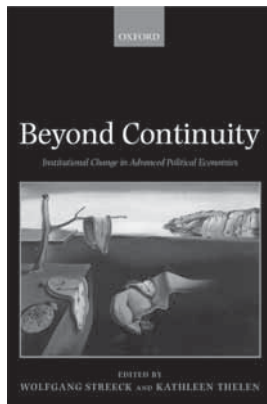
European integration is no longer a separate research focus at the MPIfG, although it remains present as an important dimension of inquiry in almost all projects. The same applies to the cluster's and the institute's traditional concern with organized interest representation. Also, Jürgen Beyer, Helen Callaghan (writing a doctoral dissertation at Northwestern), Martin Höpner and Lothar Krempel finished a number of projects on corporate governance. This area, too, is now considered sufficiently well understood to be abandoned temporarily for other subjects. The same applies, by and large, to the field of industrial relations and the welfare state, where Christine Trampusch concluded her work on the latest twist in Germany in the relationship between trade unions and social security; Sabina Avdagic (now at Sussex) completed a project on corporatism in postcommunist countries; Sigrun Kahl finished her dissertation on the religious foundations of contemporary welfare state policies; and Till Müller-Schoell received his doctoral degree for a comparative analysis of exemptions from social security contributions in three countries.

By the end of 2007, a number of projects still in the portfolio were awaiting completion. Wolfgang Streeck's preoccupation with "The Transformation of German Capitalism" came to a – temporary – close when his book, *Bringing Capitalism Back In: Institutional Change in the German Political Economy*, written in 2007, went to the publisher. In the fall of 2008 Britta Rehder expects to finish her research project, "The Political Logic of Juridical Action," issuing in the submission of her habilitation thesis on the role of the labor law courts in the transformation of the postwar German wage-setting regime. Martin Höpner was appointed in 2007 to an Associate Professorship (W2) at the MPIfG; he is presently building up an independent research group. In 2008 a joint project with Armin Schäfer, "The Political Economy of European Integration," will be finished with the publication of an edited volume that will highlight the changed quality of European integration in the current era of economic liberalization.

New to the program are two projects on the evolution of the German vocational training regime since the 1970s, one of them being the habilitation thesis of Marius Busemeyer, who arrived at the MPIfG in the fall of 2006, and the other a collaborative research project involving Busemeyer, Streeck and Kathleen Thelen (Northwestern University). A first product will be a book by Busemeyer, in German, which describes the changes that have taken place in the German vocational training system in the period under investigation. An international workshop in the fall of 2007 on the notion of "skill specificity" offered an opportunity to focus the substantive and theoretical concerns of the two projects. Still to get fully under way is a long-term project led by Armin Schäfer, which will investigate the effect of liberalization and the transformation of the welfare state on democracy. This project takes off from the observation that citizen participation in and satisfaction with democratic politics is on the decline almost everywhere in the Western world. Related to this is a research effort on the



Britta Rehder



impact of population aging on politics, which developed out of Wolfgang Streeck's involvement in a series of conferences on societal aging, organized by the Max Planck Society and several Academies of Science. Turnover in the project cluster was even higher in 2007 than in previous years, and planning for the future is particularly intensive. Prospects for coming years will be presented in detail at the meeting of the MPIfG Scientific Advisory Board in May 2008.

Several books were published in 2005 and 2006, marking major steps in the progress of the cluster's and the institute's research program. In 2005, Wolfgang Streeck's and Kathleen Thelen's collection, *Beyond Continuity: Institutional Change in Advanced Political Economies*, came out at Oxford University Press and instantly became one of the most frequently cited books in its field. In the same year, Armin Schäfer's doctoral dissertation about the coordination of economic and social policy in Europe was published in the MPIfG book series (in German). Four more books followed in 2006. *Governing Interests*, co-edited by Wolfgang Streeck, Jürgen Grote, Volker Schneider and Jelle Visser, rounded off a long research campaign at the MPIfG on business associations in international comparison. Colin Crouch and Wolfgang Streeck edited a *Festschrift* for Philippe Schmitter entitled *The Diversity of Democracy: Corporatism, Social Order and Political Conflict*. Finally, two habilitation theses were published, by Bernhard Ebbinghaus, *Reforming Early Retirement in Europe, Japan and the USA*, at Oxford, and by Jürgen Beyer, *Pfadabhängigkeit: Über institutionelle Kontinuität, anfallige Stabilität und fundamentalen Wandel*, in the MPIfG book series.

In 2005 to 2007 five doctoral students related to the cluster received their degrees from different universities. Three of them – Armin Schäfer (2005), Cornelia Woll (2006) and Sigrun Kahl (2007) – were awarded the Otto Hahn Medal of the Max Planck Society for an outstanding dissertation. Meanwhile Cornelia Woll has accepted a permanent position at the Sciences Po in Paris, whereas Sigrun Kahl will soon take up an assistant professorship at Yale. Jürgen Beyer (2006; Humboldt–Berlin), Christine Trampusch (2006; Göttingen) and Martin Höpner (2007; Köln) completed their habilitation. Shortly after receiving the *venia legendi*, Beyer left the MPIfG for a chair in economic sociology at the University of Hamburg, and Trampusch for a Junior Professorship in political science at the University of Berne.

## Independent Research Groups

### Research Group on Democratic Government and Economic Governance

From September 2002 to April 2007, a research group on “Democratic Government and Economic Governance” was led by Philip Manow. The group studied the impact of democratic politics on the political economy of advanced industrial nations. The group included Steffen Ganghof, a senior researcher, and two doctoral students, Simone Burkhart and Holger Döring. Projects dealt with issues such as tax reforms in the OECD (Ganghof), partisan-political representation in the EU (Döring), the legis-



lative consequences of “divided government” in Germany (Burkhart), and the historical origins of different welfare state regimes (Manow).

In the fall of 2006, Steffen Ganghof took on an assistant professorship at the University of Mannheim, moving on to a full professorship for comparative politics at the University of Potsdam in 2007. Simone Burkhart completed her dissertation in the spring of 2007 and defended it in July of the same year (*summa cum laude*) at the University of Cologne. Holger Döring will complete his dissertation on “The Political-Partisan Composition of the European Union” in the summer of 2008. He now works with Philip Manow at the University of Konstanz, where Manow has held a full professorship for public administration and public sector reform since April 2007.



Simone Burkhart, Holger Döring and Philip Manow from the Research Group on Democratic Government and Economic Governance

During the time covered by this report the research group organized several workshops at the MPIfG. One theme was the relationship between religion and the welfare state (May 2004 and May 2006), another the German political system (November 2004), and yet another the consequences of Germany’s mixed electoral system (March 2007). All three workshops led to edited volumes. Philip Manow and Steffen Ganghof edited a book about the German system of government, *Mechanismen der Politik: Strategische Interaktion im deutschen Regierungssystem* (Campus, 2005). Philip Manow and Kees van Kersbergen (Free University of Amsterdam) edited *Religion, Class Coalitions and Welfare State Regimes* (Cambridge Series on Social Theory, Politics and Religion, Cambridge University Press, 2008). Furthermore, together with Thomas Zittel, Manow edited a special issue of the *Zeitschrift für Politikwissenschaft*, entitled *Demokratische Repräsentation im deutschen Mischwahlsystem* (forthcoming 2008). A further book publication that emerged from the research group is Steffen Ganghof’s *The Politics of Income Taxation*, published in 2006 by ECPR Press. In addition, numerous journal articles were published by the members of the group.

### Two New Research Groups

In the fall of 2007 two new research group leaders took up their positions: Martin Höpner, then a senior researcher at the MPIfG, and Sigrid Quack, who joined the MPIfG from the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB). Both also serve as associate professors on the faculty of the IMPRS-SPCE, of which Sigrid Quack is the Academic Coordinator (see the IMPRS section of this report). Although the two research groups were not established until the end of the period covered by this report, a short outline of their programs is provided.



Martin Höpner

#### Research Group on Liberalization Policies

Led by Martin Höpner, the research group will analyze determinants, processes and consequences of liberalization policies in developed democracies. Liberalization policies, which have gained significance since the early 1980s, consist in the politically administered and legitimated delegation of decisions to markets. Liberalization includes various types of policies such as privatization; government withdrawal from sectors traditionally close to the state (*staatsnah*) and from the administration of prices; and market-driven reforms of financial markets and corporate governance, competition rules, and labor market and social policy.

Starting point of the research will be the construction of a database on liberalization policies in 20 OECD countries between 1980 and 2005. Analysis of the collected data will allow for an empirically based distinction between different dimensions of liberalization, an evaluation of their respective magnitudes, and the study of their interactions. The database will serve as a tool for more specific projects on issues such as firms, trade unions and sectoral interests in the liberalization of public services in countries such as France, Italy, and Germany; the partisan politics of liberalization (for example, liberalization of finance and banking vs. liberalization of labor markets); European liberalization policies and decision-making processes inside the European Commission; and the public discourse on liberalization policies.



Sigrid Quack

#### Research Group on Institution Building across Borders

The research group, led by Sigrid Quack, starts from the assumption that the coordination of economic, social and political activities in capitalist economies is affected to an increasing degree by rules, norms and institutions of transnational and global reach. This raises questions about the preconditions, processes and mechanisms of institutional regulation beyond national and supranational statehood. The research group will examine the participation of non-state actors, and the interaction of intended and emerging institution-building in the transnational realm, in an effort to contribute to the sociological analysis of overlapping multi-level institutional orders. Projects will be located at the interface between economic sociology, organizational theory and international relations. A strong emphasis is placed on the links between rule-setting and law-making, which connects the research program of the group to the field of law and society. In addition to Sigrid Quack, the research group consists currently of one doctoral student, Sabrina Zajak. The group will recruit one more doctoral student and a post-doc researcher in 2008.

In terms of substance, the research program of the group aims at a longitudinal comparative analysis of the emergence and development of cross-border institutions, focusing on exemplary fields of transnational economic governance, and their effects on national institutional change in selected countries.

In addition to the projects on international financial reporting and international labor standards that have already commenced, further studies on international copy-

right, cross-border corporate law, and transnational financial law are planned. Currently, Sigrid Quack is analyzing the role of governments, accounting professions, large accounting firms and multinational companies in the creation and development of international financial reporting standards for consolidated companies. Based on a longitudinal qualitative content analysis of publications by professional accountants, Quack investigates how professionals gradually formed a transnational expert community whose members successfully initiated a redefinition of the preferences of large firms and politicians in the domestic sphere. Having joined the research group in October 2007, Sabrina Zajak is in the early stages of her doctoral project on the historical emergence and current development of international labor standards – a field with notoriously weak intergovernmental capacity.

Cutting across these projects, the research group is organizing two major conferences in 2008. “Transnational Communities,” an international publication workshop hosted by Sigrid Quack in cooperation with Marie-Laure Djelic (ESSEC, Paris), concludes the preparation of a manuscript for an edited volume on the nature, history and governance of transnational communities of interest, practice, discourse or episteme. Another conference, “Law and Legitimacy in the Governance of Transnational Economic Relations,” will be held in June 2008 at Villa Vigoni in Italy. It will bring together leading scholars from sociology, political science and law from the United States and Europe to explore how legal rules can gain legitimacy in overlapping and mutually contradictory institutional orders.

### Project Area “Science, Technology and Innovation”

This project area is directed by Raymund Werle. It concentrates on innovative technology fields and examines the social and institutional conditions of scientific and technical innovations and their repercussions on sectoral political and institutional structures. During the time period covered by this report the project area included four projects.

The first project, “Bringing Technology Back In,” is conducted jointly by Raymund Werle and Ulrich Dolata (University of Bremen), who has been affiliated with the MPIfG since 2005. The subject is the mostly neglected process of the “co-construction” of technology and social structures. The research draws attention to the repercussions of technology on society as they result from the social-institutional embeddedness of technology and the interaction of social and technical factors. An intermediate result is the edited volume *Gesellschaft und die Macht der Technik* (Campus, 2007). Recent efforts aim at extending the debate internationally by organizing workshops in the context of larger international conferences. In a related project entitled “Technological Innovations and Sectoral Change,” co-sponsored by the German Research Foundation, Ulrich Dolata examines how the Internet has changed the automotive and the music industries.





Ulrich Dolata and Raymund Werle

The second field of research is intellectual property rights. Novel technological knowledge is regarded as a key to business success. The creation of innovations is time-consuming and costly. Because intellectual property rights (IPR), especially patents, legally protect new knowledge from unauthorized use, they are often treated as incentives for innovation in the economic literature. In an exploratory project entitled “Technical Innovations and the Protection of Intellectual Property,” Raymund Werle investigated how the patenting strategies of firms and the legal opportunity to use novel knowledge

exclusively affect the process and the path of technical innovation. The research is related to the project “Trading Intellectual Property: The Case of Patents” in the project area “Sociology of Markets.”

Finally, Jürgen Feick’s work on the “Impact of Modern Information and Communication Technologies on Governance” deals with the role of information and telecommunication technologies (ICT) on the functioning of the political system. The first phase of research concentrated on the input side, looking at the contribution of ICT to the potential formation of an informed and participatory democratic polity. A review of the literature indicates that there is no evidence that the utilization of new technologies will overcome existing deficiencies or asymmetries in democratic systems (see Feick 2007). The second phase will be devoted to policy-making and implementation and explore how modern ITC affects the governance of specific policy domains. Currently, preparatory research is being conducted to enable the selection of policy areas for empirical analysis of changes in governability and governing capacity.



## Completed Projects 2005–2007

### Completed Projects at a Glance

#### Industrial Relations and Welfare States

The Religious Foundations of the Welfare State  
Transformation of German Corporatism  
Trade Unions and the Welfare State  
Vocational Education and Training in Transition  
State-Labor Relations in Postcommunism  
Exemptions of Work from Social Security  
Contributions

#### Organized Interests

Business-Government Relations

#### European Integration

Electoral Consequences of European Integration  
Implementing the Single European Market  
Domestic Impact of European Law  
European State Aid Control after Enlargement

#### Corporate Governance

EU Company Law Harmonization  
German Corporate Elite in Flux  
Comparative Advantages of Coordinated Capitalism  
Organized Capitalism  
Social Science and the Commission for the  
Reform of Corporate Codetermination

#### Research Group on Democratic Government and Economic Governance

Europe's Party-political Center of Gravity  
Joint Decision Trap  
Party Composition in EU Institutions  
Party Patronage in Italy and Germany  
Legislative Activity in Germany  
Reforms in Public Financing  
Opportunity Costs of Welfare State Reforms  
The Quality of Democracy

#### Governance of Global Structures

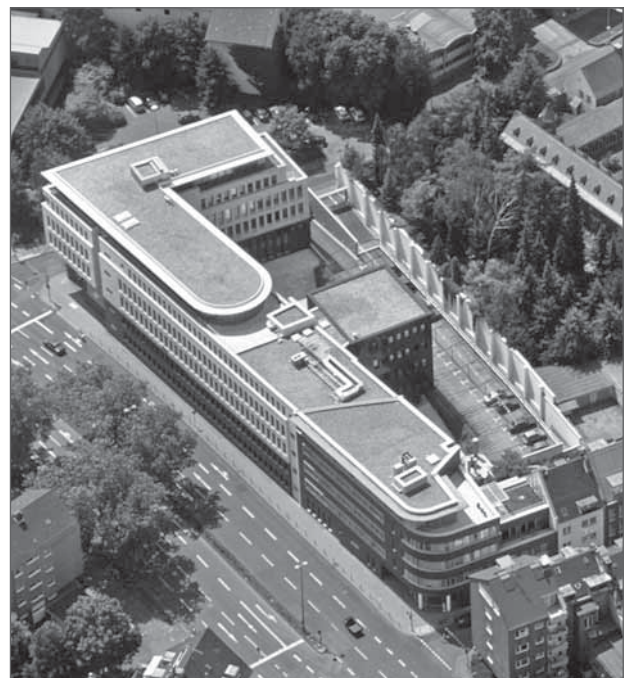
Transnational Organizations and Global Governance

#### Theories and Methods

Institutional Complementarity  
The Theoretical Potential of Macro-Social Analysis

#### Science, Technology and Innovation

Interaction of Institutional and Technical Innovations  
Internet and Biotechnology  
Modern Information and Communication  
Technologies and the Political System  
Interaction of Institutional and Technical Innovations  
Strategies of German Biotech Companies  
Technical Innovations, Market Processes and the  
Protection of Intellectual Property



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*Consolidated Institutional Variety? The Comparative Advantages of Coordinated Capitalism in a Competitive International Environment*  
Jürgen Beyer | Grant 2002–2006

Jens Beckert and a part-time MPIfG researcher completed a project on lottery markets. (Based on the data from this project, a doctoral project was begun in 2007.)  
*Demand Structure and Distributional Effects of the Lottery in Germany*  
Jens Beckert, Mark Lutter | Grant 2005–2007

### Max Planck Society (MPG)

In 2005 the Max Planck Society started awarding competitive grants for research and innovation. The MPIfG was awarded two of them in 2007 and 2008.

