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1.1 Introduction

The Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES) is an interdisciplinary research institute of the University of Mannheim. It is dedicated to the study of the social and political development of Europe. The MZES focuses its research on European societies and their integration and on the European political systems and their integration, and it attempts to relate these two strands of research. With this emphasis the MZES has a unique position in the landscape of German social science research institutes. Since its foundation, the MZES has placed itself among the leading social science research centres specializing on Europe.

Thanks to the efforts of European and American scholars, there has been steady progress in understanding the dynamics and consequences of the unfolding process of European integration since its inception. Yet, the very dynamics of this process have made this task rather greater than smaller and have added even more significance to the research agenda of the MZES. To list just a few questions which remain to be answered: What are promising prospects and ways of integration and what obstacles stand on its way? What are the implications of European integration for the several levels and areas of governance, for the life of citizens, their political participation and their reactions to the ongoing changes? We also need to improve our theoretical grip of the general social and political processes and mechanisms that underlie all social and political phenomena and therefore are critical for understanding the problems of European integration. The present and future processes of European Union enlargement include countries with historical legacies, political traditions, economic conditions, social structures and cultural identities very different from those of the "old" member states. The resulting problems are challenges not only for political decision-makers but also for social science research. As a consequence of the fundamental changes Europe has been undergoing since the late 1980s, in hardly any area of similar significance does research lag behind the public needs to such an extent as in the field of European integration. The MZES is making a major effort to provide such knowledge and to achieve this through both its own research and cooperation with other centres.

This Annual Report gives an overview on research and other work done at the MZES in 2005. This chapter concentrates on the basic characteristics and general developments of the Centre: It provides an overview of the organisation of the MZES and its major research areas; it presents the development of the resources available at the MZES and acquired through the MZES; and it describes research co-operations and various other significant events that occurred at the Centre in 2005. Subsequent chapters focus on the research achievements in the research departments and on the developments of the Centre's infrastructure. The appendix lists the publications that
have resulted from MZES projects and provides an overview of other activities in 2005.

1.2 Organisation of the MZES and its major research areas

As the organisational chart (Figure 1) shows, the main units of the MZES are its two research departments – Department A: European Societies and their Integration; Department B: European Political Systems and their Integration – and the MZES Infrastructure. Each of the Departments has a Head. These two Heads, together with the Director of the MZES, form its Executive Board. The Executive Board prepares the (three-year) Research Programme and takes the major decisions concerning the direction of the Centre. The Director, with the support of the Managing Director, prepares and implements the decisions of other bodies and is the official supervisor of the personnel compensated with MZES resources. The Managing Director primarily oversees the infrastructure and the MZES administration. The Executive Board is elected by the Supervisory Board for a three-year period. The Supervisory Board also adopts the Research Programme and decides the broad guidelines for the yearly budget as well as on long-term directives for the development of the MZES. The Scientific Advisory Board, composed of internationally outstanding scholars, reviews the Research Programme, provides advice on individual projects and the Programme as a whole.

*Figure 1: MZES organizational chart*

* The Supervisory Board elects the members of the Executive Board (Director and Head of the Research Departments)
In 2005 the Scientific Advisory Board was partly renewed. Gary Marks (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and VU Amsterdam) joined the board replacing Johan P. Olsen (Arena and University of Oslo), who, because of his many other commitments, could not stay on the board. The MZES is grateful to Professor Olsen for his many important contributions over the last three years.

According to the long-term schedule a new Research Programme of the MZES was worked out in 2005. This programme is the MZES’ Sixth Research Programme, covering the 2005-2008 period. The Programme was scrutinized by and discussed with the Scientific Advisory Board and finally approved by the Supervisory Board in July. As under the Fifth Research Programme, each Department will focus its research along a number of specific Research Areas (see Figure 2). In order to better reflect the priorities of the new Research Programme and to group research that addresses similar questions – and often employs similar research strategies and methods – in one Research Area, both Departments were reorganized. Department A now has 3 (rather than 5) Research Areas and Department B now has 4 (rather than 7) Research Areas. This may further encourage communication between the projects and will make it easier to communicate our major research topics to the outside world. Each Research Area includes several core projects (which cover the main research questions of the Area) and supplementary projects (which complement the main themes).

Figure 2: Departments and Research Areas

### Departments

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### Research Areas / Coordinators

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Department A concentrates on the core elements of social structures and institutions that affect life chances and the social integration of individuals and social groups in European societies. Important concerns are the theoretical understanding of basic social processes and mechanisms and how institutions shape the opportunities and behaviour of individuals and social groups. The Department especially focuses on institutions that include the welfare state, education, labour markets, and the family or alternative forms of intimate partnership. Another research interest that is widely shared by researchers at the MZES is social inequalities and potential conflicts resulting from the way specific institutions structure the distribution of resources and the life chances of individuals. Specifically, research at the MZES focuses at the role of education and other individual resources in labour market processes and their significance for social inequality in different societies, the provision of social services through the welfare state and intermediary organisations, the development of family-based and other social relationships, and international migration and the integration of migrants into the host societies. The projects ask how and why similarities and differences have evolved between countries and what the prospects are for convergence or divergence in present and future developments. Department A addresses some of the most crucial changes and challenges European societies have to face in recent years, often applying a long-term perspective. As mentioned above, the topics covered include the welfare states and their reforms as well as the changing labour relations. Labour relations are addressed from both a macro-sociological comparative perspective and at the micro-level. Area A3 focuses at family and other intimate relations and the social networks with which these are interwoven. A2 and A3 share a micro-sociological perspective, but the projects are often explicitly tied to the macro-context in which these social processes and interpersonal relations are embedded. The projects of all three Research Areas represent a blend of continuing previous strength in research and introducing innovative research topics. More than ever, the macro-comparative and the micro-sociological approaches of the projects in Department A endeavour to be complementary.

