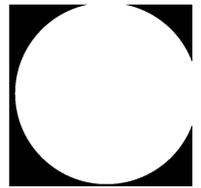


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Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)

German Political Science Association (GPSA)

Strongly influenced by the foundation of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) in Paris in 1949, GPSA was launched in February 1951. Over the past sixty years GPSA has developed into one of the largest professional organization for the study of political science in Europe. Starting with 40 members in the early 1950's, it now serves more than 1700 members.

Mission statement

The mission of GPSA, expressed in its constitution, focuses on the following core objectives:

- + Strengthening the professional environment of political science in Germany
- + Promoting scholarly research and communication, domestically and internationally
- + Promoting high quality teaching and education about politics
- + Recognizing and supporting outstanding work of junior political scientists
- + Diversifying the profession and representing its diversity
- + Organizing high quality national conventions and political events for academic and non-academic members of the association
- + Publicising major research findings of German political scientists
- + Cooperation with political and social science associations nationally and internationally

Organizational structure

Executive Committee (EC)

According to the GPSA constitution, the EC consists of eleven members, including the president and two vice-presidents. The following persons are members of the 2016-2018 Executive Committee:

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel, Leuphana University Lüneburg (President)

Anja Jetschke, University of Göttingen (Vice-President)

Armin Schäfer, University of Osnabrück (Vice-President)

Sebastian Bukow, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Marc Debus, University of Mannheim

Thorsten Faas, University of Mainz

Miriam Hartlapp, Free University of Berlin

Claudia Landwehr, University of Mainz

Marcus Llanque, University of Augsburg

Gert Pickel, University of Leipzig

Jens Steffek, Technical University of Darmstadt

The EC has created two sub-committees attended by at least one EC member:

- Committee on gender and diversity
- Committee on supporting early career scholars

Executive Director

The Executive Director is member of the EC without voting rights. He or she is responsible for administering all EC business and oversees the organization of the GPSA conventions. The GPSA Headquarter is located at the University of Osnabrück. At present, Felix W. Wurm holds the position of Executive Director.

Research initiatives

GPSA is supporting the research activities of its members by setting up research sections, standing groups, and thematic networks in various sub-fields of the political science discipline. Membership to all established groups is open to individual members of GPSA. Among the most active and internationally operating are the research sections on *International Relations*, *Political Economy*, and *Comparative Politics*; the standing groups on *Democratization*, *Local Politics*, *Migration Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Politics and Religion*, and *Elections and Public Opinion*; and the

thematic networks on *Foreign and Security Policy; Comparative Regionalism, and Digital Governance*.

Professional communication

Journal

GPSA issues a journal called *Politische Vierteljahresschrift (PVS)*. The journal has been published since 1960. It appears four times a year and covers a total of about 700 printed pages. The journal provides space for theory-based and methodologically reflected articles from all sub-disciplines of political science. It also publishes scientifically well-grounded statements with reference to current political issues or societal affairs. Finally, the journal also provides a review section where new publications within the sub-fields of political science are discussed.

National convention

GPSA holds national conventions every three years. These meetings last between four and five days and give GPSA members the chance to participate in roundtables and panels. The conventions are open to international colleagues from non-German speaking countries. Several panels and roundtables are organized in English language.

Activities of sub-sections

Between the national conventions nearly all research groups of GPSA hold annual conference and/or workshops on relevant research topics that are currently discussed in the discipline.

Past Presidents (1951-2017)

Alexander Rüstow (1951-1954; 1954-1956)

Theodor Eschenburg (1956-1958; 1958-1959)

Otto Heinrich von der Gablentz (1959-1961)

Dolf Sternberger (1961-1963)

Siegfried Landshut (1964)

Gilbert Ziebura (1964-1965) (interim)

Karl Dietrich Bracher (1965-1967)

Eugen Kogon (1967-1969)
Hans Maier (1969-1970)
Eugen Kogon, Winfried Steffani, Udo Bermbach (1970-1971) (interim)
Winfried Steffani (1971-1973)
Klaus von Beyme (1973-1975)
Udo Bermbach (1975-1977)
Thomas Ellwein (1977-1979; 1979-1981)
Manfred Hättich (1981-1983)
Hans-Hermann Hartwich (1983-1985; 1985-1988)
Beate Kohler-Koch (1988-1991)
Gerhard Lehbruch (1991-1994)
Michael Th. Greven (1994-1997)
Christine Landfried (1997-2000)
Jürgen Falter (2000-2003)
Klaus Dieter Wolf (2003-2006)
Suzanne S. Schüttemeyer (2006-2009)
Hubertus Buchstein (2009-2012)
Gabriele Abels (2012-2015)
Armin Schäfer (2015-2016) (interim)
Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (2016-)

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