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) is a joint international PhD program of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies and the Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne, founded in 2007.  
*IMPRS-SPCE*  
12 PhD students | Grant 2007–2013

A part-time MPIfG staff member in the Editorial and Public Relations Unit is funded by the MPG project “Professionalization of the Public Relations Network.”  
*Public Relations*  
Jeanette Störtte | Grant 2008–2010

### Sixth Framework Program of the European Union

Two MPIfG researchers were part of the Integrated Project on New Modes of Governance (NEWGOV, <<http://www.eu-newgov.org>>), which is funded by the Sixth Framework Program of the European Union. The project moved to the University of Bremen when Susanne K. Schmidt was appointed professor there in 2006.  
*European State Aid Control after Enlargement: Domestic Impact in the New Member States and Repercussions on the European Level (Doctoral project)*  
Michael Blauburger | Grant 2004–2006  
*Mutual Recognition in the Enlarged European Single Market: Domestic Impact in the New Member States and Repercussions on the European Level (Doctoral project)*  
Wendelmoet van den Nouland | Grant 2004–2006

### Thyssen Foundation

Funding of the MPIfG conference “Bringing Technology Back In: About Technology’s Influence on Socio-economic and Institutional Change.” The conference led to a book publication: Ulrich Dolata/Raymund Werle (eds.), *Gesellschaft und die Macht der Technik: Sozioökonomischer und institutioneller Wandel durch Technisierung*, 2007.  
*Conference “Bringing Technology Back In”*  
Ulrich Dolata, Raymund Werle | Grant, March 10–11, 2006

### Volkswagen Foundation

The Volkswagen Foundation funded a new “Journalist in Residence” program granting research or work stays for experienced journalists from print media for a pilot phase in 2006. A second round of fellowships was launched in 2008. The project is conducted jointly with the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS), the Centre for Social Policy Research (CeS) at the University of Bremen and the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB). Funding will continue until 2010.  
*Journalist in Residence Fellowships*  
Grant | 2006–2010

# Research Cooperation

## Cooperation with Researchers outside the Institute

The MPIfG is part of a worldwide network of institutions and scholars working in the social sciences. Its research would not be possible without a wealth of collaborative efforts including joint writing, editing, conference organization, teaching, and participation in professional associations. For a full look at these activities, see “Relations to the Scientific Community and the Public.” Some elements of the MPIfG’s cooperation with other researchers and institutions are highlighted here.

### Local Cooperation

Jens Beckert and Wolfgang Streeck are both members of the Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne and teach courses there. MPIfG researchers Steffen Ganghof, Achim Goerres, Andrea Herrmann, Martin Höpner, Philip Manow and Armin Schäfer also taught at the University of Cologne during the period covered by this report.

The Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne is the MPIfG’s local partner for the new International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE; see “Graduate Training”). Two members of the department, Mark Ebers and André Kaiser, are faculty members of the IMPRS-SPCE.

### Cooperation within Germany

Researchers at the MPIfG are active in their fields’ professional associations. For example, several are involved in the German Political Science Association (Deutsche

Vereinigung für Politische Wissenschaft, DVPW), giving presentations at the triennial congresses and leading sections and working groups; Britta Rehder is co-chair of the working group on “Interest Associations,” and Martin Höpner is co-chair of the section on “Political Economy”; each of these groups held an annual meeting at the MPIfG (Interest Associations in 2007 and Political Economy in 2008). Most of the sociologists at the institute are members of the German Sociological Association (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, DGS). The MPIfG recently hosted meetings of its sections on Science and Technology and on Modeling and Simulation. The Economic Sociology section, chaired by Jens Beckert, is particularly closely connected with the MPIfG. In 2007 and 2008 the institute and the Economic Sociology section jointly organized two section meetings.

By teaching at universities MPIfG researchers make valuable contacts. Transporting the institute’s research into the university classroom is an effective recruitment tool for the IMPRS-SPCE. During the years 2005–2007, MPIfG researchers taught at universities in Bamberg, Berlin, Bremen, Cologne, Duisburg-Essen, Düsseldorf, Göttingen, Jena, Leipzig, Mittweida and Osnabrück.

### International Cooperation

- The MPIfG cooperates with several research institutes abroad, including
- the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence;
  - the Center for European Studies at Harvard University;
  - the Institute for Policy Research and Department of Sociology at Northwestern University in Evanston;
  - the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris and its affiliated institutes, such as the Centre d’Etudes Européennes (CEE), the Centre de Sociologie des Organisations (CSO), and the Centre de Recherches Politiques (CEVIPOF);
  - CEPREMAP (Centre pour la recherche économique et ses applications) in Paris;
  - AIAS (Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies) in Amsterdam.



Center for European Studies, Harvard University

The MPIfG has concluded cooperation agreements with Harvard University, Northwestern University, the London School of Economics, the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques and the University of Milan to promote student exchange at the IMPRS-SPCE.

MPIfG researchers contribute to numerous international professional associations, in particular the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE). Jens Beckert is a member of the SASE Executive Council.



Since 2007, the institute's directors and Jonathan Zeitlin (University of Wisconsin-Madison) have been editors of the journal *Socio-Economic Review*. Wolfgang Streeck is chief editor, and Jürgen Feick is the managing editor. Founded in 2001 by the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, *Socio-Economic Review* is published by Oxford University Press. Devoted to the advancement of socio-economics, it deals with the analytical, political and moral questions arising at the intersection between economy and society.

The majority of visiting researchers at the MPIfG come from abroad. Interaction with them leads to informal research cooperation and makes opportunities for MPIfG researchers to do research and study abroad. Between 2005 and 2007, visiting researchers came from Australia, Austria, China, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States (see "The Research Community within the Institute").

In addition to their teaching in Germany, MPIfG researchers also offer courses abroad, often during leaves of absence for research or study. From 2005 to 2007, MPIfG researchers taught in Berne, Chicago, Haifa, Milan, Paris, New York, Stockholm and Vienna.

Ties between the institute in Cologne and its two External Scientific Members are particularly strong. Kathleen Thelen, External Scientific Member since 2005, received the Max Planck Research Award for International Cooperation in 2003. The award has supported her involvement in MPIfG projects on institutional complementarity, continuity and discontinuity in institutional analysis, and the political economy of skills in Germany, Britain, the United States, and Japan. Northwestern University, where Thelen is Professor of Political Science, has become a gathering point in the United States for MPIfG researchers, and students from there come to work at the MPIfG. Colin Crouch, External Scientific Member since 1997, has conducted several joint projects with MPIfG researchers over the last decade, culminating in a number of joint publications. Most recently, he edited *The Diversity of Democracy: Corporatism, Social Order and Political Conflict* with Wolfgang Streeck. Colin Crouch is Chair of the Institute of Governance and Public Management at the Warwick Business School, University of Warwick.



Kathleen Thelen



Colin Crouch

## Outside Leaves of Absence for Research, Study and Teaching

### **Birgit Apitzsch**

Research, Employment institutions in project-based networks, *Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course (CIQLE)*, Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, USA, September 2007–February 2008

### **Jens Beckert**

Teaching, Luigi Einaudi Chair, *Cornell University*, Ithaca, USA, 10–14 April 2007  
Research, How are markets possible?, *European University Institute*, Florence, Italy, October 2007–January 2008

### **Simone Burkhart**

Study, Logit and probit models, *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis and Collection*, Essex, UK, 24 July–4 August 2006

### **Helen Callaghan**

Teaching, Undergraduate course on comparative capitalism, *Northwestern University*, Evanston, USA, September–December 2005

### **Holger Döring**

Study, Comparative democratic institutions and constitutional engineering, *Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies*, Oslo, Norway, 24–28 July 2006

### **Sigrun Kahl**

Research, Cultures of poverty policy, France (several towns), 17–28 January 2005

### **Roy Karadag**

Research, Power, elites, and market structures in late capitalist development, Istanbul and Ankara, Turkey, 14 October–6 December 2007

### **Philipp Klages**

Research/study, Economization of corporate law, *Center for European Studies*, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, February–May 2007

### **Philip Manow**

Teaching/research, work on manuscripts (Religion, class coalitions and welfare state regimes; The political anatomy of democratic representation), *Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po)*, Paris, France, August–November 2006

### **Sascha Münnich**

Research, The regulation of unemployment, *Center for European Studies*, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, January–May 2007

### **Geny Piotti**

Research, German firms in China, Beijing and Shanghai, People's Republic of China, 19 September–14 November 2007

### **Britta Rehder**

Research, Role of courts in institutional change, *Northwestern University*, Evanston, USA, March–June 2006

### **Armin Schäfer**

Research, The political economy of societal participation, *Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg*, Delmenhorst, Germany, October 2006–March 2007

### **Wolfgang Streeck**

Research, Institutional change, *Russell Sage Foundation*, New York, USA, January–July 2007

### **Cornelia Woll**

Research, Industrial policy in France, *Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po*, Paris, France, March–June 2006

### **Hendrik Zorn**

Research, Concept and methodology of government finance statistics, *International Monetary Fund*, Washington, DC, USA, August–November 2007

## Graduate Training – IMPRS-SPCE

### International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE)

Some of the most important changes at the MPIfG since 2005 have taken place in the training of doctoral students. In the fall of 2007 the International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) officially opened its doors after the funding application to the MPG and the



IMPRS-SPCE students: Olga Maletz, Martin Schroeder, Hendrik Meyer

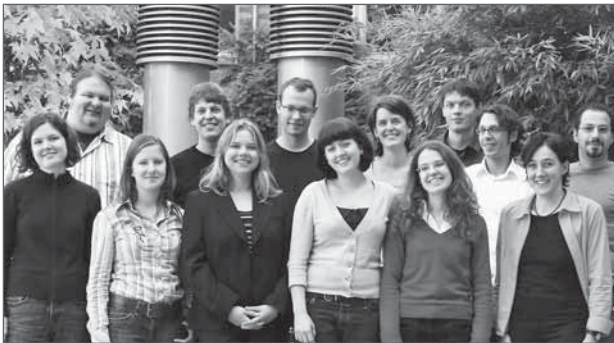
Council of University Presidents (HRK) had been approved earlier in the year. The MPIfG has now institutionalized a structured doctoral program which covers the main areas of its research. It has also formalized cooperation with the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne, the official local partner of the IMPRS. In addition, international cooperation agreements have been signed with Harvard University, Northwestern University, the London School of Economics, the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques and the University of Milan. Sigrid Quack was appointed as academic coordinator and Jürgen Lautwein as administrative coordinator, which provided the staffing needed to develop the school successfully.

## Admissions

The IMPRS admits up to seven doctoral students per year, who are recruited through an internationally open application process. Applicants provide their CV, a research statement, letters of recommendation and examples of their written work to the selection committee, which invites candidates to a personal interview. The selection committee consists of the two directors of the MPIfG and the professors from the University of Cologne who are faculty members at the School. Doctoral training maintains some of the features already institutionalized at the MPIfG and adds some important new ones. Students are first awarded a one-year contract. During their first year they are expected to participate in coursework and write a first-year paper outlining their dissertation topic and a research plan. Depending on the approval of

their prospectus by the IMPRS faculty, their fellowship is extended for two years during which they are expected to conduct the empirical research for their dissertation and write their thesis. In accordance with the guidelines of the Max Planck Society, financial support is limited to three years.

One of the IMPRS faculty serves as principal advisor for each doctoral student. As practiced at the institute in the past, a committee is formed at the end of the first year consisting of the advisor and two senior researchers. The committee may include external members from universities or other research institutes. Committees meet two or three times a year to discuss the student's research progress and offer advice on specific problems.



IMPRS-SPCE doctoral students in 2007: Sascha Münnich, Sebastian Lippold, Philipp Klages, Claire Dupuy, Jan Sauermann, Mark Lutter, Roy Karadag (back); Irene Troy, Ipec Göcmen, Sabrina Zajak, Anna Skarpelis, Olga Maletz. Academic coordinator Sigrid Quack (front right)

## Curriculum

A regular curriculum of coursework and systematic exposure to an international research environment are the most significant changes the IMPRS offers doctoral students. They take three seminars during their first year in addition to a two-week seminar in methodology at the University of Bremen and participate in a biweekly colloquium taught by the two directors with the support of the two leaders of the MPIfG research groups (Martin Höpner and Sigrid Quack). Doctoral students present their work in the colloquium. Moreover, they participate in all the other intellectual activities of the institute, including lectures and conferences. Intensive informal exchange between doctoral students and senior researchers is a further asset of the training program. The stronger emphasis on coursework corresponds with German and international developments in doctoral education in the social sciences. While it would be desirable to extend the course program even further, this goal conflicts with the strict three-year funding rule.

## International Focus

One of the new core elements of the doctoral training program is student exchange. During the second or third year of their enrollment students spend a six-month research stay at one of the school's international partner institutions. While continuing to work on their doctoral research, they also participate in graduate seminars at the host institution. The international character of the training program is enhanced when doctoral students from the international partner institutions come to the MPIfG for a six-month stay. Partner institutions take turns organizing an annual Summer Conference on Economy and Society where doctoral students present their work and receive comments from senior faculty. The first two summer conferences were organized by the MPIfG and took place in July 2006 at Villa Vigoni in Italy and in July 2007 at Ringberg Castle in Bavaria. The first conference was on "Economic Sociology and Political Economy," and the second was entitled "Does History Matter?" The 2008 conference will be organized by Northwestern University in Chicago.



Ringberg Castle, site of the Second Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, 2007

The international character of the doctoral program is reinforced by systematical recruitment of non-German students, a feature encouraged and required by IMPRS regulations. Of the twelve students currently enrolled in the IMPRS, four have an international background. This is still below the 50 percent called for in the IMPRS guidelines, but we are confident that the share of international students will increase as the school becomes better known.

## Academic Skills

Another feature enhancing doctoral students' education is the increase since 2005 in courses offered at the institute that provide training in general academic skills. Workshops on academic English writing, online research and specialized computer programs such as Endnote, SPSS and Atlas-ti have worked well, as have courses on presentation techniques, scholarly publishing and the review process of academic journals. While these courses have the additional benefit of being open to all researchers at the institute, they are primarily devoted to promoting students' professional development.

Although the IMPRS-SPCE was not officially launched until the fall of 2007, the institute has organized its doctoral training along the lines of the IMPRS since 2005. There are currently 12 students formally enrolled in the IMPRS, 11 at the MPIfG and one at the University of Cologne. The first four students, having started the program in the fall of 2005, are expected to finish their dissertations in the summer of this year.



## Doctoral Research Projects

While the research program of the IMPRS is centered on the core research fields of the institute, i.e. political economy, economic sociology and organization studies, students choose their research topics independently in consultation with faculty. This leads to a broad thematic spectrum and assures the identification of students with their research.

In the first cohort of the IMPRS, four students were accepted, all of whom are currently in their third year. Birgit Apitzsch is studying employment schemes in project-based social networks with a focus on the film industry and architectural firms. Philipp Klages is investigating the role of changing definitions of the firm in legal theory and their influence on institutional reforms in the field of corporate governance.



Doctoral students at a seminar

Olga Maletz studies international private regulation, in particular forest certification programs in Russia and their impact on international markets for wood products. Sascha Münnich examines the introduction of unemployment insurance schemes in the United States and Germany during the 1920s, with a special emphasis on the role of ideas in shaping the institutional features of national insurance systems. In December of 2007, Saskia Freye, who already started in the program in 2004, submitted her thesis on changes in the professional background and career trajectories of corporate elites in Germany. In the second cohort, which started in

2006, Hendrik Zorn investigates the international harmonization of fiscal statistics, with a strong emphasis on the social construction of accounting figures. Roy Karadag works on the effects of the relationship between state actors and economic actors on the structure of the political economies in two non-Western countries, Turkey and the Philippines. Martin Schröder examines the role of moral arguments and normative orientations in decisions of German firms to relocate production to foreign countries. The four students who joined the program in the fall of 2007 are currently in the process of defining their research topics.

In addition to the doctoral students at the IMPRS, several others work on projects defined by the directors or the research group leaders. While they participate as much as possible in the activities of the IMPRS, their work differs from that of the IMPRS students through its collaborative nature. There are currently five doctoral students at the institute who fall into this category. Mark Lutter is working with Jens Beckert on a project on lottery markets. Thorsten Kogge is also working with Jens Beckert on a project on the political economy of price formation in the wine market. Anna Skarpelis works with Wolfgang Streeck on the politics of aging societies; Irene Troy with Raymund Werle on emerging markets in intellectual property rights; Sabrina Zajak with Sigrid Quack on transnational regulation. The directors consider it

their duty to ensure students have enough time for their own research and complete their doctoral theses within the normal period.

Three doctoral students left the institute in 2006 and 2007 (Michael Blauburger and Wendelmoet van den Nouland, Holger Döring) before finishing their dissertations, following their supervisors Susanne K. Schmidt and Philip Manow, who accepted professorships in Bremen and Konstanz, respectively.

All doctoral students working at the institute either receive fellowships or are employed on a fixed-term contract. Funding for all but two of the students comes from the institute's budget, primarily from resources made available through the IMPRS. Two of the currently employed doctoral students receive outside funding, one from the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the other from the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW).

## Supervisors

Altogether, there were 16 doctoral students working at the MPIfG at the end of 2007. Eight of them were being supervised by Jens Beckert, seven by Wolfgang Streeck, and one by Sigrid Quack. (One of Jens Beckert's students was also being supervised by Raymund Werle.) Philip Manow, who led the research group on "Democratic Government and Economic Governance" until the spring of 2007, supervised two doctoral students in his group. The MPIfG doctoral program now has significantly more than the eleven students it had at the end of 2004. This reflects the growing importance of doctoral training for the institute. To ensure intensive supervision of doctoral research projects, no further expansion is planned.

## Theses, Degrees and Awards

Seven MPIfG doctoral fellows completed their doctoral thesis between 2005 and 2007. Imke Kruse defended her thesis on EU immigration policy and its implications for non-member states in 2005. Knut Lange, who had worked on German biotech companies, defended in 2006, as did Sigrun Kahl (a historical and comparative study on the religious foundations of poverty policy) and Till Müller-Schoell (compulsory social insurance in conservative welfare states). Simone Burkhart, one of the doctoral students in the research group on "Democratic Government and Economic Governance" headed by Philip Manow, worked on divided government in Germany from 1976–2005, defending her thesis in the summer of 2007, as did Helen Callaghan (EU company law harmonization and the clash of capitalisms). As mentioned earlier, Saskia Freye submitted her thesis on changes in the professional and career profiles of corporate elites in Germany in December 2007 and will be defending in the summer of 2008.