In Department B, one major focus is on the micro-foundations of democracy: the attitudes and modes of behaviour of the citizens and the ways in which these are acquired and shaped. Several projects address the modes of civic and political participation other than voting. The specific contribution of research at the MZES is the study of these processes under the conditions of social change, comparing European political systems. The political organizations and institutions that link citizens to the making of authoritative political decisions – political parties and parliaments – constitute the Department's second focus. A hallmark of this research at the MZES is the study of strategic voting and coalition politics. Another focus is on the problems of democracy resulting from European integration and the establishment of a multi-level system of governance. In this context, several projects are particularly interested in the extent to which governance in Europe is transformed through the growth of grassroots organisations and public interest groups with European or international
constituencies and whether and how this wider involvement of ‘civil society’ can promote the emergence of an ‘all-embracing European political space’. Several projects study European governance in the context of international governance structures and analyse the impacts of changes in the international context on institutional change within the EU. Thus far research concerns the established democracies of Western Europe, the consolidated democracies of the new member states in East-Central Europe, and the European Union. However, Department B is also concerned with the border region of the European Union, where democracy is fragile at best. With regard to this region, research focuses at the relationship between democracy and peace building.

The Sixth Research Programme of the MZES is characterized by continuity and change. There is continuity, because basic research, to which the MZES is committed, is driven by big questions that often require continued research efforts over a longer period of time. This is particularly the case when the subject of our research is changing rapidly and fundamentally while the old research questions remain important. There is also a great amount of innovation in the new Research Programme because new research topics have emerged through academic progress (as always answers to research questions produce new research questions), because of the real world changes just mentioned, and because there is considerable turnover among the senior researchers due to generational change (see also below).

Immediately after the Research Programme’s acceptance the first new projects were started. Given the different time horizons of individual projects and the yearly additions to the Research Programme, several projects of the previous Research Programme are continued under the umbrella of the new one.

1.3 Personnel development

In 2005, the MZES engaged in 60 projects with a total of 80 individual researchers working at the MZES. Many researchers are employed part-time or also have teaching functions at the University of Mannheim. The MZES reaches its size and research capacity through the pooling of personnel resources from different sources (see Table 1 which shows the composition of the staff working at the MZES in 2005 in full time equivalents).
Table 1: MZES staff by financing source (full time equivalents at the end of 2005)

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* Fixed-term  ** One staff member fixed-term

With its own basic budget, the MZES can finance 24 full-time positions. Most of these positions are used to sustain an excellent infrastructure for research by (1) providing efficient administrative and secretarial services, and (2) by providing high-standard computing, data, library, and documentation resources (more on the infrastructure see pp. 13 ff and chapter 4). In addition, the MZES staff budget also allows the Centre to employ 10 (full-time) scientists working on projects of the two Research Departments. These positions are not filled permanently. Rather, the MZES fills these positions with researchers under fixed-term contract who work in the Research Programme’s core projects, mainly for preparing grant applications. These positions constitute less than one-fourth of all the scientists in the Research Departments. The bulk of the MZES’ personnel capacity comes from two sources: from research grants and from the professors and other scientists of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Mannheim. The competence of the Faculty professors is a particularly valuable asset as they provide leadership at the Centre and assume the responsibility of initiating and directing most of the research projects at the MZES. Fortunately the good infrastructure and personnel support of the Centre attract almost all professors of political science and sociology to direct their research priorities towards the main research aims of the MZES and to carry out their research at the Centre.

As the MZES heavily depends on the inputs from the Social Science Faculty professors, it is strongly affected by the current generational transition taking place among the professors holding the political science and sociology chairs at the Faculty. Within a few years almost all professors who founded and built up the MZES will have been replaced. This process began in the autumn of 2003 with the appointment of Wolfgang C. Müller (succeeding Peter Graf Kielmansegg in the Comparative Government and Political Theory chair) and was continued with the appointment of Bernhard Ebbinghaus (following Johannes Berger in the Macrosoci-
Personnel development

ology chair) and Markus Gangl (succeeding Walter Müller in the Social Research and Applied Sociology chair) in 2004. In the last-mentioned case, the MZES and the Social Science Faculty benefit from a programme of double professorial appointments that was designed, with the support of the University of Mannheim, to smooth the generational gap. Accordingly, Walter Müller and his successor Markus Gangl overlap in the professorship. The second chair chosen for transitional double appointment is the political science chair of International Relations, presently held by Professor Beate Kohler-Koch. The recruitment procedure for this chair was started in December 2004 when the Baden-Württemberg Ministry for Science, Research and Art provided the resources for this project. Candidates were short-listed before the summer and currently negotiations with the first-ranked candidate are under way. The earliest appointment date hence is April 2006.

As already mentioned, the MZES relies heavily on the research capacity of the professors at the Faculty of Social Sciences. Its single most important problem has always been the scarcity of this resource, given the professors’ teaching obligations (which are excessive by international standards and indeed among the highest in Germany) and their many administrative duties (filling Faculty, University, and MZES positions). This situation has now been partially improved. In 2005, the Ministry of Science, Research, and Culture of the Land Baden-Württemberg has eventually responded to continued suggestions made by both the Scientific Advisory Board and the evaluation committee to reduce the teaching obligations for the MZES Executive Board members. From the summer term 2005 the heads of the departments A and B will be relieved of two hours teaching. However, this reduction in teaching load does not fully reach the modest suggestions made by the Scientific Advisory Board and it remains marginal by international standards. When the partial teaching reduction becomes effective the MZES director continues to teach five hours and the department heads seven hours per week (not including the supervision of M.A. and Ph.D. theses), what still constitutes a very heavy teaching load given their duties at the MZES.

