Panel 1: The Grand Coalition and Voters’ Choice

Chair: Bernhard Wessels (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

8:15 – 9:10 am  Who’s to Blame? The Economy and Vote Choices in the 2009 German Election
Christopher J. Anderson (Cornell University)
Discussant: Russell J. Dalton (University of California, Irvine)

9:15 – 10:10 am  Party Coalitions and Voter Behavior
Lee Ann Banaszak (Penn State University)
Peter Doerschler (Bloomsburg University)
Discussant: Susan Scarrow (University of Houston)

10:10-10:30 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Short and Long-Term Determinants of Voters’ Choice

Chair: Hans-Dieter Klingemann (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

10:30 – 11:25 am  Short-Term Factors versus Long-Term Values: Testing Competing Explanations of Electoral Choice
Robert Rohrschneider (University of Kansas)
Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck (University of Mannheim)
Franziska Jung (University of Kansas)
Discussant: Hans-Dieter Klingemann (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

11:30 – 12:25 pm  The Dynamic Aspects of Electoral Choice
Russell J. Dalton (University of California, Irvine)
Discussant: Hans-Dieter Klingemann (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

12:30 – 2 pm  Lunch Break at the Political Science Department, Blake Hall 512
Panel 3: How Context Defines Choices

Chair: Ronald Francisco (University of Kansas)

2:00 – 2:55 pm  
*Party Representation and Candidate Representation. Does It Matter How It Fits? The German General Election 2009 in Comparative Perspective*
Bernhard Wessels (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)
Aiko Wagner (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

Discussant: Christopher J. Anderson (Cornell University)

3:00 – 3:55 pm  
*From Jericho to Jamaica: The 2009 Bundestag Election in the context of Changing State Party Systems*
Susan Scarrow (University of Houston)

Discussant: Bernhard Wessels (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

4:00-4:15  
Coffee Break

4:15 – 4:30 pm  
*National Parties or Local Candidates? An Assessment of German Voters’ Choice Options in the Bundestag Election 2009*
Hermann Schmitt (MZES, University of Mannheim) presented by Robert Rohrschneider

4:30 – 5:00 pm  
Publication Meeting

**Note:** In order to give each paper its due attention, each presenter will first have 20 minutes to present a paper. Immediately thereafter, the discussant will have up to 15 minutes to discuss the manuscript. Then, author(s), participants, and audience will discuss the paper for up to 20 minutes. Thus, the total time allotted to each paper is 55 minutes.

**Tuesday, April 27**

10am-11:30am  
(English Room, Kansas Union)  
*“Programmatic Profiles of Political Parties in the Member Countries of the Enlarged European Union. An East-West Comparison Based on the Comparative Manifesto Project”*

Hans-Dieter Klingemann (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)