The number of doctoral theses completed in the period from 2005 to 2007 is lower than in previous years. This is explained by the vacancy in one of the direc-



Imke Kruse



Till Müller-Schoell



Sigrun Kahl

torial positions. Students who finished between 2005 and 2007 took an average of 42 months to complete their thesis (based on the six students that remained in the program; one student left the program and finished his dissertation outside of the institute’s supervision and responsibility). This is six months above the target of three years. Grades received testify to the high quality of dissertation research at the MPIfG. Of the six students who defended their theses by January 2008, two received a “summa cum laude,” two a “magna cum laude,” and two received degrees from institutions that do not give grades. Moreover, Armin Schäfer (2005), Cornelia Woll (2006) and Sigrun Kahl (2007) were each awarded an Otto Hahn Medal for an outstanding dissertation by the Max Planck Society. Also, the Society for Comparative Research gave Cornelia Woll the Lipset Award 2005 for the best comparative doctoral thesis written in English.

Since the MPIfG does not confer academic degrees, doctoral students at the institute must submit their thesis to a university and defend it according to the rules of the respective institution. Typically doctoral students defend their dissertation at the university where they were enrolled as graduate students before joining the MPIfG. Increasingly, however, the University of Cologne has become the institution of choice. Wolfgang Streeck and Jens Beckert are both members of the Faculty of Economics and Social Science at the University of Cologne, which gives them the right to supervise doctoral degrees.



**INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOL**  
on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy

The IMPRS-SPCE is a graduate program in the field of economic sociology and political economy that offers three-year research grants for up to seven doctoral students every year. It explores the relationship between the modern economy and its social and political foundations. The school offers a unique program of seminars, colloquia, and summer schools. Students benefit from stays at partner institutions abroad and take part in the intellectual life of the MPIfG and the University of Cologne.

**International Partners**

Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (*Sciences Po*), Università degli Studi di Milano, London School of Economics, Harvard University, Northwestern University

**Applications**

Applications can be submitted between December 15 and March 15. Notification is in June, and the program begins on October 1.

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## Doctoral Candidates 2005–2007

### **Birgit Apitzsch**

Employment Institutions and Social Integration

### **Michael Blauberger**

European State Aid Control after Enlargement  
(went to University of Bremen in 2006)

### **Elena Bogdanova**

Cognitive Patterns of Market Perception

### **Simone Burkhart**

Divided Government in Germany  
(dissertation completed in 2007)

### **Helen Callaghan**

EU Company Law Harmonization  
(dissertation completed in 2006)

### **Holger Döring**

Party Composition in EU Institutions  
(went to University of Konstanz in 2007)

### **Saskia Freye**

German Corporate Elite in Flux  
(dissertation completed in 2007)

### **Ipek Göcmen**

Democratization and Welfare State Development in  
Southern Europe

### **Sigrun Kahl**

Cultures of Poverty Policy  
(dissertation completed in 2006)

### **Imke Kruse**

EU Migration and Asylum Regime  
(dissertation completed in 2005)

### **Roy Karadag**

Comparing Political Capitalisms

### **Philipp Klages**

Corporate Governance Reforms and Legal Ideas

### **Thorsten Kogge**

Political Regulation on Quality Signals and Pricing in the  
Wine Market

### **Knut Lange**

Strategies of German Biotech Companies  
(dissertation completed in 2005)

### **Sebastian Lippold**

Reasons for Wage Dispersion in Germany  
(left the project in March 2008)

### **Mark Lutter**

Demand Structure and Distributional Effects of the Lottery

### **Olga Maletz**

The Impact of Global Private Regulation

### **Till Müller-Schoell**

Exemptions of Work from Social Security Contributions  
(dissertation completed in 2006)

### **Sascha Münnich**

The Regulation of Unemployment

### **Jan Sauermann**

Social Preferences in Democratic Decision-Making  
(IMPRS student at the University of Cologne)

### **Martin Schröder**

Relocations, Economic Interests and Moral Considerations

### **Anna Skarpelis**

The Politics of Aging Societies

### **Irene Troy**

Trading Intellectual Property

### **Wendelmoet van den Nouland**

Mutual Recognition after EU Enlargement  
(went to University of Bremen in 2006)

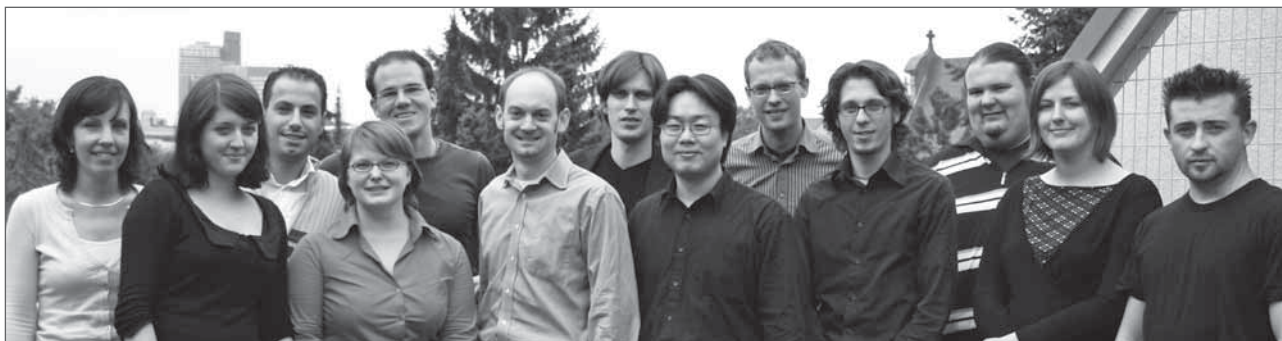
### **Sabrina Zajak**

Transnational Corporations and Labor Rights

### **Hendrik Zorn**

International Standardization of Government Financial  
Statistics





Doctoral students in September 2006: Marta Kahancová, Anna Skarpelis, Roy Karadag, Saskia Freye, Martin Schröder, Aaron Boesenecker, Holger Döring, Myung-Joon Park, Philipp Klages, Mark Lutter, Sascha Münnich, Birgit Apitzsch, Luke Dauter

## Doctoral and Postdoctoral Degrees

### Doctoral Degrees

#### **Simone Burkhart**

Dr. rer. pol., 13 July 2007

Universität zu Köln

Dissertation “Divided Government in Deutschland. Eine empirische Analyse, 1976–2005”

Forthcoming: *Blockierte Politik: Ursachen und Folgen von “Divided Government” in Deutschland*. Campus, Frankfurt a.M. 2008



Simone Burkhart

#### **Helen Callaghan**

PhD, 28 August 2006

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science

Dissertation “European Integration and the Clash of Capitalisms. German, French and British Disagreements over Corporate Governance, 1973–2003.” Thesis published online in 2007 at <[www.proquest.com](http://www.proquest.com)>

Journal article: *Insiders, Outsiders and the Politics of Corporate Governance: How Ownership Structure Shapes Party Positions in Britain, Germany and France* (Comparative Political Studies, forthcoming; cf. MPIfG Discussion Paper 07/9)

Working paper: *Transnational Employer Preferences When One Company Law Does Not Fit All: Anglo-German Wrangles under the UNICE Umbrella, 1973–2003* (EUI Working Paper MWP 2007/04, EUI, Florence 2007, 20 p.)

#### **Martin Heipertz**

Dr. rer. pol., 24 January 2005

Universität zu Köln

Dissertation “Der Stabilitäts- und Wachstumspakt. Institutionendesign im Selbstbindungsdilemma”. Published online in 2005 by University of Cologne library: <[http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/volltexte/2005/1446/pdf/Dissertation\\_Heipertz\\_KUPS.pdf](http://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/volltexte/2005/1446/pdf/Dissertation_Heipertz_KUPS.pdf)>

Journal article: *The Stability and Growth Pact. Theorizing a Case in European Integration* (with A. Verdun, *Journal of Common Market Studies* 43, 5, 985–1008, 2005)

Book chapter: *The Dog That Would Bark but Never Bite? Origins, Crisis and Reform of Europe’s Stability and Growth Pact* (with A. Verdun. In: *EMU Rules*. Eds. F. Torres et al., Nomos 2006, 115–135)

#### **Sigrun Kahl**

Dr. phil., 24 November 2006

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Fachbereich für Sozialwissenschaften

Dissertation “The Religious Foundations of the Welfare State. Poverty Regimes, Unemployment, and Welfare-to-Work in Europe and the United States”

Journal article: *The Religious Roots of Modern Poverty Policy: Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed Protestant Traditions Compared* (*European Journal of Sociology* 46, 1, 91–126, 2005)

**Imke Kruse**

Dr. phil., 9 November 2005  
 Freie Universität Berlin  
 Dissertation “EU Readmission Policy and Its Implications for Non-Member States”  
 Journal article: *EU Readmission Policy and Its Effects on Transit Countries: The Case of Albania* (European Journal of Migration and Law 8, 2, 115–142, 2006)  
 Book chapter: *Driven from the Outside: The EU’s Impact on Albanian Immigration and Asylum Policies* (In: The Europeanization of National Immigration Policies and Politics. Eds. T. Faist, A. Ette, Palgrave 2007, 223–245)

**Knut Lange**

Dr. phil., 23 February 2006  
 University of Groningen, Faculty of Management and Organization  
 Dissertation “Deutsche Biotech-Unternehmen und ihre Innovationsfähigkeit im internationalen Vergleich. Eine institutionentheoretische Analyse”. Published online in 2006 by the University of Groningen library: <<http://dissertations.ub.rug.nl/faculties/management/2006/k.s.g.lange>>

**Till Müller-Schoell**

Dr. rer. pol., 2 November 2006  
 Universität Bremen, Fachbereich Sozialwissenschaften  
 Dissertation “Lohn oder Arbeitsplatz oder Rente? Drei Reaktionen auf das Trilemma der Sozialversicherungspflicht in konservativen Wohlfahrtsstaaten”

**Postdoctoral Degrees (Habitations)**

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# Relations to the Scientific Community and the Public

## The Institute in the Scientific Community

### MPIfG Conferences

#### Major Conferences and Workshops

Conference, 17–19 June 2005

**Interessenvermittlung in Politikfeldern. Meeting of the Working Group on Interest Associations of the German Political Science Association (DVPW).** Organizers: Thomas von Winter (German Bundestag), Ulrich Willems (Technische Universität Darmstadt) and Britta Rehder (MPIfG). Host: MPIfG

The conference on “Interest intermediation in policy fields” brought together experts from policy research and research on organized interests. At the heart of the discussions was the question of how the structures of interest intermediation and the conditions of political intervention have changed in different policy fields. The conference was sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.

International Workshop, 3–4 March 2006

**Institutional Change in Germany and France.** Organizers: Wolfgang Streeck and Cornelia Woll. Host: MPIfG

Does institutional change in Germany and France represent a depoliticizing process, or is it the result of democratically deliberated political reforms? Is institutional change part of uniform globalization, or do key national differences remain?

Can present changes be politically managed, or do they escape such control? These were the questions addressed at this workshop by scholars from France, Germany, the United States and the United Kingdom in talks about the transformation of political economies, the fiscal crisis of organized capitalism, economic change and the state, welfare state reforms, and the mechanisms and diffusion of institutional change.

International Workshop, 10–11 March 2006

**Bringing Technology Back In – Technik als Einflussfaktor sozioökonomischen und institutionellen Wandels.** Organizers: Raymund Werle (MPIfG) and Ulrich Dolata (artec, Universität Bremen). Host: MPIfG

At this authors’ workshop, participants from Austria, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Germany discussed the impact of technology on socio-economic and institutional change. The workshop was sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.

*Ulrich Dolata, Raymund Werle (Eds.): Gesellschaft und die Macht der Technik: Sozioökonomischer und institutioneller Wandel durch Technisierung.* Frankfurt a.M.: Campus, 2007.

Conference, 31 March – 1 April 2006

**Soziale Netzwerke. Meeting of the Modeling and Simulation Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS).** Organizer: Lothar Krempel. Host: MPIfG

Some 40 members of the Modeling and Simulation Section of the DGS met to hear and discuss 16 lectures on new developments in social networks. The dynamics of social structures, the history of interlocking German capital, the simulation of networks and markets, policy networks, and the emergence of power laws in social networks were among the topics addressed.

Colloquium, 21 April 2006

**Moralische Voraussetzungen und Grenzen wirtschaftlichen Handelns.** Organizers: Wolfgang Streeck and Jens Beckert. Host: MPIfG

The colloquium examined the moral foundations and moral limits of economic action. The speakers and discussants were Johannes Berger, Professor Emeritus of Macrosociology at the University of Mannheim, Friedrich-Wilhelm Graf, Professor of Systematic Theology and Ethics at the University of Munich (LMU), Karl Homann, Professor of Philosophy and Business Ethics at the University of Munich (LMU), and Peter Koslowski, Chair of the Forum Wirtschaftsethik and professor at the Free University of Amsterdam. Wolfgang Streeck gave the introductory talk.

*Wolfgang Streeck, Jens Beckert (Eds.): Moralische Voraussetzungen und Grenzen wirtschaftlichen Handelns. Forschungsberichte aus dem MPIfG 3. Cologne: MPIfG, 2007.*

International Conference, 15–18 July 2006

**Economic Sociology and Political Economy.** Organizer: Jens Beckert. Host: MPIfG



Villa Vigoni, site of the First Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society

The First Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society gave researchers from economic sociology, comparative political economy and institutional economics an opportunity to exchange information on the current state of their fields. It was held at the Italian-German cultural center Villa Vigoni on Lake Como in Italy.

International Conference, 16–18 November 2006

**Transformations of Contemporary Capitalism.** Organizers: Christine Trampusch, Jens Beckert and Edgar Grande. Host: MPIfG

The Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG organized a conference jointly with the MPIfG to honor Wolfgang Streeck on his sixtieth birthday. Colleagues from different phases of his career addressed fields of inquiry Wolfgang Streeck has shaped during thirty years of scholarship, such as the institutional embeddedness of markets, the organization, articulation and intermediation of economic interests, and the ability of the welfare state to mitigate economic risks.

*Jens Beckert, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Anke Hassel, Philip Manow (Eds.): Transformationen des Kapitalismus. Festschrift für Wolfgang Streeck zum sechzigsten Geburtstag. Frankfurt a.M.: Campus, 2006.*

Conference, 1–3 February 2007

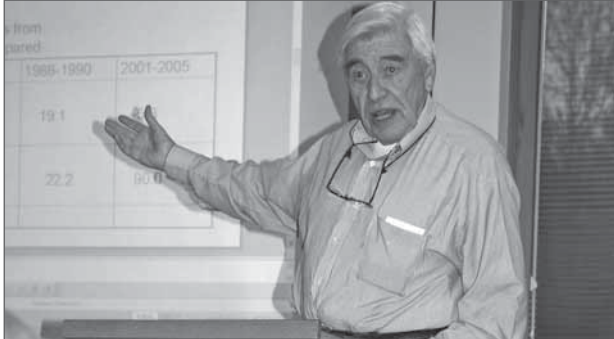
**Die institutionelle Einbettung von Märkten.** Annual Meeting of the Economic Sociology Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS). Organizers: Jens Beckert, Stefanie Hiß, Wolfgang Streeck (MPIfG) and Hajo Weber (University of Kaiserslautern). Host: MPIfG

More than forty researchers gathered in Cologne to discuss the institutional, cultural and political foundation of markets. Their goal was gain an overview of how markets are being studied by experts in the field of economic sociology in German-speaking countries. Presenters came from the MPIfG, the Universities of Freiburg, Gießen, Hamburg, Kaiserslautern, Potsdam and Tübingen, Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen, and Humboldt University and the Social Science Research Center (WZB) in Berlin.

International Conference, 18–21 July 2007

**Why History? The Contribution of Historical Explanation to the Analysis of the Economy.** Organizer: Jens Beckert. Host: MPIfG

The Second Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society brought researchers from economic sociology and comparative political economy together with historians



Ronald Dore giving a talk at the "Transformations of Contemporary Capitalism" conference in November 2006

to discuss why historical knowledge is important for explaining economic phenomena. An integral part of the new International Max Planck Research School's program, the conference featured presentations by leading international scholars and by PhD students from Northwestern University, Harvard University, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris and the MPIfG. It was held at Ringberg Castle, the Max Planck Society's conference center on the Tegernsee in the Bavarian Alps.

International Workshop, 9–10 November 2007

**Asset Specificity and Skill Regimes: Concepts and Implications.** Organizers: Birgit Apitzsch, Marius Busemeyer. Host: MPIfG

Scholars from comparative politics, political economy, sociology, and economics discussed the concept of asset specificity as it relates to skill formation, production strategies, labor markets, and the welfare state. The theoretical underpinnings and the measurability of the concept of asset specificity, as well as its implications for the analysis of current developments in training systems and the service industry were examined.

