

*University of California, San Diego*

***Political Science 120D***  
***Germany: Before and After Unification***

**Winter 2001**  
**Room: Solis 104**  
**MWF 9:05 to 9:55**

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**SSB 385, Hrs: M W 1:30-2:30**

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***Overview:***

This course provides a special opportunity to explore in depth some unanswered questions concerning the politics and consequences of German Division and Unification. Four major themes will be treated: 1. Division and Unification, 2. Party System Transformations and Leadership, 3. Germany in a Changing Europe, and 4. Policy Challenges. If you have not yet taken 120B, you should first peruse a standard text on German politics (such as David Conradt, *The German Polity*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.).

***Requirements / Grading:***

There are two options: a) exams only or b) exams and a research paper. If you choose the first option your final grade will be based on a weighting of 40 % for the mid-term and 60% for the final. If you wish to submit a proposal to write a paper and if your topic is accepted, the weighting will be 20% for the mid-term, 40% for the final and 40% for the paper. Please note that all paper proposals must be in writing (according to instructions to be provided) and be approved by the instructor. Other conditions for research papers will be detailed in class. A list of suggested topics will be circulated.

**Mid-Term Examination:** Wednesday, February 7, 2001.

**Final Exam:** 20 March 2001, at 8 am.

**Optional Research Paper:** The final version of the paper will be due at 9:05 am on **March 14, 2001**, but may be submitted before that date.

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***Required Texts*** (available in UCSD Bookstore or from URCP, 619-540-8789):

**Jennifer Yoder, *From East Germans to Germans? The new Postcommunist Elites***

**(Duke UP, 1999)**

**Conradt, David, Gerald Kleinfeld and Christian Soe, eds., *Power Shift* (Berghahn publishers, 2000)**

**Chandler, William ed., *German Unification Challenges* ((on sale in class, first week of quarter)**

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## **I. Introduction: Two States, One nation?**

Legacies of the Past: Weimar, Third Reich, War, Occupation  
 The FRG: Basic Law, Parliamentary Democracy and Federalism  
 The GDR: State Socialism, SED rule and the Stasi.  
 From Division to Unification  
 Changing Political Values: Before and After Unification.

### **Readings:**

William Paterson 1999, "From the Bonn to the Berlin Republic".  
 Yoder, chapters, 1-3  
 Conradt et al., Chapter 1, 10.  
 Helmut Wiesenthal 1995 "East Germany as a Unique case of Societal Transformation"  
 Jonathan Grix 2000, "East German Political Attitudes ...".  
 Helmut Wiesenthal 1998, "Post-Unification Dissatisfaction, or Why are so many East Germans Unhappy with the new Political System?".  
 Helmut Wiesenthal 1995, "East Germany as a Unique Case...."  
 Marcus Eliason , Associated Press, "Scar that split Germany has been erased", in *San Diego Union Tribune*, 6 Nov 1999.

**Review:** Conradt, David, *The German Polity*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., chapters 4,7

### **Optional:**

Schoenbaum and Pond, *The German Question*, Chapter 1  
 Zelikow and Rice, *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed* (Harvard) Chapters 1,2

## **II. Party System Change in Unified Germany**

Adaptation of Parties and Leaders to Unification?

- A. Organizational Adaptation
- B. Bases of Party loyalty and Electoral Competition
- C. Trends: the 1990, 1994 and 1998 Elections

### **Readings:**

Conradt et al., eds. *Power Shift*, chapters 2-7, 9.  
 Yoder, Chapters 4,5.  
 Dieter Roth 1996, "Some Empirical Findings on the Transition process of German Parties".  
 Oskar Niedermeyer 1995, "Party System Change in East Germany".  
 Olson, 2000, "Seeing Red: the SPD-PDS Coalition...." .

### **Optional:**

Padgett, ed., 1993, *Parties and Party Systems in the New Germany*.

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### **III. Germany in Europe**

How has Europe been transformed? What is Germany's new role in an evolving Europe?

National Interests or Supranationality? Trends in European integration  
 The Impact and Viability of the Franco-German Entente  
 Re-assessing the German Hegemony thesis

***Readings:***

William Paterson, "Beyond Semi-sovereignty: the New Germany in the New Europe"  
 Jeffery Anderson, "Germany: Between Unification and Union",  
 Conradt et al, Chapter 12 (Wolfgang-Uwe Friedrich).  
 Simon Bulmer, Charlie Jeffery and William Paterson, Chapter 2.

***Optional:***

Schoenbaum and Pond, *The German Question*, Chapter 5.

### **IV. Policy Challenges of Unification and Europeanization?**

Economic Reforms  
 Rebuilding the economy in the new Länder?  
 Immigration and Citizenship  
 A new federalism? Dealing with Regional disparities,  
 Chancellor Power

***Readings:***

Conradt et al., Chapter 10 (Kitschelt)  
 Yoder, chapters 5,6.  
 Edmund Andrews, "On Sterile East German Soil, Some Companies Thrive".  
*Economist*, "Rebirth of a Saleman", 8 July 2000.  
*Economist*, "Germany and its chancellor grow ever stronger" 23 December 2000.  
*Economist*, "Angela Merkel, Germany's gritty conservative", 2 December 2000  
 Greg Steinmetz, "German immigrants come from within", *Wall Street Journal*, 1997.  
 Ralph Atkins, "Germans squabble over welfare crisis", *Financial Times*, 21 November 1997.

***Optional:***

Schoenbaum and Pond, *The German Question and Other German Questions*, Chapter 3.

## V. A New Germany Identity?

Nationalism and German Identity: *Wer sind die Deutschen?*

A Europeanized Germany or a Germanized Europe?

### **Readings:**

Merkl, Peter, "German Identity through the Dark Mirror of the War".

Conradt et al., Chapter 13.

Yoder, chap 7

### **Optional:**

Zelikow and Rice, *Germany Unified* ...pp. 364-70.

Schoenbaum and Pond, *The German Question*, Chapter 6

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### **Pol Sci 120D, Winter 2001: Reserve Readings**

Padgett, Stephen ed., 1993, *Parties and Party Systems in the New Germany*

Merkl, Peter ed., 1999, *The Federal Republic of Germany at Fifty* (NYU Press, 2000)

Zelikow, Philip and Condoleezza Rice, *Germany Unified and Europe Transformed*  
(Harvard UP, 1997)

Pond, Elizabeth, *The Rebirth of Europe* (Brookings, 1999)

Schoenbaum, David and Elizabeth Pond, *The German Question and Other German Questions* (St. Martin's, 1996).

Dalton, Russell, ed., *Germans Divided* (Berg, 1996)

Jennifer Yoder, *From East Germans to Germans? The new Post-communist Elites*  
(Duke UP, 1999)

Conradt, David, *The German Polity*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition (Longmans)

Conradt, Kleinfeld and Soe, *Power Shift* (Berghahn, 2000)

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