At the same time, the Ministry has required that the reduction in the teaching load shall not affect the teaching programme of the faculty. Therefore, following a plan already worked out by the previous Executive Board, the MZES converted one of its research positions in a junior professorship. The appointments will be non-tenure track and made for six-year terms. Technically, the position remains at the MZES and can be converted back into a research position at each vacancy that will arise after six years or earlier. The appointee will have his office at the MZES and the Centre will provide the usual resources junior professors are entitled to receive at the University of Mannheim. Given that the political science group currently provides the Director and one additional member of the MZES Executive Board, the decision was made to appoint a junior professor in the field of Comparative Government. Junior professors are obliged to teach four hours in Baden-Württemberg (in their first four years). Thus this appointment will cover exactly the teaching load reduction of the MZES Director.
In addition, the Centre expects the junior professor to be research-active at the MZES and to further add to the Centre’s research profile and publication record.

According to the original plan a second junior professorship shall be established at the Faculty of Social Sciences for Sociology (in addition to the junior professorship now held by Marita Jacob). This part of the plan still needs to be implemented and shall be addressed in the “Competition of Concepts” call of the University as soon as possible. Once this second junior professorship is established, the junior professors will jointly cover eight hours of teaching what exactly equals the Executive Board members’ reduction in teaching load.

Notwithstanding the role of the MZES in establishing the junior professorship in Comparative Government, according to university law, the appointment of junior professors has to be made through the usual procedure, i.e. by the Faculty of Social Sciences and other university bodies. This procedure was carried out in the fall of 2005 and the Faculty of Social Sciences agreed a shortlist in December. It is to be expected that the appointment of the new junior professor will become effective in April 2006.

In 2005 two Fellowship positions became vacant. The positions were advertised nationally and internationally and the MZES received many applications. After a short-listing of promising candidates and their hearing at the MZES the Executive Board appointed two new Fellows. Both will be located in Department A. The new fellows are Dr. Claus Wendt (previously from the Collaborative Research Centre (DFG Sonderforschungsbereich) „Staatlichkeit im Wandel“ at the University of Bremen) and Dr. Irena Kogan (from the MZES). Claus Wendt is working in the field of comparative welfare state and health research and will strengthen Research Area A1. Irena Kogan specializes in the labour market integration of migrants and labour markets in Central and Eastern Europe and will therefore mainly contribute to Research Area A2. The appointment of Claus Wendt became effective in October 2005, the one of Irena Kogan will become effective in April 2006. The two Fellows will also contribute to the teaching at the Faculty of Social Sciences. They will, on average, cover two hours of teaching per semester and hence contribute a total of four hours of teaching.

In order to keep a high level of flexibility, the MZES strictly adheres to the principle of short-term contracts for researchers, except those mainly involved with providing infrastructure services. This leads to a high level of personnel turnover. In 2005, 19 researchers have left the institute; 14 researchers have been newly recruited. Consequently, the MZES researchers tend to be relatively young and mostly in an early career stage. This personnel policy often burdens project directors with the training of researchers who have little research experience beforehand. Yet, it enables project directors to recruit personnel specifically for individual research projects, what overall is considered an advantage. By introducing young scholars to the world of social science research, the MZES makes a significant contribution to the qualification of the next generation of researchers.
1.4 Other resources and project grants

In addition to the personnel resources provided as part of the state of Baden-Württemberg budget for the University of Mannheim, the MZES is granted office space and about 500,000 Euro per year for running the Centre (office supplies, computing, data, library, travel, etc.) and student assistance. Due to cuts in the budget provided to Mannheim University by the state of Baden-Württemberg, the MZES budget was cut by 60,000 Euro in 2005. Note that the cuts for MZES have been smaller than for other university units. Nevertheless this was a substantial cut that will significantly constrain the activities and future development of the MZES. In 2005 it was not felt so hard as this was a transition year in which the Fifth Research Programme was concluded and the Sixth Research Programme was worked out. Thus the emphasis was on conceptual work and project design that are not as costly as empirical work. Yet, immediately after its acceptance by the Supervisory Board in July the first projects of the Sixth Research Programme began. Work on the Sixth Research Programme will be in full steam in 2006. Fortunately, the University of Mannheim has allowed the MZES to transfer some of its financial resources that are earmarked for the payment of researchers from 2005 to 2006. This will help smoothing the effects of the financial cuts, but clearly that will be a one-off occasion. In the long run, the MZES will have fewer resources than in previous years and that clearly has the potential to affect the MZES’ capacity for research negatively. Although research at the MZES is mainly financed through research grants, the acquisition of these grants and the turning of research reports into first-rate publications critically depends on the availability of research money at the Centre, which had been cut in 2005.

Figure 3: Acquired new external funding 1993-2005 (rolling 3-year averages, millions of Euro)
In the past, the Mannheim Centre has been very successful in gaining external grants. For years, the MZES has been among the most successful grant-winning institutions of the University of Mannheim. The total external funding in the 1993-2005 period was 17.6 million Euros. That is an annual mean acquisition of 1.4 million Euros. The highest ever grant income was achieved in 2004 with 3.3 million Euros. This was due to two exceptionally large grants, one for the CONNEX Network of Excellence (directed by Beate Kohler-Koch) (1.1 million Euro) and one for the German part of the European Social Survey (directed by Jan van Deth) (0.7 million Euro). Generally, the winning of such major grants cannot be expected regularly. It was already anticipated in the Annual Report 2004, that it will not be feasible to repeat this year’s extraordinary success in bringing research money to the MZES in the next years as the capacity of the MZES senior researchers is widely absorbed by the commitments the Centre has made in 2004. Therefore it was an enormous success that in 2005 another 0.7 million Euros were granted for the European Social Survey and a long-term commitment was made by the German Research Foundation to continue supporting this major enterprise. In addition to this big grant, both Departments of the Centre have been successful in acquiring grants for a number of new research projects. The new research grants acquired in 2005 amount to 1.3 million Euros and match the long-term average.

