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Germany in Europe: the Europeanization of German politics

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6.11. Culture I: Germany’s long road to the West

*Thought Paper Topic I*: Is there a conception of "the West" that serves as a main reference for German society?

13.11. Theory I: The European Policy Cycle

*Thought Paper Topic II*: Discuss the policy cycle concept from a critical perspective.

20.11. Theory II: Dimensions of Europeanization

*Thought Paper Topic III*: The Erasmus Student Exchange Program – what type of Europeanization does it represent?

27.11. Culture II: The Germans’ view on the nation

*Thought Paper Topic IV*: The film “Der Baader-Meinhof-Komplex” – what does it tell us about contemporary conceptions of the German nation?

2.12. Culture III: The Germans’ view on Europe

*Thought Paper Topic V*: Critically examine the official positions of German political parties concerning Europe – what do they tell us about the German parties’ views on the EU and European integration?

16.12. Intermediary institutions II: political parties

*Thought Paper Topic VI*: Party opposition to the Lisbon Treaty comes from the Radical Left as well as the Radical Right. Discuss the coincidence that critique of European integration is articulated only on the extreme edges of the German party system.
Structure of the Session

• Germany in Europe, 1815-1945
• Post-War Germany
  – Developments on the global level
  – Developments on the EU level
  – Developments on the German level

Aim of the Session: familiarize ourselves with „hard facts“ on Germany‘s road to the West and with – partially competing – interpretation patterns of that process
Section I:
Germany in Europe, 1815-1945
Deutschland 1815

Quelle: www.w-minkenberg.de/Geschichte/Pics/kartedeutscherbund.jpg
Europa 1918

Quelle: http://images.geosmile.de
Deutsche Grenzen 1919

Quelle: http://www.deutschlanddokumente.de/krtDeutschesReich1919.htm
Europa nach 1945

Quelle: www.schulen.regensburg.de
Deutschland nach 1945

Quelle: www.ieg-maps.uni-mainz.de/gif/p945d_a4.htm
Section II: Post-War Germany
Global Level
Marshall Plan 1948
German Level
Federal Republic of Germany 1949
Global / german level
Germany Divided, 1949-1990
Global Level
Stalin Note 1952

Note der Sowjetregierung an die Westmächte
über Friedensvertrag mit Deutschland

East →

West →

HEUTE: DEUTSCHE NATIONALARMEE
MORGEN: DEUTSCHE SOWJETREPUBLIC

EUROPA-UNIVERSITÄT
VIADRINA
FRANKFURT (ODER)
Global Level
NATO vs. The Warsaw Pact
European Level
Treaties of Rome 1957
German Level
The Grand Coalition 1966
German Level
The Social-Liberal Coalition 1969
German Level
„Deutscher Herbst“ 1977
German Level
Christian-Liberal Coalition 1982
European Level
Post-1989 European Treaties
German Level
Red-Green Coalition 1998-2005
German Level
The 2nd Grand Coalition
Discussion

• To what extent does Germany present a "Western" country in Winkler’s understanding?
  – "doppelte Verspätung," der Nationswerdung und Demokratisierung
  – "Spiegelgeschichte" BRD/DDR

• Understanding the German path after 1945: to what extent does it depend from global / European / domestic factors?