### Other Workshops and Meetings

Session at International Conference of the ECPR, 8–9 September 2005

**Quality of Democracy: Patronage and Corruption in Europe.** Organizers: Philip Manow (MPIfG) and Simona Piattoni (University of Trento). Host: ECPR General Conference 2005 in Budapest

Workshop, 4–5 November 2005

**Evolution und Steuerung technischer Innovationen.** Organizers: Raymund Werle (MPIfG) and Johannes Weyer (University of Dortmund). Host: Working Group on Politics and Technology of the German Political Science Association (DVPW) and the Science and Technology Studies Section of the German Sociological Association (DGS)

Workshop, 5–6 May 2006

**Religion and the Welfare State.** Organizer: Philip Manow. Host: MPIfG

Workshop 13–15 July 2006

**Governance und Policy-Making in der EU.** Organizers: Armin Schäfer, Martin Höpner (MPIfG) and Ingeborg Tömmel (University of Osnabrück). Host: Universität Osnabrück

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Workshop, 17 July 2007

**Institutional Change and the Law II.** Organizer: Britta Rehder. Host: MPIfG

Workshop, 25–26 October 2007

**Legislativdaten.** Organizer: Simone Burkhart. Host: MPIfG

Annual Conference, 23–24 November 2007

**Staat und Interessenvermittlung: Rückzug oder Neuordnung?** Joint meeting of the Government and Political Administration Section and the Working Group on Interest Associations of the German Political Science Association (DVPW). Organizers: Britta Rehder (MPIfG), Thomas von Winter (German Bundestag) and Ulrich Willems (University of Münster). Host: MPIfG

Workshop, 29–30 November 2007

**Die politische Ökonomie der Europäischen Integration.** Organizers: Armin Schäfer and Martin Höpner. Host: MPIfG



## Lectures and Conference Participation

From 2005 to 2007, MPIfG researchers gave 113 lectures at universities, research institutes, business and law schools, foundations, firms, government offices and think tanks. They spoke at meetings of political parties, trade unions and employer associations. They were also well represented at major conferences in political science, political economy, sociology, European studies and German studies, where they gave 222 lectures in Europe, North America, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. They were actively involved as conference organizers, panel chairs and discussants at 60 meetings, workshops and conference panels, 20 of which were held abroad. MPIfG researchers lectured in 14 European countries, and at leading universities and research institutions in the United States such as the University of Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Northwestern, Yale, and the Santa Fe Institute. Several lectures were given in Austria, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy, Canada, Hungary and Israel. One was given at the University of Beijing, another in St. Petersburg. The issues addressed reflected ongoing research on subjects such as the role of trust in business relations, the social order of markets, the impact of an aging civil society on political participation, adversarial legalism and the German industrial relations system, and trading intellectual property.

## Guest Lectures at the MPIfG

### Lecture Series: The Sociology of Markets

Jens Beckert

**The Sociology of Markets: Introduction to the Lecture Series**

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany  
05/10/06

Kai-Uwe Hellmann

**Soziologie der Marke: Eine never-ending Baustelle**

Universität Essen, Germany  
05/10/27

Akos Rona-Tas

**Uncertainty and Credit Assessment in Developing Credit Card Markets**

University of California–San Diego, USA  
05/11/09

Axel Ockenfels

**Vertrauen in anonymen Märkten: Ökonomische Modelle und experimentelle Ergebnisse**

Universität zu Köln, Germany  
05/11/23

Donald MacKenzie

**Is Economics Performative? Option Theory and the Construction of Derivatives Markets**

University of Edinburgh, UK  
05/12/19

Reto M. Hilty

**Märkte und Schutzrechte**

Max-Planck-Institut für Geistiges Eigentum, Wettbewerbs- und Steuerrecht, Munich, Germany  
06/01/11

Claus Offe

**Macht auf Märkten: Erneuter Besuch bei einem alten Thema**

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany  
06/02/09

Scholar in Residence Lectures:

The Constitution of Markets – Rationality, Power and Interest

Jack Barbalet

MPIfG Scholar in Residence 2007

University of Leicester, UK

**The Constitution of the Market Actor:  
Rationality and Choice**

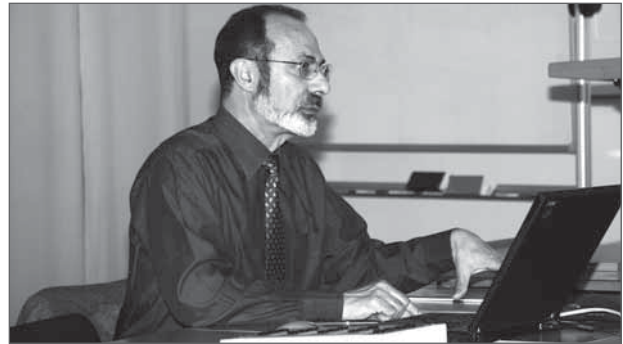
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**The Constitution of the Market: Price or Power**

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**The Constitution of Market Society:  
Interest and Encompassing Interest**

07/05/22



Jack Barbalet was Scholar in Residence at the MPIfG in 2007

Other Lectures

Chris Hann

**Eigentum und Legitimation: Zwei verfahrenre Konzepte  
der Sozialwissenschaften?**

Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, Halle,  
Germany

05/02/24

Werner Bühner

**Die Geschichte des BDI**

Technische Universität München, Germany

05/03/10

Alpay Hekimler

**Entwicklung und gegenwärtiger Zustand der industriellen  
Beziehungen in der Türkei**

University of Istanbul, Turkey

05/04/14

Bob Jessop

**How “Cultural Political Economy” Enables Us to Move  
beyond the Regulation Approach**

University of Lancaster, UK

05/04/28

Natalia Cantó Mila

**(Wieder-)Einbettung von Märkten in Emerging  
Economies: Debatten und Politikstrategien**

Universität Leipzig, Germany

05/05/03

Dr. Wolfgang Schröder

**Die Sozialpolitik und die aktuellen Herausforderungen,  
die sich der IG Metall stellen**

Social Policy Section, Executive Committee, IG Metall,  
Frankfurt a.M., Germany

05/05/12

Harrison White

**Markets from Networks**

Columbia University, New York, USA

05/05/18

Bettina Heintz

**Missing Link? Neue Perspektiven auf das Mikro-Makro-  
Problem**

Universität Bielefeld, Germany

05/05/19

Peter Swenson

**The Political Transformation of Health Care: Capital,  
Labor, and Medicine in Germany**

Yale University, New Haven, USA

05/05/24

Frank Schimmelfennig

**Der Einfluss westlicher Organisationen auf die  
demokratische Entwicklung in Nicht-Mitgliedstaaten**

Universität Mannheim, Germany

05/06/09

Paul Talcott  
**Healthy Markets? Market-based Reforms in East Asian Health Care Systems**  
Emory University, Atlanta, USA  
05/11/03

Sabine Köszegi  
**Analysis of Negotiation Processes: Three Experiments**  
University of Vienna, Austria  
05/11/24

Nina Bandelj  
**Do Markets Emerge? Social Foundations of Postsocialist Transformations**  
University of California–Berkeley, USA  
05/12/08

Jean-Pierre Le Bourhis  
**The Power of Facts: The Interplay between Information Systems and Policy-making**  
Centre Universitaire de Recherches Administratives et Politiques de Picardie – Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CURAPP-CNRS), Amiens, France  
05/12/15

Johannes Berger  
**Der wirtschaftliche Vorsprung des Westens: Zur institutionellen Erklärung von Entwicklungsunterschieden**  
Universität Mannheim, Germany  
06/02/08



Johannes Berger gave a talk about why some countries are wealthier than others

Herbert Kalthoff  
**Ökonomisches Rechnen als soziale Praxis**  
Universität Konstanz, Germany  
06/03/09

Reinhard Rürup  
**Kontinuität und Neuanfang: Die Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gesellschaft im Nationalsozialismus und die Vergangenheitspolitik der Max-Planck-Gesellschaft**  
Technische Universität Berlin, Germany  
06/03/28

Daniel Ziblatt  
**Where Did German Federalism Come From? A Comparative Historical Perspective on Institution-Building**  
Harvard University, Cambridge, USA  
06/04/25

Christian Joerges  
**Ist Europa dabei, seiner Wirtschaftsverfassung den Prozess zu machen?**  
European University Institute, Florence, Italy  
06/05/11

Tomasz Grosse  
**New Modes of Governance in New Member Countries: The Case of Social Dialogue**  
Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw, Poland  
06/05/17

Gunther Teubner  
**Die anonyme Matrix: Menschenrechtsverletzungen durch “private” transnationale Akteure**  
London School of Economics, UK, and Universität Frankfurt, Germany  
06/05/31

Herbert Kitschelt (with Wolfgang Streeck)  
**Limits of Institutional Explanations**  
Duke University, Durham, USA  
06/06/14

Thomas Fetzer  
**European Works Councils as Carriers of European Solidarity? The Cases of Ford and General Motors**  
European University Institute, Florence, Italy  
06/06/28

Thomas Zittel  
**Mehr politische Partizipation durch “Participatory Engineering”?**  
Universität Mannheim, Germany  
06/07/20

Alexander Kuo  
**Origins of Employer Coordination**  
Stanford University, Palo Alto, USA  
06/07/24

Frank Nullmeier  
**Legitimationskrise des demokratischen Nationalstaats?  
Analysen zum Wandel staatlicher Legitimation**  
Universität Bremen, Germany  
06/11/02

Thomas Bauer  
**Gescheiterte Innovationen**  
Universität Hamburg, Germany  
06/11/09

Ulrich Dolata  
**Technik und sektoraler Wandel: Eingriffstiefe,  
Adaptionsfähigkeit und Transformationsmuster**  
artec – Forschungszentrum Nachhaltigkeit, Universität  
Bremen  
06/11/16

Michael Hutter  
**Die Co-Evolution von Kommunikationssystemen als  
gesellschaftstheoretisches Erklärungsprinzip**  
Universität Witten-Herdecke, Germany  
06/12/07

Kentaro Fukumoto  
**A Hierarchy of Citizenship: Identity Politics of Suffrage  
Extension and Welfare Development – The U.S. and Japan**  
Gakushuin University, Tokyo, Japan  
07/04/03

Thomas Greven  
**The New Dynamic of Labor Transnationalism  
in the OECD**  
John-F.-Kennedy-Institut für Nordamerikastudien, Freie  
Universität Berlin, Germany  
07/04/05

Uwe Schimank  
**Ökonomisierung gesellschaftlicher Teilsysteme:  
Eine Makro-Meso-Mikro-Perspektive**  
FernUniversität Hagen, Germany  
07/04/19

Bernhard Zangl  
**Internationalisierung der Rechtsstaatlichkeit:  
Streitbeilegung in GATT und WTO im Vergleich**  
Universität Bremen, Germany  
07/05/03

Michael Power  
**Organized Uncertainty**  
London School of Economics, UK  
07/05/24

Guido Tiemann  
**Die Debatte zum “European Political Space” und die  
Dynamik von euroskeptischen Orientierungen in der  
EU-27**  
Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany  
07/05/31

Mark Vail  
**The Problem of Politics in Institutional Analysis: Political  
Change in Contemporary French and German Labor-  
Market Reform**  
Tulane University, New Orleans, USA  
07/07/02

Christian Breunig  
**Attention, Institutions and Changes within National  
Budgets**  
University of Washington–Seattle, USA  
07/10/11

Jörg Rössel  
**Sozialstruktur und Kunstrezeption**  
Universität zu Köln, Germany  
07/11/22

John Dunn  
**Disambiguating Democracy**  
University of Cambridge, UK  
07/12/06



The new MPIfG conference room



## Teaching

### Patrik Aspers

Courses at Stockholm University, 2005–2007:

Graduate Course: *Visual Culture*, International Graduate Program, Fall 2005

Advanced Course: *Social Order*, Department of Sociology, Spring 2006

Advanced Course: *Fashion as Production System*, Centre for Fashion Studies, Fall 2006

Graduate Course: *Qualitative Methods*, Department of Sociology, Fall 2007

Advanced Course: *Fashion as Production System*, Centre for Fashion Studies, Stockholm University, Fall 2007

### Jens Beckert

Doktorandenkolloquium (with Wolfgang Streeck): *Die soziale und politische Konstitution der Wirtschaft/The Social and Political Constitution of the Economy*, MPIfG, 2005–2007

Courses at Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, 2006–2007:

Hauptseminar: *Neue Ansätze der Wirtschaftssoziologie*, Summer 2006

Hauptseminar (with Wolfgang Streeck): *Grundlagen der Wirtschaftssoziologie*, Winter 2006/2007

Hauptseminar: *Neue Ansätze in der Wirtschaftssoziologie*, Summer 2007

### Jürgen Beyer

Acting professorship, *Vergleichende Analyse von Gegenwartsgesellschaften*, Institut für Soziologie, Universität Leipzig, Summer 2005 and Winter 2005/2006

Courses at Institut für Soziologie, Universität Leipzig, Summer 2005:

Seminar: *Der Vergleich als sozialwissenschaftliche Methode*

Seminar: *Vergleichende Analyse der Gesellschaftstransformation*

Seminar: *Spielarten des Kapitalismus*

Seminar: *Elitensoziologie*

Courses at Institut für Soziologie, Universität Leipzig, Winter 2005/2006:

Vorlesung: *Einführung in die Sozialstrukturanalyse moderner Gesellschaften*

Seminar: *Modell Deutschland – eine Nachbetrachtung*

Seminar: *Soziologie der Karriere*

Übung: *Vergleichende Analyse von Gegenwartsgesellschaften*

### Simone Burkhart

Übung: *Methoden der empirischen Sozialforschung II*, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Universität Jena, Winter 2007/2008



### Helen Callaghan

Hauptseminar: *Comparative Capitalism of Advanced Industrialized Countries*, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Fall 2005

### Steffen Ganghof

Proseminar: *Das politische System der Bundesrepublik Deutschland: Normative Grundlagen und vergleichende Perspektiven*, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Winter 2005/2006

### Achim Goerres

Intensivkurs Summer School: *Angewandte Methoden der Sozialwissenschaft*, Fachbereich Sozialwissenschaften, Universität Osnabrück, July 2007

Übung für Hauptstudierende: *The Comparative Politics of Ageing Societies*, Seminar für Politische Wissenschaft, Universität zu Köln, Winter 2007/2008

### Andrea Herrmann

Übung: *Einführung in Vergleichende Methodenlehre und Datenanalyse mit QCA*, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Summer 2007

Workshop: *Methodology Workshop on Charles Ragin's Qualitative Comparative Analysis*, University of Haifa, Summer 2007

### Stefanie Hiß

Hauptseminar: *Soziologie der Finanzmärkte*, Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Universität Bamberg, Winter 2006/2007

### Martin Höpner

Courses at Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, 2005–2007:

Proseminar: *Spielarten des Kapitalismus: Deutschland im Vergleich*, Summer 2005

Proseminar: *Vergleichende Policy-Forschung*, Winter 2005/2006

Proseminar: *Vergleichende Policy-Forschung: Das deutsche Politikmuster im internationalen Vergleich*, Summer 2006

Proseminar: *Vergleichende Politische Ökonomie: Wirtschaftspolitik und Regierungssystem der Bundesrepublik Deutschland*, Winter 2006/2007

Bachelor-Seminar: *Politische Ökonomie: Spielarten des Kapitalismus – Deutschland im Vergleich*, Winter 2006/2007

### **Lothar Krempel**

Seminar: *Elementare Statistik mit Excel für Doktoranden*, MPIfG, Summer 2005

Hauptseminar: *Computergestützte Textanalyse*, Institut für Soziologie, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Summer 2005

Hauptseminar: *Internationaler Tourismus und Globalisierung: Entwicklungstendenzen, ökonomische Dimensionen und politische Steuerung*, Institut für Soziologie, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Winter 2005/2006

Seminar: *Ausgewählte Themen der Netzwerkanalyse*, Institut für Soziologie, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Winter 2006/2007

Seminar: *Netzwerkvisualisierung*, Institut für Politikwissenschaften, Universität Bern, January 2007

Seminar: *On Visualizing Complexity*, Fachbereich Medien, Hochschule Mittweida, July 2007

Hauptseminar: *Einführung in die Netzwerkanalyse*, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Summer 2007

Hauptseminar: *Netzwerkanalyse virtueller Online-Communities*, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Winter 2007/2008

### **Mark Lutter**

Seminar: *(Re-)Introduction to SPSS and Basic Statistical Concepts*, MPIfG, October–November 2005

### **Philip Manow**

Hauptseminar: *Politikwissenschaftliche Korruptionsforschung*, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Winter 2004/2005

Hauptseminar: *Das politische System der EU im Vergleich*, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Summer 2005

Blockseminar, Hauptstudium: *Politikwissenschaftliche Korruptionsforschung*, Fachbereich Politik und Verwaltungswissenschaften, Universität Konstanz, Summer 2005

Hauptseminar: *Akteurzentrierte Theorien der Regierungslehre*, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, Summer 2006

Seminar (with Bruno Palier): *The New Politics of the Welfare State*, Sciences Po, Paris, Fall 2006

### **Guido Möllering**

Vorlesung: *Distribution Channel Relationships*, Marketing Department, Bocconi School of Management, Milan, October 2006

Seminar: *Evaluation von Netzwerken und Clustern*, Fachbereich Wirtschaftswissenschaft, Institut für Management, Freie Universität Berlin, Summer 2007

### **Geny Piotti**

Hauptseminar: *Institutioneller Wandel als Gegenstand der Political Economy und der Wirtschaftssoziologie*, Fachbereich Sozialwissenschaften, Universität Osnabrück, Winter 2007/2008



### **Britta Rehder**

Courses at Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Lehrstuhl für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft und Policy-Analyse, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, 2005–2008:

Kernkurs B.A.: *Das politische System Italiens*, Winter 2004/2005

Kernkurs B.A.: *Das politische System Frankreichs*, Summer 2005

Kernkurs B.A.: *Regieren in Skandinavien*, Winter 2005/2006

Proseminar/Kernkurs B.A.: *Gewerkschaften im internationalen Vergleich*, Winter 2006/2007