Notwithstanding the successes of winning big grants, the MZES would not have the capacity in terms of senior research personnel to handle too many mega projects that typically involve an enormous amount of international coordination and administration simultaneously. Simply, the Faculty of Social Sciences that provides the senior researchers is too small and indeed tiny in comparison with institutions that have a similar visibility in terms of research.

More generally, working with research grants has a cyclical nature: Raising grants is followed by their spending on research and these activities are often clustered, not least because of the structuring effect of Research Programmes. Hence, the yearly acquisition of grants is uneven. Figure 3 therefore provides rolling averages of three-year periods, as the Research Programmes are organized in three-year periods.

Most of the grants are provided by German sources that finance basic research, notably the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and several other foundations (in particular the Volkswagen and Thyssen foundations). The proportion of European Funds, however, is rising. While this proportion has been about 8% in the period 2000-2002 it is 22% for the period thereafter (see Table 2).

The MZES is strongly committed to funding its research projects by external grants not just for the reason of increasing its budget. Rather the MZES values the external evaluation that projects receive at funding foundations. All projects that do not receive research grants after an initial preparation stage are discontinued. By subscribing to the principle that all research at the MZES is based on (peer-evaluated) outside research grants we routinely secure another round of quality control of
the research at the Centre (after initial review of the individual projects by the Scientific Advisory Board). At the same time, the infrastructure at the MZES and the support the MZES provides during the initial stage of a project (in particular for preparing grant proposals) are important incentives for scholars at the Faculty to pursue their research via the MZES.

Table 2: Acquired new external funding 2000-2005 by grant provider

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1.5 The MZES infrastructure

The MZES infrastructure (comprising the library, the research archive and the computing services) is a crucial resource for efficient work at the Centre. For 2005 the following activities deserve special mentioning (see also chapter 4):

- In June 2005 the library (assisted by an additional librarian) concluded the cataloguing of the statistical publications held by the Research Archive Eurodata for the Union Catalogue of Serials (Zeitschriftendatenbank ZDB) and the Union Catalogue of the South West German Library Consortium (SWB). This was a major enterprise that took almost three years to complete as the collection contains publications on 57 countries or international organizations. Altogether about 9,800 catalogue entries were produced.

- The Research Archive Eurodata extended its acquisition profile to cover the new accession countries of the EU. As statistical publications are made available on the Internet in a rapidly growing number of countries, printed publications are no longer acquired whenever free online versions become available. Downloaded publications are available to internal users at the MZES via desktop access. For legal reasons this does not apply to external users. However, external users can still benefit from the MZES efforts as they can search the MZES library OPAC catalogue. The bibliographic information found there can be
directly inserted in a browser to locate the relevant publication on the homepage of the producer of the respective statistics.

- Moreover, Eurodata increasingly devotes resources to the acquisition of official micro-data and extends the respective services for users. The main acquisition in 2005 was the cumulative European Labour Force Survey. Eurodata acts as central administrator vis-à-vis the European Union for the University of Mannheim and assumed responsibility for the construction of a database and proper documentation.

- The Computer Department submitted an application according to the HBFG Instruction (German law governing the funding of university equipment) in April. It was granted by the government of Baden-Württemberg in October. As a result the MZES is now endowed with the necessary financial fundament to renew its IT equipment in the coming year.

1.6 Cooperation and exchange

Research of the scope and content carried out at the MZES necessitates intensive cooperation. The MZES continues to actively nurture such cooperation and exchange in many different ways: within the Centre and with research groups and colleagues outside the MZES, both nationally and internationally. The most outstanding development in this respect was the start of the CONNEX Network of Excellence in 2004. This Network will be active until 2008. While the MZES is the lead institution in the CONNEX Network of Excellence, the Centre has played an active part in other important networks before and continues to do so. Thus, in 2005 the EQUALSOC Network of Excellence, with strong MZES-participation, began operating. Both networks, CONNEX and EQUALSOC, comprise researchers from both MZES Departments.

Within the Centre, the regular seminars of each of the Departments provided ample opportunity to discuss ongoing project work and to exchange ideas with colleagues invited from outside the Centre (see 5.6 appendix, list of lectures). Also, the joint lecture plus discussion series of the MZES and the Faculty of Social Sciences, bringing distinguished speakers to Mannheim, contributes to making the MZES a place of lively exchange and intellectual discussion. Several ad hoc working groups with members from various parts of the Centre have been active throughout 2005. There are, for instance, working groups on methods that are organised in a bottom-up process. The number of projects in which researchers from different Research Areas work together is considerable.

The MZES greatly profits from Mannheim being a centre of the social sciences in the broader meaning of this term. Cooperation with colleagues from other faculties of the University and other Mannheim based institutions has remained important. The MZES hosted the German Research Foundation-financed interdisciplinary research group "Institutionalization of International Negotiation Systems", in which
MZES researchers cooperated with researchers from the Economics and Law Faculties and the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim. While this programme, according to schedule, came to an end in 2005, MZES researchers are still engaged in projects in the German Research Foundation Collaborative Research Centre (SFB 504) “Rationalitätskriterien, Entscheidungsverhalten und ökonomische Modellierung”, based at Mannheim University. The MZES cooperates with ZUMA, Mannheim inter alia in the context of the EQUALSOC network (see below).