Masterkurs/Hauptseminar: *Gerichte und Politik – Europa und USA im Vergleich*, Summer 2007

Proseminar/Kernkurs B.A.: *Politik und Ökonomie – Deutschland und USA im Vergleich*, Winter 2007/2008

### **Armin Schäfer**

Courses at Forschungsinstitut für Politische Wissenschaft und Europäische Fragen, Universität zu Köln, 2005–2007:

Proseminar: *Institutionen, Verfahren und Instrumente der Wirtschafts-, Währungs- und Beschäftigungspolitik der Europäischen Union*, Winter 2005/2006

Proseminar: *Die Politik der Währungsunion: Entstehungsgeschichte und Entwicklung*, Sommer 2006

Proseminar: *Die Europäisierung der nationalen Politik*, Sommer 2007

Proseminar im MA-Programm Sozialpolitik: *Vergleichende Sozialpolitikforschung*, Zentrum für europäische Sozialpolitik, Universität Bremen, Winter 2006/2007

### Fritz W. Scharpf

Seminar: *Akteurzentrierter Institutionalismus in der EU-Forschung*, Institut für Höhere Studien, Wien, November 2005

Seminar: *Global Governance*, Columbia Law School, Columbia University, New York, Spring 2007

### Susanne K. Schmidt

Acting professorship, Europäische Studien, Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Winter 2004/2005 and Summer 2005

Courses at Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Winter 2004/2005:

Vorlesung: *Die Europäische Union – Institutionen und historische Entwicklung*

Proseminar: *Die nationale Dimension der EU*

Hauptseminar: *Policy-Making in der erweiterten Europäischen Union*

Hauptseminar: *Eine neue Union? Erweiterungsprozess und Verfassungsgebung*

Courses at Institut für Politikwissenschaft, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Summer 2005:

Vorlesung: *Policyforschung und Policy-Making in der Europäischen Union*

Proseminar: *Die Institutionen der Europäischen Union*

Hauptseminar: *Das Demokratieverfallproblem der Europäischen Union*

Hauptseminar: *Institutionalistische Erklärungen europäischer Politik*

### Wolfgang Streeck

Doktorandenkolloquium (with Jens Beckert): *Die soziale und politische Konstitution der Wirtschaft/The Social and Political Constitution of the Economy*, MPIfG, 2005–2007

Courses at Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität zu Köln, 2005–2008:

Hauptseminar (with Jürgen Friedrichs): *Soziologie der Globalisierung*, Summer 2005

Hauptseminar: *Grundlagen der Wirtschaftssoziologie*, Winter 2005/2006

Hauptseminar: *Grundlagen der soziologischen Institutionentheorie*, Sommer 2006

Hauptseminar (with Jens Beckert): *Grundlagen der Wirtschaftssoziologie*, Winter 2006/2007

Hauptseminar: *Wirtschaftssoziologie und politische Ökonomie I*, Winter 2007/2008

### Christine Trampusch

Oberseminar: *Methoden vergleichender Untersuchungen*, Graduiertenkolleg "Die Zukunft des Europäischen Sozialmodells," Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Winter 2004/2005

Courses at Institut für Soziologie, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 2005–2007:

Hauptseminar: *Die Geschichte der Arbeiterbewegungen: Das Verhältnis zwischen Parteien und Gewerkschaften im internationalen Vergleich*, Sommer 2005

Hauptseminar: *Arbeit, Kapital und Sozialpolitik*, Winter 2005/2006

Hauptseminar: *Regierungssysteme im Vergleich*, Sommer 2006

Hauptseminar: *Policyanalyse in Theorie und Praxis*, Winter 2006/2007

Hauptseminar: *Sozialpolitik als Problemlösung – Policyanalyse in Theorie und Praxis*, Winter 2006/2007

### Cornelia Woll

Courses at Sciences Po, Paris, 2005–2006:

Hauptseminar Master "Métiers de l'Europe": *Le lobbying européen*, Summer 2005

Core Course Master of Public Affairs: *Interest Groups and Public Policy*, Summer 2006

Hauptseminar Master "Métiers de l'Europe": *Le lobbying européen*, Summer 2006



## Committee Memberships and Editorships

### **Patrik Aspers**

#### *Editorship*

Economic Sociology – European Electronic Newsletter, Editor

#### *Editorial and Advisory Boards*

Sosiologi i dag (Norwegian journal of sociology)

### **Jens Beckert**

Chair, Economic Sociology Section, German Sociological Association (DGS)

Executive Council, Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics

Board of Trustees of the German Students Award, Körber Foundation

Executive Board, Society for Comparative Research

Board of Trustees, Sociological Research Institute (SOFI), University of Göttingen

#### *Editorship*

Socio-Economic Review, Editor

#### *Editorial and Advisory Boards*

Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie  
Geschichte und Gesellschaft

Economic Sociology – European Electronic Newsletter

European Studies Forum

#### *Learned Societies*

Junge Akademie (affiliated with the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina), until 2005

### **Jürgen Feick**

#### *Editorship*

Socio-Economic Review, Managing Editor

### **Martin Höpner**

Representative of the MPIfG researchers in the Human Sciences Section of the Max Planck Society

Appointment Committee (*Berufungskommission*) of the Max Planck Society for the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Executive Board, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association (DVPW)

### **Lothar Krempel**

#### *Editorial and Advisory Boards*

Journal of Social Structure

### **Philip Manow**

Chair, Political Economy Section, German Political Science Association (DVPW), until 2007

### **Renate Mayntz**

Scientific Advisory Board, Institute for Studies in Science and Technology (*Institut für Wissenschafts- und Technikforschung*), Bielefeld University

Expert Commission, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) Munich, for “LMU innovativ – Zukunft in Forschung” Council (*Rat*), Junge Akademie (affiliated with the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina)

#### *Editorial and Advisory Boards*

“Staatlichkeit im Wandel” series, Institut für Staatswissenschaften, Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaften, Universität der Bundeswehr, Munich

Zeitschrift für Soziologie

#### *Learned Societies*

Academia Europaea

Außerordentliches Mitglied, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (BBAW)

Foreign Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences

### **Guido Möllering**

Commission, German National Academic Foundation (*Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes*)

Member, Program Development Group, European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM), 2001–2005

#### *Editorship*

Organization Studies, Book Review Editor

#### *Editorial and Advisory Boards*

Business Research



**Sigrid Quack**

Chair, European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS)  
Associate Member, Doctoral Program "Research on Organizational Paths" funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG) at the Department of Business and Economics, Freie Universität Berlin  
Advisory Board, Translearn (Transnational learning through local experimenting – The creation of dynamic complementarities between economy and society), Sixth Framework Programme of the EU

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Organization

**Britta Rehder**

Chair, Political Sociology Section, German Political Science Association (DVPW)  
Chair, Working Group on Interest Associations, German Political Science Association (DVPW)

**Fritz W. Scharpf**

Board of Trustees, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin  
Steering Committee, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute, Florence

*Editorial and Advisory Boards*  
European Law Journal  
Journal of Public Policy  
Themes in European Governance, Cambridge University Press

*Learned Societies*  
Honorary Foreign Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences  
Corresponding Fellow, British Academy

**Susanne K. Schmidt**

*Editorial and Advisory Boards*  
Journal of European Public Policy

**Wolfgang Streeck**

Commission for the Modernization of Worker Participation on the Supervisory Board of German Firms, 2006–2007  
Council, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie  
Chair, Human Sciences Section, Max Planck Society, 2003–2006

*Editorship*  
Socio-Economic Review, Chief Editor

*Editorial and Advisory Boards*  
Comparative European Politics  
European Journal of Industrial Relations  
European Sociological Review  
Industrielle Beziehungen, until 2007  
Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, until 2005  
Stato e mercato  
Work, Employment and Society

*Learned Societies*  
Academia Europaea  
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences

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Advisory Board, Project on flexicurity (*Flexibilisierung und soziale Sicherheit*), Hans Böckler Foundation

**Raymund Werle**

Executive Committee, Research Network "Sociology of Science and Technology," European Sociological Association  
Executive Board, Working Group on Politics and Technology, German Political Science Association (DVPW), until 2006

*Editorship*  
Science Studies – An Interdisciplinary Journal for Science and Technology Studies, Associate Editor until 2006  
Science, Technology & Innovation Studies, Co-Editor

*Editorial and Advisory Boards*  
Zeitschrift für Rechtssoziologie

## Awards and Honors

### Jens Beckert

27 May 2005

Prize of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences to honor outstanding work by a young researcher in the humanities and social sciences. Sponsored by the Commerzbank Foundation.

### Renate Mayntz

9 October 2006

DGS Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Scholarship. Awarded by the German Sociological Association.

### Fritz W. Scharpf

18 May 2007

Lifetime Contribution Award in EU Studies. Awarded by the European Studies Association.

28 June 2007

Science Prize for successfully making the results of scholarly work publicly accessible and practically useful. Awarded by the *Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft*, a joint initiative of German firms to promote science and higher education.

### Wolfgang Streeck

1 July 2006

Honorary Fellow of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics (SASE).

## Book Awards

### Jens Beckert

December 2005

Best Law Book of the Year for the book *Unverdientes Vermögen – Soziologie des Erbrechts* (Campus, 2004). Awarded by the weekly law report *Neue Juristische Wochenschrift*.

### Gerda Falkner

January 2007

Best Book in EU Studies 2007 for the book *Complying with Europe – EU Harmonisation and Soft Law in the Member States* by Gerda Falkner, Oliver Treib, Miriam Hartlapp, and Simone Leiber (Cambridge University Press, 2005). Awarded by the European Union Studies Association.

### Kathleen Thelen

September 2005

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award 2005 for the best book on government, politics or international affairs (co-recipient), for the book *How Institutions Evolve: The Political Economy of Skills in Germany, Britain, the United States and Japan* (Cambridge University Press, 2004). Awarded by the American Political Science Association.

January 2006

Mattei Dogan Award for the best book published in 2004/05, for the book *How Institutions Evolve: The Political Economy of Skills in Germany, Britain, the United States and Japan* (Cambridge University Press, 2004). Awarded by the Society for Comparative Research.

## Awards for Articles

### Philip Manow

13 January 2006

First Prize for Articles in the Social Sciences published in 2004, for “Der demokratische Leviathan – eine kurze Geschichte parlamentarischer Sitzanordnungen seit der französischen Revolution,” *Leviathan* 32, 3, 319–347 (2004). Awarded by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.

### Guido Möllering

5 August 2007

Carolyn Dexter Best International Paper Award (co-recipient) for “Wary Managers/Investors: Vulnerability, Control, Trust, and Distrust in Foreign Enterprises in China” (with Lai Si Tsui-Auch), in: *Proceedings of the Sixty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management (CD)*, (Ed.) G.T. Solomon, AOM, 2007. Awarded by the Academy of Management.



Guido Möllering

**Britta Rehder**

28 September 2007

GIRA Best Paper Award 2006 for the best journal article by a junior researcher on the subject of industrial relations, for "Legitimitätsdefizite des Co-Managements: Betriebliche Bündnisse als Konfliktfeld zwischen Arbeitnehmern und ihren Interessenvertretungen," *Zeitschrift für Soziologie* 35, 3, 227–242 (2006). Awarded by the German Industrial Relations Association.

**Martin Schröder**

15 May 2007

German Students Award, first prize (co-recipient), for the paper "Wenn der Wohlfahrtsstaat die Wohlfahrt mindert: Das deutsche Sozialsystem aus dem Blickwinkel der Zufriedenheitsmaximierung." Awarded by the Körber Foundation.

*Journal Article Prize (Zeitschriftenpreis)*

For the best article by an MPIfG researcher published in a refereed scholarly journal in the preceding year. Awarded by the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG.

**Martin Höpner**

25 November 2005

Zeitschriftenpreis 2005 for "Was bewegt die Führungskräfte? Von der Agency-Theorie zur Soziologie des Managements," *Soziale Welt* 55, 3, 263–282 (2004).

**Sigrun Kahl**

18 November 2006

Zeitschriftenpreis 2006 for "The Religious Roots of Modern Poverty Policy: Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed Protestant Traditions Compared," *European Journal of Sociology* 45, 1, 91–126 (2005).



Sigrun Kahl receiving the Journal Article Prize in 2006

**Britta Rehder**

16 November 2007

Zeitschriftenpreis 2007 for "Recht und Politik beim Wandel des Flächentarifs: Juristen als politische Akteure im System der Arbeitsbeziehungen," *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 47, 2, 169–192 (2006).

*MPIfG Paper Prize*

For the best MPIfG Discussion Paper or Working Paper by a young researcher published at the institute during the previous two years. Awarded by the MPIfG Scientific Advisory Board.

**Eric Seils**

21 January 2006

MPIfG Paper Prize 2006 (co-recipient), for MPIfG Discussion Paper 04/2, *The Effects of Fiscal Contracts: Financial Policy in the Netherlands 1977–2002* (2004).

**Oliver Treib**

21 January 2006

MPIfG Paper Prize 2006 (co-recipient), for MPIfG Discussion Paper 03/3, *Die Umsetzung von EU-Richtlinien im Zeichen der Parteipolitik: Eine akteurzentrierte Antwort auf die Misfit-These* (2003).

Awards for Doctoral Theses

**Stefanie Hiß**

6 November 2006

Dissertation award for outstanding academic achievement, for her doctoral thesis "Corporate Social Responsibility – a Myth?" The thesis was published in the MPIfG book series: *Warum übernehmen Unternehmen gesellschaftliche Verantwortung? Ein soziologischer Erklärungsversuch*, Campus 2006. Awarded by Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg.

**Sigrun Kahl**

29 June 2007

Otto Hahn Medal 2006 for an outstanding doctoral thesis, for her thesis "The Religious Foundations of the Welfare State: Poverty Regimes, Unemployment, and Welfare-to-Work in Europe and the United States." Awarded by the Max Planck Society.

**Armin Schäfer**

22 June 2005

Otto Hahn Medal 2004 for an outstanding doctoral thesis. Schäfer addressed economic coordination of the European Union, the OECD and the International Monetary Fund in

his thesis, which was published in the MPIfG book series: *Die neue Unverbindlichkeit: Wirtschaftspolitische Koordinierung in Europa*, Campus, 2006. Awarded by the Max Planck Society.

**Cornelia Woll**

9 June 2005

Seymour Martin Lipset Award 2005 for the best comparative doctorate written in English, for her thesis entitled “The Politics of Trade Preferences: Business Lobbying on Service Trade in the United States and the European Union.” Awarded by the Society for Comparative Research.

12 July 2006

Otto Hahn Medal 2005 for an outstanding doctoral thesis, for her thesis entitled “The Politics of Trade Preferences: Business Lobbying on Service Trade in the United States and the European Union.” Awarded by the Max Planck Society.

Awards for Graduate Theses

**Mark Lutter**

13 July 2006

Award for outstanding graduate thesis (co-recipient) for his *Diplomarbeit* “Gewichtungsverfahren in der empirischen Sozialforschung: Resultate Monte-Carlo-simulierter Redressment-Prozeduren,” submitted to the University of Duisburg-Essen in 2005. Awarded by the Duisburger Universitätsgesellschaft and Sparkasse Duisburg.

**Sascha Münnich**

12 December 2005

Wolfgang Enke Prize 2005 for the best thesis on social policy for his *Diplomarbeit* “Die Krise des Wohlfahrtsstaats,” submitted to the University of Göttingen in 2005. Awarded by the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Göttingen.

## Public Relations and Public Impact

### The Institute as Part of the Scientific Community

As part of a worldwide network of research institutions and researchers working in the social sciences, the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies cooperates closely with research institutes abroad, including centers in Amsterdam, Chicago, Florence, Harvard and Paris. Bibliometric analyses and the biennial evaluations of the institute by its Scientific Advisory Board confirm the institute’s worldwide reputation. Many of the doctoral and postdoctoral fellows and senior researchers at the MPIfG are given awards for their publications, receive prestigious research fellowships, and upon completing their contracts at the institute are appointed to good positions at universities.

The five MPIfG publication series are the principal means of scholarly communication for the institute’s researchers:

- *MPIfG Books* are monographs aimed at the scientific community and at practitioners in government, industry and associations.
- *MPIfG Discussion Papers* are articles reporting on current projects or featuring the work of a visiting researcher. They are usually subsequently published in scholarly journals.



- *MPIfG Working Papers* report on preliminary research results or contribute to current debates.
- *MPIfG Research Reports* document the results of projects completed at the institute.

On its website the institute presents current news, information on events, project abstracts and the like to complement the scholarly articles and books published for a worldwide audience. Researchers often have a personal website showing more about their projects and publications. Many publications can be downloaded free of charge. Half of the hits on the MPIfG website now involve the downloading of publications.

The MPIfG issues annual brochures on *Recent Publications* and *MPIfG Research Projects*. A flyer introducing the institute, *About the MPIfG*, is frequently updated. The *MPIfG Report* in English documents the institute's work every two years. Visitors to the website can subscribe to an e-mail newsletter, "Recent Publications," which reports about new titles in the publication series. Having continually expanded and improved its mailing list, the institute can accurately target information and publications to interested members of the scientific community, decisionmakers and organizations. A book stand at major conferences of sociologists and political scientists is another way research results are presented to key audiences. The MPIfG had book stands at the 2006 meetings of the German Association for Political Science (in Münster) and the German Sociological Association (in Kassel).

If science can help us understand the times we live in, if research can help explain the paradigmatic changes taking place in business, politics and society, if enlightened discourse can help distinguish between ideology, opinion and spin – then one cannot overstate the impact of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne. ... The institute is addressing issues at the core of today's public debate.

*Dr. Wolfgang Uellenberg-van Dawen,  
German Trade Union Federation, Cologne*

## Dialog with Decisionmakers

The transfer of knowledge to decisionmakers in government, business, interest associations and the society at large is expedited by the lectures, workshops and discussion forums in which researchers participate, as well as by their presence on various boards and commissions involved in policymaking. In 2005 and 2006 Wolfgang Streeck served as a member of the Commission for the Modernization of Worker Participation on the Supervisory Board of German Firms, appointed by Federal Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. The chairman was Saxony's former minister-president Kurt Biedenkopf. The Commission's charge was to develop proposals, proceeding from present law, for modernizing the supervisory board co-determination in Germany in line with developments in Europe.



Members of the Commission for the Modernization of Worker Participation on the Supervisory Board of German Firms, Kurt Biedenkopf (second from left), the head of the commission, Hellmut Wißman, former president of the Federal Labor Court, and Wolfgang Streeck, present their report to German Chancellor Angela Merkel in 2006

## Trustees Support New Initiatives

Building long-term relationships with representatives from business, government and the media is essential for the institute. This is especially reflected in the institution of the Board of Trustees. The Board is invited each summer for a presentation of current projects. In addition, it advises the directors of the MPIfG on the institute's

### At the 2007 Annual Conference of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG

The prospect of taking two days to go to the conference and think about unfamiliar research topics was very tempting and refreshing – just the kind of benefit I expected from the Society of Friends and Former Associates at an increasingly interdisciplinary MPIfG.

Never has a conference exceeded my expectations more than this one. I took along some reading material just in case – but I didn't need it, since my interest never lulled. The first surprise was that I as an outsider was not only able to understand all the panelists' main arguments, but also the line of thinking behind them. I saw connections to my own research.

The second surprise was the discussion. We've all heard those well-meaning non-questions that simulate the "discussion" after a lecture without bringing up anything new, or the critiques of some tiny detail that only serve to showcase the questioner. Nothing of the kind at this conference. Instead, everyone was seeking to enlighten one another and encourage new thinking.

The biggest surprise was the content. The talks were exceptionally well related to one another. Recurring themes were discussed from a wide variety of perspectives, and – at least from my outsider's point of view – we went home with a greater understanding of the problems facing financial governance.

*Jochen Gläser, Research School of Social Sciences, Research Evaluation and Policy Project, Australian National University, Canberra*

relationship with the public. The current board includes members from regional and national government, journalists from leading media, leaders of business associations and trade unions, as well as the president of the University of Cologne and a representative of the government of the City of Cologne. The journalists on the Board of Trustees provided valuable input in the development of the Journalist in Residence program and participated in choosing the fellows.

## Long-term Relations with Friends of the Institute

Maintaining contact with friends and former associates of the institute has become easier with the support of the Society of Friends and Former Associates of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies. The Society promotes the institute's research in a number of ways. It organizes a yearly event at which members discuss experiences inside and outside the academic world and talk about the results of the institute's research. It also provides financial support in the form of a prize for the best journal article; of stipends for young researchers; and of improvements in the work environment, the library and public relations.

In 2005, the Society's meeting was dedicated to looking back at the first twenty years of the Institute. Renate Mayntz, founding director of the MPIfG, was among the speakers. The Society and the institute jointly organized a conference on "Transformations of Contemporary Capitalism" to mark Wolfgang Streeck's sixtieth birthday in 2006. Colleagues from different phases of Wolfgang Streeck's career discussed aspects of his research in lectures and roundtables. In 2007, the Society's meeting focussed on "Money and Finance in the Open Economy." Issues were the development of international accounting standards, fiscal policies and public accounting; changes in the leadership of German corporations; financial policies and climate change; the implementation of the Basle II agreement in Germany, and similar themes.

## Journalist in Residence Fellowship

The Journalist in Residence Fellowship (JiR) was initiated by the MPIfG in 2005 and is supported by the Volkswagen Foundation. Along with three other social science institutes, the MPIfG offers journalists an in-house stay away from their place of work, time to do in-depth research and opportunities for discussion with researchers.

Fellowships are available for freelance journalists as well as media staff members who write about politics, societal issues, and business. They spend six weeks to three months at one of the four participating institutes: the Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies (AIAS), the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), and the Centre for Social Policy Research (CeS) at the University of Bremen. During this time they can participate in a research project or conduct their own research.

The purpose of the JiR program is to improve communication between the social sciences and society at large and promote high-quality reporting about politics, social issues and the economy. It also aims to help researchers learn how to present their results to the media more effectively and thus take part in public debate. In 2006 there were nine fellows in the program, including Jürgen Kaube (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*), Winand von Petersdorff-Campen (*Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*), Dieter Fockenbrock (*Handelsblatt*) and Christian Füller (*die tageszeitung*). The MPIfG presented a preliminary evaluation of the program to the Volkswagen Foundation in 2006. The Foundation has agreed to continue to support the program.

## Informing the General Public

MPIfG researchers publish in the politics and business sections of news magazines and national newspapers. Public radio stations broadcast interviews and panel discussions with MPIfG researchers. The MPIfG uses press releases and e-mail news flashes to inform about recent research and presents news and background information on its website. The institute is a member of the “Wissenschaftsrunde,” a roundtable of representatives from Cologne’s research institutions and the Cologne Chamber of Commerce and Industry that promotes networking between business and science.

The *MPIfG Jahrbuch*, written in German for a wide audience and designed to present research to non-specialists, was published for the second time in 2007. In each Jahrbuch, ten articles represent the institute’s research during the previous two years. The *MPIfG Jahrbuch 2007–2008* featured subjects such as European Monetary Union, partisan politics in Europe, the reform of German federalism, co-determination, adversarial legalism, German biotech firms, the lottery, fashion markets, trust and uncertainty, and global governance.



Journalists in Residence  
at the MPIfG: Winand  
von Petersdorff-Campen,  
Jürgen Kaube,  
Christian Füller and  
Dieter Fockenbrock

## Public Relations for Specific Target Groups

MPIfG researchers give talks at local university-track high schools, and the institute invites groups of upper-class high-school students to spend a day at the institute. It also offers a high-school internship program that targets two types of students. Tenth- and eleventh-graders spend two weeks at the institute getting a practical look at social science. Before going to university, graduates spend one or two months at the institute to find out whether a career in sociology or political science would be right for them. Altogether, up to four students come for internships per year.

The MPIfG's annual art exhibit is an occasion for the institute to open its doors to neighbors, friends and the general public. In 2005, the exhibition featured works by Hann Trier (1915–1999), a professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Berlin for over 20 years who developed a choreographic, two-handed style of painting. Georg Baselitz and Thomas Kaminsky were among his students. Hann Trier played a special role in the history of the MPIfG: he was married to the institute's founding director, Renate Mayntz-Trier, and created its logo. The MPIfG showed paintings by Trier from 1953 to 1966. In 2006, the exhibit was devoted to "Landscapes and Abstractions," photographs by Fritz W. Scharpf, director of the MPIfG from 1986 to 2003. Distinguished by their technical brilliance and high aesthetic standard, the photographs originated from Scharpf's travels to Iceland, the Canary Islands, and the United States. One photograph is featured on the cover of this report.



Scene from *vater.mutter.hund/*, performed at the MPIfG in 2007

In 2007, the independent theater troupe Futur3 performed *vater.mutter.hund/ – Ein Forschungsprojekt von Futur3 zu Gast im Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung*, a play about the family as an institution in transition that is set in a research institute. Futur3 specializes in producing and performing plays in "real" locations. The ensemble enjoyed gaining insight into the "real" world of research during advance meetings with the institute's staff, and the institute was happy to open its doors for fourteen well-attended performances.

In 2005, the MPIfG seized an unusual opportunity to develop its relationship with the local community. Its neighbor, the Carmelite Convent St. Maria vom Frieden, needed a place to show films and give presentations for the Roman-Catholic World Youth Day, a major international event in the Rhineland and beyond. Thanks to contacts between the Carmelite sisters and MPIfG staff members, the institute and the convent hosted several groups of young people from all over the world during the course of a week. The sisters reciprocated by inviting MPIfG staff to a tour of the convent and a church service during the Christmas season.

# The Research Community within the Institute

## Cooperation and Communication

### Exchanging Ideas and Results

Keeping each other informed about current work is an established part of researchers' activities at the institute. Monthly seminars are a forum for presenting projects in progress and introducing new visiting researchers and postdoctoral fellows. Half-day workshops, where completed projects and their implications for future MPIfG research are discussed, offer further opportunities for debate.

The institute's project clusters and its two independent research groups facilitate the exchange of information and ideas between the directors and the researchers, and among the researchers themselves.

The International Max Planck Research School on the Social and Political Constitution of the Economy (IMPRS-SPCE) founded in 2007 is a joint international PhD Program offered by the MPIfG and the Department of Management, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Cologne. Having replaced the previous doctoral program of the MPIfG, it continues to pursue that program's aims by offering talented graduate students an attractive research environment featuring interdisciplinary research training, academic specialization, thematic closeness of doctoral research, and collaboration with academic advisors. A six-month stay at a foreign research university exposes students to a different research environment and adds to the internationalization of their experience. At the annual Max Planck Summer Conference on Economy and Society, doctoral students present their work in progress to peers and senior scholars. While at the MPIfG, doctoral candidates receive supervision from the directors, the senior researchers and the new Academic Coordinator of the IMPRS, so as to help them complete their theses in time.

Various lecture series, international conferences and workshops prepared by groups of researchers at the institute are vital to the exchange of ideas between the





Researchers at the Opening of the Academic Year in fall 2007

institute and the scientific community. If a larger audience for a visiting researcher can be expected, a public lecture is scheduled. An electronic mailing list makes it easy to invite the local scientific community, students and friends of the institute to such events. Researchers present their current projects to the administrative staff and student assistants twice a year, which is well received.

In 2007, the institute started a Scholar in Residence program. Each year it invites a leading scholar from political, economic or social science for a six-month stay during which he or she will give three public lectures.

The Scholars' stays enable them to become well integrated in the institute's research community. Their presence is an excellent opportunity especially for young researchers embarking on academic careers.

Researchers at all levels, including doctoral candidates, participate in a rigorous internal peer review of papers submitted for publication in the institute's paper series. This is an important vehicle for mutual debate that enables reviewers to develop their critical skills, while authors gain from their colleagues' experience and insights.

### The Intellectual Life of the Institute in a Social Context

In-house lunch meetings, the daily after-lunch espresso, spacious lunchrooms and kitchens, sunny terraces, nearby restaurants on Severinstrasse and the proximity of the guest apartments to the institute enhance personal contacts and help integrate visiting researchers and new colleagues. Each visiting researcher is assigned to a research staff member who shows him or her around the building and helps establish professional contacts inside and outside the institute. The Society of Friends and Former Associates of the MPIfG provides a forum for networking among former MPIfG researchers who want to maintain their bond with the institute and current members of the research staff.



The MPIfG staff celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the institute in 2005

In 2005, the MPIfG adopted an Academic Calendar for events, beginning on October 1 and ending in July. Every fall there is a Welcome Day for the researchers, the Opening of the Academic Year, and a Presentation for Newcomers organized by the service units to familiarize new researchers, doctoral students and guests with the facilities at the institute.

The directors of the MPIfG regard it as one of their most important and rewarding tasks to provide for a rich social and intellectual context, one within which independent and spontaneous discussion and coopera-

tion among all members can flourish. Communication among researchers is no less essential for this than direct interaction between directors and research staff. The recruitment of staff and visitors, the selection of topics for internal seminars and workshops, the invitation of guest speakers, and the organization of lecture series are all important instruments for cultivating collective and individual creativity and independent motivation to produce excellent work. It is only in an environment like this that the directors can avoid becoming restricted to research management and can remain actively involved in research themselves.

## Research Staff

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### **Birgit Apitzsch**

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### **Patrik Aspers**

Research fellow (PhD, Sociology, 2001, Stockholm University; Docent, Sociology, 2005, Stockholm University): economic sociology (especially markets); sociological theory; ethnographic methods

### **Jens Beckert**

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### **Jürgen Beyer\***

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Helen Callaghan

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Post-doctoral fellow (Dr. rer. pol., Political Science, 2007, Universität zu Köln): federalism; political economy; European integration

### **Marius R. Busemeyer**

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**Brooke Harrington**

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**Andrea Herrmann**

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**Imke Kruse\***

Doctoral fellow (Dr. phil., Political Science, 2005, Freie Universität Berlin): comparative politics; comparative institutional studies; international relations; European integration; international migration

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Doctoral fellow, IMPRS-SPCE (MSc, European Political Economy, 2007, London School of Economics): labor market, industrial relations and social policy

**Mark Lutter**

Doctoral fellow, IMPRS-SPCE (Diplom-Sozialwissenschaftler, Sociology, 2005, Universität Duisburg-Essen): economic sociology; sociology of markets; social stratification;

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Doctoral fellow, IMPRS-SPCE (MA, Sociology and Social Anthropology, 2005, Central European University, Budapest): globalization; transnational regulation; sociology of markets; institutional theory



Mark Lutter

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Senior research fellow (Dr. rer. pol., Political Science, 1994, Freie Universität Berlin; habil., Political Science, 2002, Universität Konstanz): comparative studies of the welfare state; political economy; patronage and political corruption; politics and religion

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Emeritus director and founding director (Dr. phil., Sociology, 1953, Freie Universität Berlin; habil., Sociology, 1957, Freie Universität Berlin): theories of society/social systems; political institutions, policy development and implementation; development of science and of technology, relationship between science and politics; transnational structures and “global governance”

**Guido Möllering**

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Doctoral fellow, IMPRS-SPCE (Diplom-Sozialwirt, Sociology, 2005, Universität Göttingen): institutional theory; the embeddedness of market interaction; interpretative sociology; labor market and social policy; political economy; qualitative and interpretative methods

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Doctoral fellow (MA, Public Administration, 2004, Leiden University): Europeanization; European law; comparative politics; institutionalism

**Geny Piotti**

Research fellow (Dottorato di Ricerca, Economic Sociology, 2002, Università degli Studi di Brescia/Italy): internationalization of markets; social capital; comparative industrial organization and restructuring processes; local economic development

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**Britta Rehder**

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**Armin Schäfer**

Research fellow (Dr. rer. pol., Political Science, 2004, Universität Bremen): political economy; social policy; reform of the welfare state; historical institutionalism; political parties

**Fritz W. Scharpf**

Emeritus director (Dr. jur., Law, 1964, Universität Freiburg; Full Professor, Political Science, 1968, Universität Konstanz): organization problems and decision processes in government; multi-level governance in Germany; political economy of inflation and unemployment in Western Europe; federalism and European integration; applications of game theory; comparative political economy of welfare states

**Susanne K. Schmidt\***

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**Martin Georg Schröder**

Doctoral fellow, IMPRS-SPCE (MA, European Studies, 2006, Universität Osnabrück): varieties of capitalism; regional economies; comparative welfare state analysis

**Anna Skarpelis**

Doctoral fellow, IMPRS-SPCE (MSc, International Employment Relations and Human Resource Management, 2006, London School of Economics and Political Science): comparative industrial relations; demographic change and politics; voting behavior; gender and the labor market; labor market inequalities, low pay and minimum wage regulations



**Wolfgang Streeck**

Director (Dr. phil., Sociology, 1979, Universität Frankfurt; habil., Sociology, 1986, Universität Bielefeld): comparative political economy; comparative industrial relations

**Jörg Teuber\***

Doctoral fellow (MA, Political Science, 2000, Universität Siegen): comparative political economy; organized interests; European integration

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Senior research fellow (Dr. disc. pol., Social Sciences, 2000, Universität Göttingen; habil., 2006, Political Science, Universität Göttingen): comparative labor market policy and social policy; theories of institutional change and political governance; methods of comparative analysis

**Irene Troy**

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**Cornelia Woll\***

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## External Scientific Members

**Colin Crouch**

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**Kathleen Thelen**

External scientific member (PhD, Political Science, 1987, University of California–Berkeley; Professor, Northwestern University): comparative politics; historical institutionalism and institutional theory; political economy of the advanced democracies; labor politics

## Visiting Researchers

**Sabina Avdagic**

*Shaping the paths to labor weakness in postcommunist Central Eastern Europe: The interplay of political strategies and institutional structures*

European University Institute, Florence, Italy  
2006/01–08

**Nina Bandelj**

*The social foundations of economic transformations in postsocialist Europe*

Department of Sociology  
University of California–Irvine, USA  
2005/09–12

**Jack Barbalet**

MPIfG Scholar in Residence

*The emotional prerequisites for and outcomes of participation in market exchanges; the formation of emotional subjects in the interaction between the processes of political state making and domestic foreign trade in historical perspective*

Department of Sociology  
University of Leicester, UK  
2007/01–07





Jan Drahokoupil



Claire Dupuy

**Mikhail Beliaev**

*Democratization as a factor of economic development in regions of Russia*

Department of Cultural Studies  
Saratov State University, Russian Federation  
2005/11

**Johannes Berger**

*European societies and their integration*

Mannheimer Zentrum für europäische Sozialforschung (MZES)  
Universität Mannheim, Germany  
2006/01–03

**Aaron Boesenecker**

*The power of defining work: The politics and discourses of social welfare reform in Europe*

Georgetown University, Washington, DC, USA  
2006/09–2007/09

**Sandra Boessen**

*European Union policy-making in the field of health: An actor-centered institutionalist approach*