MZES researchers have participated in numerous national and international conferences. They have presented papers, convened workshops and organised conferences at the MZES and abroad. The MZES organized 11 academic conferences and workshops, including two big CONNEX conferences and two major conferences on relations within families and other intimate partnerships.

Many MZES projects are being carried out with partners in other countries. Several MZES colleagues have leading functions or cooperate in several national or international cooperation networks. Table 3 shows that the MZES has many such commitments, covering most of the fields in which it is active.

“Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance”, a EU-financed Research and Training Network, and the German Research Foundation-funded “Governance in the European Union” network, both coordinated by Beate Kohler-Koch, came to their planned end in 2005. The MZES will compete for specific grants that will allow continuing this tradition.
Table 3: Overview of MZES national and international networks

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<td>2000-2007</td>
<td>Cooperation with the Institute for European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Coordination (Kohler-Koch)</td>
<td>Improving EU Studies in China</td>
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<td>2002-2006</td>
<td>International Network on Divorce Studies Membership (Brüderl, Esser) and Coordination (Esser, partly)</td>
<td>Cooperation and discussion on problems and results of European research on divorce (conditions, consequences, developments)</td>
<td>Network of approx. 12 other research institutes and universities</td>
<td>Local institutes of the network members</td>
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<td>2002-2008</td>
<td>European Social Survey Chair of German national team and module development (van Deth)</td>
<td>Comparative and longitudinal research on social, political, and economic attitudes among European citizens</td>
<td>Cooperation of researchers from 23 countries</td>
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<td>2004-2008</td>
<td>Efficient and Democratic Governance in a Multilevel Europe. CONNEX (Connecting Excellence on European Governance) Network Coordination (Kohler-Koch)</td>
<td>Mobilising and connecting of outstanding scholars to deepen knowledge of the present state and likely future development of European multilevel governance, its assets and deficiencies in terms of problem-solving capacity and democratic legitimacy</td>
<td>Research groups from 43 Research Institutes and University Departments in 23 European countries</td>
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<td>2004-2008</td>
<td>Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family (PAIRFAM) Coordination (Esser with Huinink, Bremen)</td>
<td>Special Research Area Programme creating a long-term panel database to study the change and formation of (new) patterns of intimate relations and of family and kinship structures</td>
<td>Several German and international partners</td>
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<td>2005-2008</td>
<td>Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe (IntUne)</td>
<td>Studies the changes in the scope, nature and characteristics of citizenship in the process of deepening and enlargement of the European Union</td>
<td>Some 32 universities and more than 100 individual researchers</td>
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<td>2005-2009</td>
<td>Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion (EQUALSOC) Network of Excellence</td>
<td>Mobilises and develops research expertise across Europe in economics, social policy, sociology and political science on the implications of economic change for social cohesion and the quality of life</td>
<td>13 research institutes and universities with some 270 researchers and graduate students participating</td>
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Among the various networks, in which the MZES is involved, the following merit to be briefly described:

- Jan van Deth directs the German national co-ordination team of the European Social Survey (ESS) which collects survey data in 23 European nations designed to chart and explain the interaction between Europe’s changing institutions and the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviour patterns of its diverse populations. With this involvement the MZES is participating in a leading role in one of the most important academic investments for comparative social research in Europe. As mentioned above, this survey project has been chosen – as the first social science project ever – for long-term support by the German Research Foundation in 2005. This means that the continuation of this most important enterprise is guaranteed for about the next decade.

- Josef Brüderl participates in the international group that designed the special module on “Family, Work and Well-Being” for the 2005 survey of the ESS. MZES researchers participate in various international groups to analyse the data.

- With leading participation of MZES researchers (Josef Brüderl, Hartmut Esser) a new German Research Foundation Special Research Area Programme conducts a large-scale and long-term panel study on the “Development of Relationships and Families”. Cooperation partners include the other German
research groups in this panel study and colleagues from the Netherlands Kin-
ship Panel Study (Dykstra, Kalmijn, Lieb, Mulder) and several colleagues
working in other countries on related issues (e.g. Amato from Penn State Uni-
versity; Billary from Bocconi University in Milano; Diekmann from the ETH,
Zürich; Hoem from the MPI für demographische Forschung in Rostock, and
Kohler from the University of Pennsylvania).

- The Network of Excellence “Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohe-
sion” (EQUALSOC): This network was set up with very active participation of
the MZES. It is coordinated by Robert Erikson, Swedish Institute for Social Re-
search (SOFI), Stockholm. Walter Müller (MZES) leads the international re-
search team on “Education, Social Mobility and Social Cohesion” and serves as
local coordinator at the MZES (almost 30 people from Mannheim participate).
The central theoretical focus of EQUALSOC is on how economic change affects
social cohesion through its implications for the differences between individuals
and groups in the quality of life. In the network, the MZES researchers will be
concerned with developments in (1) employment and the labour market; (2)
income distribution, consumption and income mobility; (3) education and so-
cial mobility; (4) family and social networks; (5) cultural and social
differentiation; (6) trust, associability and legitimacy.

- The Integrated EU Project “Integrated and United? A Quest for Citizenship in
an ‘Ever Closer Europe’” (IntUne), studies the changes in the scope, nature and
characteristics of citizenship in the process of deepening and enlargement of
the European Union. It focuses on how integration and decentralization proc-
esses, at both the national and European level, are affecting three major
dimensions of citizenship: identity, representation, and practice of good gov-
ernance. The project includes Wolfgang C. Müller, who had been elected to its
leadership body, and Hermann Schmitt.