Department of Health, Organisation, Policy and Economics  
Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands  
2007/04–06

**Christian Breunig**

*Distributions of budget changes in developed democracies: Evidence from Denmark, Germany, the UK and the USA*  
2005/09–12

*Dimensionality of budgets in advanced democracies*  
2007/09–2008/09

Department of Political Science  
University of Washington–Seattle, USA

**John W. Cioffi**

*German corporate governance*

Department of Political Science  
University of California–Riverside, USA  
2007/07

**Luke Dauter**

*The crisis of shareholder value: American corporations 1980–2005*

University of California–Berkeley, USA  
2006/10–2007/10

**Ulrich Dolata**

*Technology's influence on socioeconomic and institutional change*

2005/02–03

*Workshop and book project "Bringing Technology Back In" (as an MPIfG Research Associate)*

2006/03–04, 2006/10–11, 2007/03–04, 2007/10–11  
artec – Research Center for Sustainability Studies  
University of Bremen, Germany

**Jan Drahokoupil**

*The uneven process of state transnationalization in CEE*

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
2007/10–2008/09

**Claire Dupuy**

*Regionalisation, welfare and territorial inequalities: A study in France and Germany*

CEVIPOF – Centre de recherches politiques de Sciences Po, Paris, France  
2007/09–2008/03

**Thomas Fetzer**

*The impact of international economic integration upon postwar British trade union strategies in two automobile companies examined from a historical point of view*

European University Institute, Florence, Italy  
2006/06–08

**Laura Ford**

*The role of late medieval/Enlightenment guilds and companies in the development of "intellectual property"*

Cornell University, Ithaca, USA  
2007/06–07

**Andreas Fulda**

*The promotion of participative development in the People's Republic of China: How experts involved in German-Chinese development aid can exercise political influence*

China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), Beijing, People's Republic of China

2007/07–09

**Roberto Garvia**

*Spanish lottery*

Departamento de Ciencia Política y Sociología  
Carlos III University of Madrid, Spain  
2007/02–04

**Jochen Gläser**

*Book project “Evaluation-based funding and its consequences”*  
Institute for Sociology  
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany  
2007/10–11

**Thomas Greven**

*Relocating trade unions in the debates on globalization, global governance and global civil society and questioning their marginalization (especially in relation to the NGOs)*  
John F. Kennedy Institute  
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany  
2007/02–04

**Tomasz Grosse**

*Social dialogue in the EU*  
2006/05  
*Europeanization of member state executive and regulatory agencies*  
2007/05  
Institute of Public Affairs  
Warsaw University, Poland

**Na Guo**

*Social dialogue between the business associations and the government in Germany regarding unemployment*  
Sociology Department  
Wuhan University, People’s Republic of China  
2007/01–06

**Brooke Harrington**

*Economic sociology with a focus on group interaction in financial markets; study of traders on the New York Stock Exchange*  
Department of Sociology  
Brown University, Providence, USA  
2006/09–2007/08

**Marco Hauptmeier**

*Plant and company bargaining in the US, German and Spanish automobile industries*  
School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR)  
Cornell University, Ithaca, USA  
2005/01–12, 2006/06, 2007/05–06

**Alpay Hekimler**

*Industrial relations; German and Turkish labor law; employment policy; ways of organizing worktime*  
Faculty of Economics  
Istanbul University, Turkey  
2005/04–07

**Laura Horn**

*Changes in corporate governance regulation within the European Union*  
Department of Political Science  
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2005/09–10

**Marta Kahancová**

*Western multinationals in postsocialist societies: Shaping the convergence of workplace relations in Europe*  
2006/01–12  
*Understanding the role of actors in European capitalism: Micro-foundations of economic action and social embeddedness in multinational firms across Western and Eastern Europe*  
2007/10–2008/09  
Amsterdam School for Social Science Research (ASSR)  
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

**Herbert Kalthoff**

*Calculating risk in the banking industry*  
Department of Sociology  
University of Konstanz, Germany  
and Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany  
2007/05–07

**Sebastian Karcher**

*Liberalization, segmentation, informalization, varieties of labor market adaptation*  
Department of Political Science  
Northwestern University, Evanston, USA  
2007/03–08

**Daniel Philip Kinderman**

*Between principles and preferences: On the microfoundations of business interests*  
Department of Government  
Cornell University, Ithaca, USA  
2005/10–2006/03



Marta Kahancová



Marco Hauptmeier

**Sabine Köszegi**

*Social processes in electronic markets and virtual space*  
School of Business, Economics, and Computer Science  
University of Vienna, Austria  
2005/09–12

**Alexander Kuo**

*Origins of firm coordination*  
Department of Political Science  
Stanford University, Palo Alto, USA  
2005/10–2006/09

**Grit Laudel**

*Impact of evaluation-based research funding  
on the content of research*  
Sociology Section, Faculty of Cultural and Social Sciences  
FernUniversität Hagen, Germany  
2007/10–11

**Jean-Pierre Le Bourhis**

*The political effects of information infrastructures  
as tools of government*  
Centre Universitaire de Recherches sur l'Action publique et  
le Politique (CURAPP-CNRS), Amiens, France  
2005/09–12

**Young-Hyun Lee**

*Educational policy reforms; learning organizations in  
enterprises; social inclusion; partnership in skills formation*  
Korea Research Institute for Vocational Education and  
Training (KRIVET), Seoul, Republic of Korea  
2005/03–11

**Paul Lewis**

*Theorising income distribution in developed economies*  
Department of Political Science and International Studies  
University of Birmingham, UK  
2007/11–12

**Jennifer Lieb**

*State behavior toward undocumented immigrants  
in Western Europe*  
Department of Politics  
Princeton University, USA  
2006/07–09

**Mariano Longo**

*Flexibility in the late modernity: Biographical aspects  
and theoretical implications*  
University of Lecce, Italy  
2007/06–08

**Jen-Der Lue**

*Social policy role of employer organizations in the C.M.E  
production regimes: Japan and Germany compared*  
Department and Graduate Institute of Social Welfare  
National Chungchen University, Chiayi, Taiwan  
2005/08–2006/02

**Sandra Mitchell**

*The epistemology of complexity*  
Department of History and Philosophy of Science  
University of Pittsburgh, USA  
2005/02–03

**Frank Nullmeier**

*The function of the "voice" mechanism in the creation of  
collectively binding decisions*  
"Theory and Constitution of the Welfare State" Division,  
Centre for Social Policy Research (ZeS)  
University of Bremen, Germany  
2006/10–12

**Liis Ojamäe**

*Housing market*  
Department of Sociology  
Tallinn University, Estonia  
2006/03–06

**Myung-Joon Park**

*Social Pacts and Developmental State Reform – Korea and  
Spain in Comparison*  
Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, and University  
of Cologne, Germany  
2003/07–2007/01

**Andreas Pettenkofer**

*The limits of rationalist theories of social order: How meaning  
structures affect the impact of violence*  
Max-Weber-Kolleg  
University of Erfurt, Germany  
2007/07–10

**Jocelyn F. Pixley**

*Decisions in financial institutions: A comparison of national  
variations from the precautionary to the less prudent*  
School of Social Sciences and International Studies  
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia  
2007/04–06

**Luana Miruna Pop**

*Policy developments in transition: Institutional processes and  
structures in Central and Eastern European countries*  
Department of Sociology  
University of Bucharest, Romania  
2004/09–2005/02



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*Political economy of postcommunist transitions: The determinants of FDI (foreign direct investment) regulations*  
Department of Political Science  
Duke University, Durham, USA  
2007/01–08

**Jens Prinzhorn**

*The moral foundations and moral boundaries of doing business*  
Forum for Corporate Sustainability Management (CSM)  
International Institute for Management Development (IMD), Lausanne, Switzerland  
2007/04–08

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*The role of the “international” in the emergence of “German” capitalism*  
Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), Germany  
2005/01–02, 2006/04

**Damian Räss**

*Globalization and organized labor in Germany and Brazil*  
Amsterdam School for Social Science Research  
University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2005/04

**Rafal Riedel**

*European integration; European social models*  
University of Opole, Poland  
2007/09–10

**Nils F. Ringe**

*The development of policy preferences in legislative politics*  
Department of Political Science  
University of Pittsburgh, USA  
2004/10–2005/03

**Akos Rona-Tas**

*Comparative institutional analysis of emerging credit card markets in socialist, postsocialist and developing countries*  
Department of Sociology  
University of California–San Diego, USA  
2006/09–11

**Vivien A. Schmidt**

*Conference project “Adjustment of national employment and social policy systems to economic internationalization”*  
Boston University, USA  
2006/06–08

**Gerhard Schnyder**

*Comparison of the corporate governance systems in Switzerland and Germany*  
Institut d’études politiques et internationales (IEPI)  
Université de Lausanne, Switzerland  
2007/03–08

**Tobias Schulze-Cleven**

*The politics of creating “labor market flexibility” in Europe: The UK, Germany and Denmark compared*  
Department of Political Science  
University of California–Berkeley, USA  
2005/10–2006/09

**Fujikazu Suzuki**

*Corporate governance and industrial democracy*  
Research Institute for Advancement of Living Standards,  
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2007/07–08

**Peter Swenson**

*Research for book “Capital, Labor, and Medicine”*  
Department of Political Science  
Yale University, New Haven, USA  
2005/05

**Paul Talcott**

*Market-based reforms in East Asian health care*  
Department of Political Science  
Emory University, Atlanta, USA  
2005/09–2006/06

**Guido Tiemann**

*Euro-skepticism in the European multilevel system*  
Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies  
European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany  
2006/10–2007/09

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*Broadening theoretical approaches to the transformation of industrial relations*

Business, Computing and Information Management  
Department  
London South Bank University, UK  
2004/06–2005/06

**Lai Si Tsui-Auch**

*Wary foreign managers in China*

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**Mark Vail**

*Recasting welfare capitalism: The political dynamics of economic adjustment in contemporary France and Germany*

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**Luca Verzichelli**

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*State–labor relations in postcommunism*

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University of Amsterdam, Netherlands  
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London School of Economics, UK  
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**Daniel Ziblatt**

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Center for European Studies  
Harvard University, Cambridge, USA  
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**Thomas Zittel**

*Participatory engineering: Can democratic reform increase political participation?*

Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung  
Universität Mannheim, Germany  
2006/05–08



# Management and Budget

## Management

The institute uses management methods that help it stay at the forefront of research. Committees ensure that the service units – the administration, the computer department, the editorial and public relations unit, the library and the office of the directors – stay in close touch with the researchers and their projects, and that the flow of information between research and service staff remains uninterrupted.

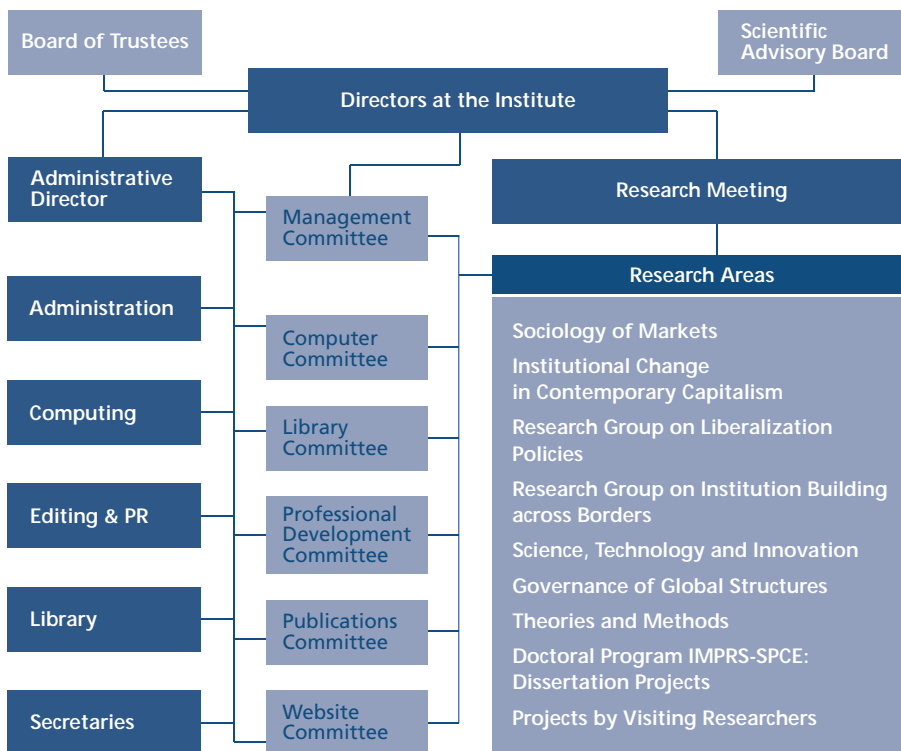
## Functional Committees

The directors, researchers, service staff and student assistants are all represented on the functional committees of the institute. The committees are chaired by researchers. Meetings are scheduled as needed.

The Library Committee discusses which journals and databases should be subscribed to or cancelled, and supports the library staff in adapting its collection to research developments at the institute. The Computer Committee ensures broad input and discussion on IT innovations. The Publications Committee is a forum for discussing the institute's publication policy and publication management. In addition, the committee chair organizes the internal and external peer review of the institute's book series (published by Campus Verlag) and its Discussion Paper and Working Papers series. The Website Committee supports the optimization of the institute's website, seeks best-practice approaches to disseminating research results, and provides input into the intranet and relaunches of the public site. In 2006, a new Professional Development Committee was founded to coordinate and expand the program of further education at the institute. It coordinates course offerings to improve researchers' skills in areas such as scholarly writing and presenting, searching for information and academic publishing.

The newly founded IMPRS-SPCE is represented in several committees by its Academic Coordinator, who is responsible for developing the curriculum of the school and for organizing academic events and training for the doctoral fellows.

Members of the service staff are in touch with their counterparts at MPG headquarters, other Max Planck institutes, and social research institutes in Germany and abroad. They are also in contact with research institutes and university departments in the Rhine region. Communication in these networks is growing and helps ensure that the support staff can continue to provide the MPIfG researchers with professional service.



Organizational structure of the MPIfG

### Managerial Committees

Chaired by the managing director, the managerial committees at the institute meet regularly. Every two weeks, the heads of the service units meet with the managing director to discuss decisions that need to be made. Once a month, this group is expanded to include representatives of the researchers – the chairs of the functional committees. This Management Committee also has a planning session in December where the service units' goals for the coming year are agreed upon and the previous year's developments are discussed.

## Research Meeting

There are many informal opportunities for researchers to meet and exchange ideas (see “The Research Community within the Institute” and “Graduate Training”). In accordance with the bylaws of the institute, there is also a Research Meeting twice a year. Chaired by the managing director, it brings together the directors and the research staff members to discuss the development of the project areas and possible research themes for the future.

## Welcoming Newcomers



New researchers are welcomed at the MPIfG

In keeping with the new Academic Calendar, the service units organized their first Presentation for Newcomers in 2007. It will now be held every fall to familiarize new researchers and doctoral students with the services available to them at the institute and introduce them to the heads of the service units.

## Support for Visiting Researchers

The institute is continually working to optimize its support for visiting researchers. Close cooperation between the visitors' liaison, the administration and prospective visitors ensures that stays are carefully prepared, and any issues still open when a visitor arrives can be easily dealt with. Visiting researchers receive detailed information about the institute and the city of Cologne long before their arrival at the MPIfG, and the institute helps them find accommodations. Immediately upon arrival, they get down to work.

## Representation of Employees

In accordance with German labor law, the MPIfG has a works council. Elected every four years, the works council represents the interests of the employees vis-à-vis the employer. It has an advisory role when new positions are to be filled. It also cooperates with the administrative director and the managing director in setting works rules (such as how to manage flex-time) and helps individual employees as needed. The works council meets regularly with the managing director and holds a works meeting, which all MPIfG employees are invited to attend, two or three times a year. The MPIfG works council sends a delegate to the central works council of the Max Planck Society.

Two female employees, one from the research staff and one from the service staff, represent the interests of women at the institute. The MPIfG researchers elect a rep-

representative to the Human Sciences Section of the Max Planck Society. The doctoral fellows elect a speaker to represent them within the institute and meet with doctoral fellows from other Max Planck Institutes.

### Promoting a Family-Friendly Workplace

In 2006, the Human Sciences Section of the Max Planck Society was awarded the Hertie Foundation's "Work and Family" certificate (*Grundzertifikat Beruf und Familie*), recognizing its wide-ranging support for employees seeking to combine work and family responsibilities. The MPIfG provides flexible solutions for young parents and for those who need time to care for other family members.



Research fellow Susanne Schmidt and her son Arthur

### Communication Facilitates Effective Management

Open channels of communication ensure that the directors only need to get involved in administrative issues at critical junctures of the decision-making process. Service units and the researchers each know what the other group is doing; plans for administrative projects are discussed in the appropriate forums; and members of the service units and the research staff have a high degree of autonomy in organizing their work environment.