- The most exceptional and demanding contribution of the MZES to interna-
tional research cooperation and exchange is certainly the MZES’ lead role in
organizing and coordinating the EU-financed Network of Excellence “Efficient
and Democratic Governance in a Multilevel Europe” CONNEX (Connecting Ex-
cellence on European Governance). Under the leadership of Beate Kohler-Koch
and the management support of Fabrice Larat, the MZES cooperates with 43
research centres and 170 distinguished academics throughout Europe.
1.7 The MZES – a place for young scholars

The Mannheim Faculty of Social Sciences, in close cooperation with the MZES, is currently engaged in the planning of a Graduate School. In many ways the MZES has paved the way for such a breakthrough in graduate training.

- Perhaps the most important measure for the promotion of young scientists and the professional development of the MZES personnel is to provide a stimulating and internationally oriented context for young researchers. First, the MZES is just big enough to have the critical mass of people with specific qualifications who are working on related subjects to make a big difference for their work, as they can exchange their ideas, get feedback and can draw on a broad range of knowledge. Second, many outstanding scholars visit the Centre and provide impulses for the research of the young scholars.

- On a more formal basis, the MZES has its own research seminars and lecture programmes that are well-suited for graduate students and young researchers. They can also and do participate in various advanced courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Social Sciences, at other university faculties, at the ZUMA and also at the MZES, where from time to time we have training workshops or working groups (organised by the staff) on advanced quantitative or qualitative methods.

- The international networks in which the MZES participates provide ample opportunities for such exchange and also for explicit international graduate training.

- Since 2001, the MZES runs its own Young Scholars Programme in which the MZES supports graduate students who work on dissertation topics integrated into one of the MZES Research Areas. In 2004 the first dissertation from MZES-supported young scholars was completed. Two other dissertations were completed in 2005. In 2004, three new students were admitted to the programme. Unfortunately, budgetary constraints do not allow continuing this programme with MZES resources.

- The MZES makes good use of the two Networks of Excellence, CONNEX and EQUALSOC, to enhance its Ph.D. training. Students working on issues of European governance can benefit from several international Ph.D. networks that were established within CONNEX. These students will come together regularly over the next two or three years at various European universities for the purpose of methods training and in order to meet international experts on their dissertation subject. In 2005 first workshops were organised at Mannheim, Oslo, Paris, Twente, Vienna, and Warsaw. The Mannheim/MZES node takes charge of "Civil Society Involvement in European Governance". CONNEX, in cooperation with NewGov, also offers a summer school; the first will be held at the EUI in Florence in 2006. Students working on topics that relate to the themes covered by the Network of Excellence "Economic Change, Quality of Life & Social Cohesion (EQUALSOC)", 15 of which come from Mannheim, have
access to an annual summer school. The first summer school will be held in 2006 in Trento.

- The MZES hosted the first International Summer Academy on Political Consulting and Strategic Campaign Communication, organized by Andrea Römmele and sponsored by the Volkswagen Foundation.

- The MZES also involves the rising generation of scientists in teaching tasks. Some researchers teach while they have a MZES contract, but there is also substantial mobility between faculty teaching jobs and jobs at the MZES, that – in combination – allows them to obtain extended teaching experience and prepare for academic careers.

- In 2005, seven (former or current) MZES researchers concluded their dissertations (Jens Ballendowitsch, Dirk Leuffen, Rolf Peter, Julia Schäfer, Angelika Scheuer, Stefan Seidendorf and Volker Weichsel), and two MZES researchers concluded their habilitation theses (Thomas Bahle and Franz Rothenbacher). Four MZES researchers, two current and two former, were offered and accepted professorships. Frank Schimmelfennig left the MZES to take a chair at the ETH Zurich, and Daniel Caramani, who had been at the MZES until 2004, was offered and accepted a chair at the University of St. Gallen. Michèle Knodt was appointed professor at the Technical University of Darmstadt and Berthold Rittberger junior professor at the University of Kaiserslautern. Dirk Leuffen and Guido Schwellnus left for the ETH Zurich, Andreas Dür for the University College Dublin, Christoph Humrich moved to the Institut für Interkulturelle und Internationale Studien at the University of Bremen and Ulrike Stoll to the Forschungsinstitut für öffentliche Verwaltung in Speyer. Other young MZES scholars accepted job offers from institutions that will allow them to combine their theoretical interests with more applied work. Thus Jens Ballendowitsch moved to a private enterprise in Kuala Lumpur, Hannah Alter left for the Statistisches Bundesamt in Wiesbaden, Nadia Granato for the Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung. Young scholars at the MZES have thus been highly productive and successful in the national and international competition for high-level positions in the scientific community.

1.8 Publications and rewards

The most visible and perhaps lasting products of a research institute are its publications. The appendix shows that the publication record remained high in 2005. As in previous years, several of its publications appeared in first-rate international journals, including, for instance, the American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of European Public Policy, Work and Occupations, West European Politics and International Sociology and the leading German journals Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie, Politische Vierteljahresschrift and Zeitschrift für Soziologie. The monographs and edited volumes typically appeared from high-quality
Publications and rewards

publishing houses, including, for instance, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, and Routledge internationally and Campus, Mohr Siebeck, Nomos, and Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften domestically. Table 4 provides a summary, classifying the publications in several categories. With regard to journal articles it distinguishes between those that appeared in journals included in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI), articles in other academic journals, and articles in non-academic journals that mainly aim at reaching the general public. With regard to book chapters Table 4 distinguishes between those published in English language and those in other languages (mostly German). The table reports on the last four years, which were the most productive in the history of the MZES. The quantitative output in terms of printed publications, the figures in the four years are rather close to each other.