## Service Units

### Service Staff 2008

#### Administration

Jürgen Lautwein (Administrative Director)  
Anne Baumanns, Renate Blödorn,\*  
Petra Zimmermann\*

#### Central Services

Ernst Braun, Gabi Breunig\*

#### Secretaries

Christine Claus,\* Christina Glasmacher,\*  
Petra Küchenmeister,\* Claudia Werner\*

#### Editorial and Public Relations Unit

Christel Schommertz (Coordinator)  
Astrid Dünkelmann, Cynthia Lehmann,\*  
Thomas Pott, Jeanette Störtte\*

#### Library

Susanne Hilbring (Coordinator)  
Elke Bürger, Melanie Klaas,\*  
Cora Molloy,\* Nadine Sadlowski\*

#### Computing Services

Bruno Egger (Coordinator)  
Gunar Barg,\* Markus Burtscheidt,  
Manuel Schüren, Susanne Schwarz-Esser\*

#### Trainees

Nina Keber (IT)  
Swetlana Knorr (Administration)  
Dennis Kremer (IT)

\*part-time

## Vocational Training

### Trainees



Trainees: Nina Keber, Maria Bayracioglu, Dennis Kremer

In Germany, firms and offices participate in a “dual system” of vocational education. High-school age students who do not plan to go to college can qualify for a variety of occupations in three-year programs of on-the-job training accompanied by instruction at a vocational school. A participant in the dual system since 1999, the MPIfG now trains certified office communication specialists and information systems specialists. The institute has two IT trainees and one administrative trainee on a regular basis. Three MPIfG staff members are officially qualified to instruct trainees at the institute. The

head of the computer group is a member of the Examination Board of the Cologne Chamber of Commerce. Since the inception of the trainee program, three administrative trainees and two IT trainees have graduated. They have all succeeded in finding good jobs in the private sector.

### Interns

The institute also hosts high-school and college interns who require work experience as part of their course of study. The high-school interns come for 2–3 weeks, getting one of their first opportunities to experience a workplace. The university interns come for 2–3 months, often providing substantial input to special projects. Starting in 2008, the MPIfG will offer a more structured internship program for students going for an MA or a *Diplom*. The institute considers this to be a means of recruiting highly talented students who might subsequently be interested in pursuing a doctorate at the IMPRS-SPCE.



Administration: Anne Baumanns, Jürgen Lautwein, Ernst Braun, Gabi Breunig, Renate Blödorn, Petra Zimmermann

## Administration and Personnel Development

The MPIfG has some 31 permanently funded positions, 14 of which are for researchers. About 23 other researchers at the institute are funded by grants from foundations and the European Union, and by doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships. The institute also hosts visiting researchers from Germany and abroad, whose stays last from one month to two years. In 2007, space in the adjacent building was incorporated into the institute, enabling the MPIfG to host more researchers in the future.



The staffs of the administration, the computer department, the editorial and public relations unit, the library and the office of the directors are the infrastructural backbone of the institute. They provide continual support for the research staff and visiting researchers and contribute to the technical and organizational development of the institute. Three trainees, one in administration and two in IT, are also part of the support staff. Student assistants provide support for researchers and staff members as well.

The institute encourages its employees to improve their professional skills by taking part in continuing education programs, including in-house seminars. The establishment of a Professional Development Committee for researchers and staff in 2006 has led to expanded and improved course offerings.

The Max Planck Society (MPG) uses the commercial bookkeeping system SAP, which provides a budgeting procedure that facilitates financial flexibility for the institutes. The MPIfG welcomes this flexibility, since improved efficiency and project planning enable the institute to maximize its results while staying within the limits of its budget. Recently, additional modules such as travel-management accounting and e-procurement have enhanced the IT package. The MPIfG was a forerunner in implementing the MPG's personnel administration program, SAP Human Resources (SAP HR). Administrative staff members continue to cooperate with their counterparts at other MPIs and with the headquarters of the Max Planck Society in Munich to customize SAP HR to meet the needs of Max Planck institutes. In 2005 and 2006 they implemented major changes in the German public-sector payscale.

The administration provides information and advice on project funding opportunities and project management for the researchers. Its helps them prepare grant proposals and manage projects in the EU Framework Program.



Secretaries: Petra Küchenmeister, Christine Claus, Karin Spiegel, Christina Glasmacher

## Library

The library supports the institute's research by providing researchers and staff with information and helping them find sources located outside the institute. Library services include purchasing, classifying and lending monographs and periodicals, providing an online catalog, processing interlibrary loans, excerpting tables of contents of selected journals, providing research tools in print and online, assisting users in finding specialized databases, and conducting online searches upon request.



Library: Melanie Klaas, Elke Bürger, Cora Molloy, Susanne Hilbring, Nadine Sadlowski



### The Collection

The library's collection, which has grown to 55,000 items, emphasizes basic social science literature and project-specific holdings. Its data pool contains 250,000 items, as large numbers of articles from edited volumes and journals are cataloged. The institute borrows some 2,500 titles a year from the Cologne University Library or via interlibrary loan. Subscriptions to 200 printed scholarly journals and to German, English and French newspapers enable the researchers and staff to keep up with what's happening in their own fields and in the world of international politics and business. Thanks to agreements between the Max Planck Society and publishing companies, employees now also have direct online access to 30,000 additional journals.

### Online Catalog

The library's online catalog can be accessed directly via the internet by anyone visiting the MPIfG website. In 2006 the library expanded its catalog enrichment service to include digitized tables of contents of authors' collected works and of all new acquisitions. This new service enhances library catalog browsing by offering users keyword searches at the chapter level.

### Online Information Services

A wide variety of sociological, political science, economic, law and historical databases provide full-text access to primary and secondary sources worldwide. All databases and electronic journals centrally licensed by the Max Planck Society or by the MPIfG can be searched via the Max Planck Virtual Library interface.

### Open Access

Committed to the principles of Open Access, the MPIfG seeks to provide free access to every article resulting from the institute's research. In 2007, the library worked with the head of the Publications Committee and the editorial and public relations unit to set up the MPIfG Journal Articles series. The MPIfG is presently creating an institutional repository that will document the results of institute's research and make them available to scholars around the world.

### Computing Services

The computer group provides a modern computer infrastructure for the staff and researchers at the MPIfG. This includes planning and implementing an up-to-date communications infrastructure, installing efficient network printers, personal com-

puters and workstations, and providing a software package tailored to the needs of the users. The group also offers advice and support on computer-related subjects, ranging from how to use remote-access services to designing, programming and implementing solutions for classifying and processing complex data.

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies has a homogeneous Windows 2003 server environment that provides a variety of services to the PCs via Fast Ethernet, including personal and group file accounts which are centrally stored in accordance with the German laws on data protection and confidentiality, information services, database services and client/server-based communication services such as computerized fax, e-mail and a connection to the internet.

In 2005–2007, the members of the computer group made a variety of improvements in the institute's computing infrastructure. By installing a storage area network (SAN), they were able to re-centralize the scattered storage resources, which has helped satisfy the growing demand for storage space. To provide remote access to internal information such as databases and the intranet, a virtual private network (VPN) was set up. Substantial improvements in the security and the user-friendliness of the various communication facilities were achieved in the last three years, which was a major focus of the group's work during this period.

The institute's second computer systems trainee successfully completed his three-year apprenticeship in 2006. The members of the computer group will continue their commitment to the institute's vocational training program.



Computing: Manuel Schüren, Susanne Schwarz-Esser, Markus Burtscheidt, Bruno Egger

## Editorial and Public Relations Unit

The Editorial and Public Relations Unit is involved in every aspect of presenting the results of the researchers' work to the public.

### The MPIfG Publication Series

The main task of the editorial and public relations unit is to produce the institute's publications: the MPIfG Books, MPIfG Discussion Papers, MPIfG Working Papers, Research Reports, and the researchers' journal articles. This includes editing, copy-editing and typesetting, and producing and distributing the papers in print and online. The unit also assists researchers with copy-editing, translations, graphics and publishing know-how when they prepare books for publication. The staff



Editorial and Public Relations Unit: Thomas Pott, Astrid Dünkeltmann, Cynthia Lehmann, Christel Schommertz

produces promotional material about the institute’s publication series, including brochures, flyers, online advertising and an e-mail newsletter.

### Documenting Research

By preparing regular reports to the Max Planck Society (Yearbook, Guide to the MPIs), the MPIfG Scientific Advisory Board (evaluation report) and to the public (MPIfG Report and MPIfG Jahrbuch), the group documents the research done at the institute. It gathers, organizes and archives the data and manages the design and production of the reports.

### Presenting the MPIfG to Outside Audiences

The unit develops and produces printed and online information material about the institute, such as an image brochure and research reports for target groups outside the scientific community. It informs the public and the media about selected research topics, establishes opportunities for communication between researchers and journalists (Journalist in Residence Fellowship) and represents the MPIfG at major social science conferences. It designs and maintains the MPIfG website, plans and organizes public events at the institute, and helps researchers and directors prepare conferences and events. The unit is also in charge of internal public relations, organizing in-house project presentations for student assistants and administrative staff and coordinating the development of the MPIfG intranet for employees and visiting researchers.

In 2006 and 2007 the editorial and public relations unit worked with the computing group to prepare and execute the relaunch of the institute’s website. The site uses new web technology to optimize the presentation and retrieval of information, and it ensures barrier-free access. It also helped create new databases to support the presentation of researchers’ vita, events and news on the website.

In 2005 the MPIfG established the Journalist in Residence Fellowship Program, which is financed by the Volkswagen Foundation. During their stays at one or more of the four research institutions cooperating in the program, journalists have the opportunity to sit in on a particular research project or pursue their own research. The editorial and public relations unit and the administration initiated, developed and organized the program.

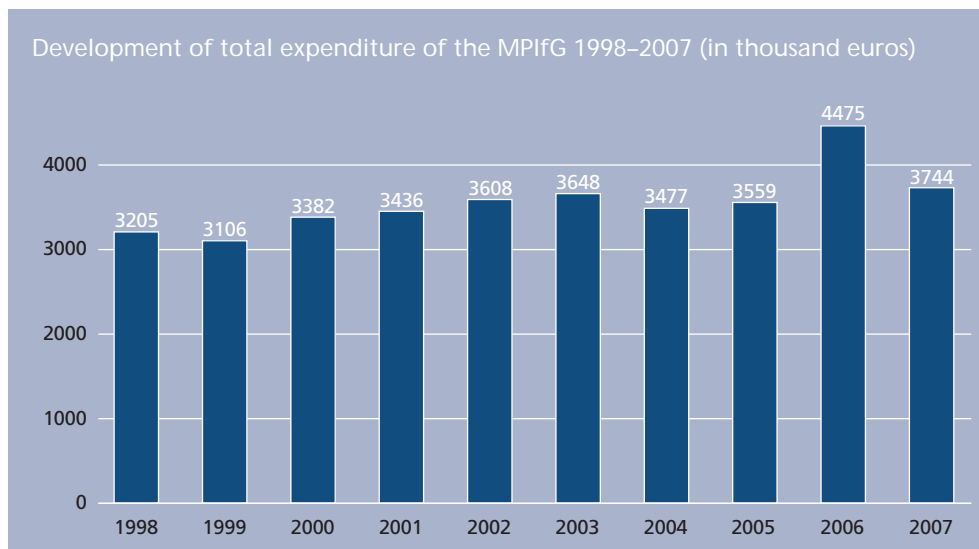
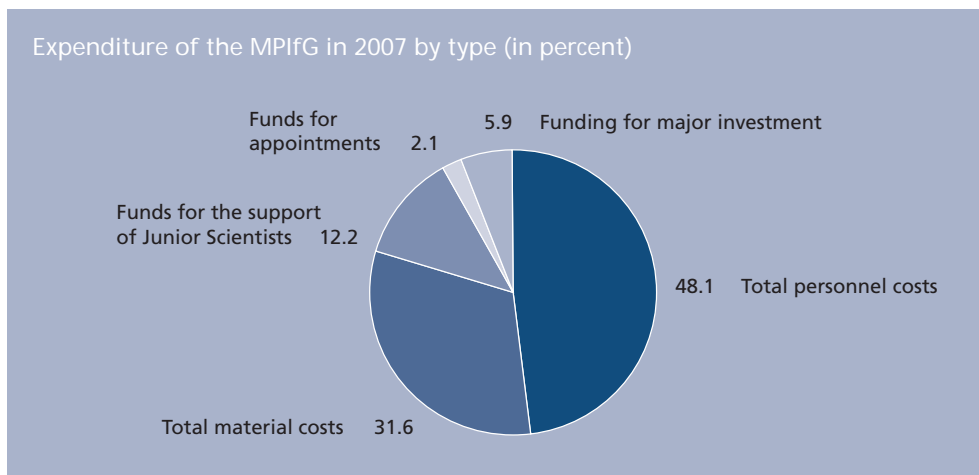


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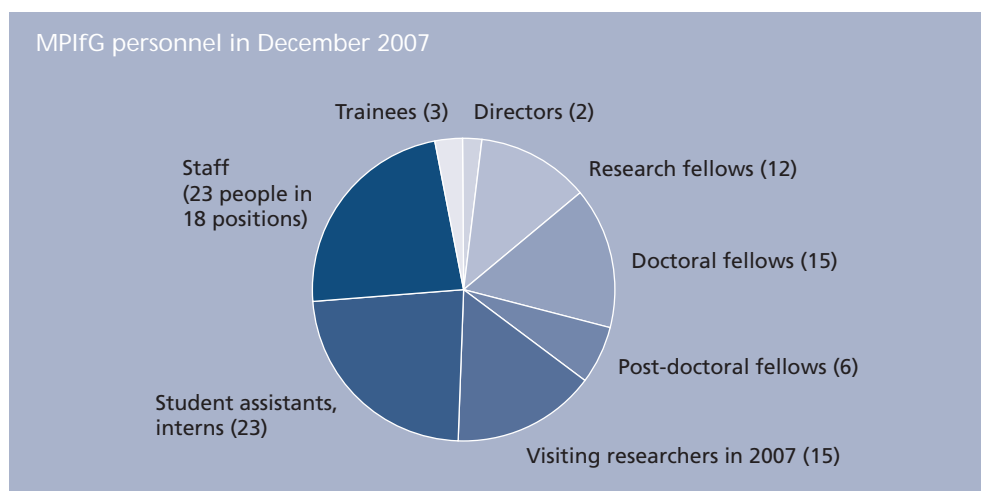
## Facts and Figures

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) is an institute of the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of the Sciences e.V. (MPS), an independent, non-profit organization that is largely publicly funded. In 2007, the Max Planck Society had a budget of 1.43 billion euros. The German federal and state governments financed 82 percent of the Society's budget. In addition, funds from projects supported by the federal government, the federal states, and the EU amount to around 13 percent. Donations from Supporting Members, royalties and membership fees are also a source of funding, amounting to around 5 percent.





Each of the some eighty Max Planck institutes is provided with an annual budget from the Max Planck Society. In 2005, 2006 and 2007, the MPIfG received 3.5, 4.3 and 3.7 million euros respectively in institutional funding. A supplement of 710,000 euros in 2006 prefinanced the expansion of leased space realized in 2007 and 2008. The institute’s budget covers personnel and operating costs, special funding for young researchers and research cooperation with other countries.



The MPIfG has some 31 permanently funded positions, 14 of which are for researchers. About 23 researchers at the institute are funded by grants from foundations, the German government and the European Union, and by doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships. At the end of 2007, 37 researchers were working at the institute. The institute also hosts visiting researchers from Germany and abroad, whose stays last from one month to two years. In 2005–2007, the institute hosted 42 visiting researchers from 15 countries.



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## Directions

The MPIfG is located in the Südstadt, south of Central Cologne. How to find us:

### By public transport

**From the airport:** From Cologne/Bonn Airport train station, take the local train (S 13 or Regionalexpress) to Cologne Central Station (Köln Hauptbahnhof). From there, you can take the subway (see below). From Düsseldorf Airport, take a local train (S-Bahn) to Düsseldorf Central Station (Düsseldorf Hauptbahnhof). From there, take a train to Cologne Central Station (Köln Hauptbahnhof).

**From Cologne Central Station:** At Cologne Central Station (Köln Hauptbahnhof), follow the signs marked U/Dom/City and go down to the subway (U-Bahn). Buy a City-Ticket 1b. Follow the signs marked Neumarkt. Take Line 16 and get out at the sixth stop, Ulrepforte. Cross the tracks and Sachsenring to your left. Walk along Ulrichgasse for about 5 minutes, until you reach the MPIfG at the corner of Paulstrasse and Ulrichgasse.

### By taxi

Ask the driver to take you to the corner of Paulstrasse and Ulrichgasse in the Südstadt; this is important since there is more than one Paulstrasse and more than one Max Planck Institute in Cologne.



### The MPIfG

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) in Cologne was founded in 1985 under the directorship of Prof. Renate Mayntz, who was joined a year later by Prof. Fritz W. Scharpf. It is one of the smaller institutes of the Max Planck Society, which maintains 80 institutes devoted to basic research in the natural sciences and the humanities.

Today the directors of the institute are Prof. Wolfgang Streeck and Prof. Jens Beckert. Some forty researchers, including research staff, doctoral students, scholarship recipients and visiting researchers, work together at the MPIfG in teams that often include researchers from other countries.

### Research Aims

The MPIfG's research aims to develop an empirically based theory of the social and political foundations of modern economies. It primarily investigates the interrelation between economic and social action. Using an institutional approach, it examines how markets and business organizations develop from the historical-institutional, political and cultural framework in which they are embedded and how institutional contexts change over time.

### International Cooperation

The MPIfG considers international cooperation to be the most promising organizational form of comparative research. Every year, a number of visiting researchers working within the area of the institute's interest make valuable contributions to its research program. The MPIfG also cooperates closely with several research institutes abroad, including the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute in Florence, the Center for European Studies at Harvard University, the Institute for Policy Research and the Department of Sociology at Northwestern University in Evanston, the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris and its affiliated institutes, such as the Centre d'Etudes Européennes (CEE), the Centre de Sociologie des Organisations (CSO), and the Centre de Recherches Politiques (CEVIPOF), CEPREMAP (Centre pour la Recherche Économique et ses Applications) in Paris and AIAS (Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies) in Amsterdam.