Table 4: Publications 2002–2005

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The quality of research at the Centre is also evidenced by a number of professional awards and acknowledgments MZES researchers received in 2005:

- Jan van Deth, as a member of the European Social Survey (ESS) leadership team, was a co-winner of the René Descartes Prize. This prize honours re-

1 Note that figures for specific categories can slightly change from one report to the next. They may increase if publications originally omitted were added to our database later. Conversely, figures for a specific year may slightly decrease if publications originally reported as forthcoming in the year of reporting were delayed eventually.
searchers for great achievement in research that is done in European cooperation.

- Earlier in the year Jan van Deth had already been honoured by being appointed as a honorary professor at the University of Aberdeen.

- Berthold Rittberger was elected as a member of the Junior Academy (Junge Akademie) of the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (2005-2010).

- Berthold Rittberger also won the prize for best dissertation on the EU 2002-2004 awarded by the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) in Austin, TX (2005).

- Finally, he won the prize for best paper published in 2003 in the *Journal of Common Market Studies* (the prize was awarded in 2005).

- Frank Schimmelfennig was awarded the prize for best book on the EU in 2003 and 2004 by the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) in Austin, TX (2005).

- Andreas Dür won the prize for the best dissertation at the European University Institute (Florence) within a period of three years.

- Wolfgang C. Müller and his research team won the Academic Prize of the Margaretha Lupac Foundation – Stiftung für Parlamentarismus und Demokratie (Vienna) for the book *Die österreichischen Abgeordneten. Individuelle Präferenzen und politisches Handeln*.

1.9 Other Professional Activities

Besides research and teaching members of the MZES have also continued to be involved in various professional services in the national and international research community, among others

- as referees for the German Research Foundation (DFG), the EU and various national and international foundations and reviewers for many peer-reviewed journals and major publishing houses;

- as editors or advisory board members of national and international academic journals and book series;

- as evaluators of research institutions and university departments;

- as the chairman of the Centre for Surveys, Methods and Analysis' board (ZUMA, Mannheim), and as members in the council (Kuratorium) of GESIS, in the governing boards and scientific committees of other national and international research institutions;

- as members in the in the German-Russian Historian's Commission and in the council of foundations to investigate the history of the German Democratic Republic;
- as member in the Founding Committee for the Council for Social and Economic Data, established by the German Federal Minister for Science and Research; in the Advisory Board of the German Statistical Office;
- as general secretary of the Research Committee on Political Sociology of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) and of the International Sociological Association (ISA).

Finally MZES researchers are members of various national and international Academies, in particular of
- Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (Beate Kohler-Koch, Berthold Rittberger [in the Junior Academy])
- Deutsche Akademie der Naturforscher Leopoldina (Hartmut Esser, Walter Müller, Franz Urban Pappi)
- European Academy of Sociology (Hartmut Esser)
- Heidelberger Akademie der Wissenschaften (Hartmut Esser)
- Royal Dutch Academy of Arts and Sciences (Jan van Deth)

1.10 Changing Places

The MZES is currently engaged in preparing its move to the faculty building in A5 that is planned to take place in late 2006. Moving the MZES closer to the Faculty of Social Sciences is a long-term plan that was agreed long before the current Executive Board assumed office. Locating the MZES in a university-owned building will allow the University considerable cost reductions. For the MZES the move to A5 will bring advantages as well as disadvantages. On the one hand, the A5 building is less attractive and distinguishable as a research centre. While the present building is almost ideal for the needs of the MZES, as it was built for that purpose, this is less the case for A5. Although the building will be completely renovated, the existing construction can be adapted only to a limited extent to the needs of the MZES. The move also involves a great amount of transaction costs and has required a heavy investment of time and energy of the MZES director, the managing director, and the staff since the first moment after assuming office by the new Executive Board. As the move to A5 will have considerable long-term effects on the MZES this is considered an important investment and worth making. On the other hand, the move to A5 will reduce transaction costs in the daily running of projects and the management of the MZES to the extent that it involves the professors and other staff of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Bringing two resourceful libraries, the MZES' and the Faculty's holdings, under one roof and enhancing even more the co-ordination of their acquisition policies, will allow for greater economy. Given the ever-increasing prices for books and journals, the greater number of countries to be covered by the MZES library and the general resource constraints, these synergies will hopefully allow maintaining the present high quality level of library services for the MZES researchers. The MZES library will
also cooperate with the Faculty library in having a joint system of displaying journals and running the reading room operations. Yet, the MZES will not allow the economies of scale to undermine its function as a research library specifically designed to serve the mission of the MZES. Finally, the move to A5 will make it easier to engage in new projects that require a great amount of institutional cooperation and interpersonal communication between the Faculty of Social Sciences and the MZES such as a Ph.D. programme.

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All in all, the MZES has again experienced a good and productive year. The Fifth Research Programme was successfully concluded. The Sixth Research Programme was worked out and its first projects have already started. The MZES has great plans for the new three-year period. If it maintains the support of the Land Baden-Württemberg, the University of Mannheim, and the other institutions and individuals who have helped to make the MZES what it is now, we are confident to reach these goals.

This Annual Report shall not be concluded without a word of thanks. The Executive Board wishes to thank the many institutions and persons who have contributed greatly to the achievements of the MZES: the University of Mannheim and the Land Baden-Württemberg for the continued and generous support; the research funding agencies for their grants and their trust in our capacity to push forward the frontiers of research; the members of the Scientific Advisory Board for their critical feedback and helpful advice; our many colleagues from other institutions for their stimulating and rewarding cooperation; and especially to the staff and the researchers at the MZES for their enthusiasm and all the efforts, often way beyond duty, they devote to the common enterprise.
2 Department A: European Societies and their Integration

Coordinator: Bernhard Ebbinghaus

The comparative analysis of European societies and their integration has been the common research endeavour in Department A under the previous and current research programmes. With the transition to the Sixth Research Programme during 2005, the former five research clusters were reorganized into three research areas that combine longstanding analytical interests and newly developed research topics. One newly devised Research Area A1 “Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States” builds upon previous research at the MZES on welfare states and its cultural foundations, extending the comparative analysis to include the role of social interest groups in current reform processes and public support of European welfare states. Research Area A2 “Education, Labour Markets and Social Stratification” carries on research on comparative social structural analysis, in particular the impact of education on social mobility, while also strengthening the comparative analysis of labour markets. Finally, Research Area A3 “Family, Education, and Ethnicity” continues and expands research on family and partnership relations from the Fifth Research Programme, and it complements it with research projects on particular ethnic groups and European demographic development.

The Sixth Research Programme (2005–2008) of department A comprises three Research Areas (coordinator in brackets):

- A1 Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States in Europe
  (Bernhard Ebbinghaus)
- A2 Education, Labour Markets and Social Stratification in Europe
  (Markus Gangl)
- A3 Family, Education, and Ethnicity in Europe (Josef Brüderl)

A major part of the restructuring process was the creation of the new Research Area A1. Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States in Europe recombines the research interests from two clusters in the Fifth Research Programme (“Cultural Foundations of the Market Economy and the Welfare State” and „Social Services and Social Security”), while extending the scope of analysis to include labour relations and other societal interests groups affected by and shaping welfare state reforms. As Johannes Berger retired, Bernhard Ebbinghaus assumed the chair in macrosociology in 2004/05 and, since February 2005, has been head of the Department A and coordinator of Research Area A1. A project with external funding by Birgit Fix was cancelled due to her departure to Caritas. Based on a completed MZES project, her book produced in collaboration with Elisabeth Fix on the church and welfare state was published in 2005. One project on the public sector by Franz Rothenbacher ended with the completion of his habilitation thesis and one dissertation at the end of the Fifth Research
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Programme. While the research project on “Acceptance of Welfare States”, directed by Johannes Berger and Carsten G. Ullrich, continued throughout 2005, the other remaining A1 research projects are all newly conceived and were in a planning or preparation stage during the year. In October 2005, Claus Wendt started as a new MZES Fellow in department A and submitted a project application on “Attitudes towards Welfare State Institutions” to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) at the end of 2005. Two other projects, coordinated by Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Franz Rothenbacher respectively, are in a preparation stage and applications for external funding will be submitted during 2006. Two more projects are planned to start being prepared in 2006. Given its recent reorganization, this new Research Area A1 will hopefully host five to six ongoing research projects in the coming years, thereby restrengthening the MZES’ comparative research focus on European welfare state development.

Research Area A2 Education, Labour Markets and Social Stratification in Europe is coordinated by Markus Gangl who succeeded Walter Müller on the chair in methods in October 2004. The research agenda builds upon the comparative research agenda on social structures, particularly the impact of education on social mobility, which was directed by Walter Müller, who is now coordinating the Mannheim activities of the EU network of excellence EQUALSOC. In October 2005, Marita Jacob started as a Junior Professor at the faculty, further strengthening with Markus Gangl, A2’s research on empirical analysis of labour markets. Four projects continue from the Fifth Research Programme. Among these continued projects, the German project on Human Capital Effects, part of a European coordinated project, successfully applied in 2005 for a second term till 2007. In addition, a project on European Labour Force conducted by Franz Kraus at the Eurodata Archive is now integrated in Research Area A2. A new research project proposal that extended research on the impact of tertiary education on employment chances to include Central and Eastern Europe was submitted by Irena Kogan and Walter Müller to the Volkswagen Foundation in autumn 2005. After the project preparation phase, Irena Kogan will assume a MZES Fellowship position in spring 2006, filling the gap in the Research Area A2 left by Daniele Carmani’s departure in 2004, when he assumed a Senior Readership in Britain.

Research area A3 Family, Education, and Ethnicity in Europe (coordinated by Josef Brüderl) combines two former research areas, previously coordinated by Hartmut Esser and Frank Kalter. Several research projects continue from the former research cluster “Family and Social Relations” and are part of and use panel data from the DFG-funded programme “Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics”. An application for the continuation of the panel pilot study was submitted to the DFG in 2005. A continued and a new project under Hartmut Esser’s direction focus on educational decisions among migrant families in comparison to German families. A collaborative research project analyzing the differential integration of Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union in Israel and Germany as well as of German “Aussiedler” continues a line of research from the former cluster
"Migration, Integration and Ethnic Conflicts" that ended after Frank Kalter assumed a professorship in Leipzig. Franz Rothenbacher currently prepares at Eurodata Archive a handbook on "East European populations" for the Society of Europe series.

In autumn 2005, the EU-financed Network of Excellence Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion (EQUALSOC) began its activities. It involves MZES senior researchers and doctoral students from Department A and Research Area B1. A first EQUALSOC workshop was organized by the EDUC group in Mannheim in December 2005, bringing together researchers working on education and social mobility issues across Europe. The EU network will enhance the already wide range of international collaboration in the field of sociological research at the MZES. Several research projects are international joint efforts, such as the HCE project, or rely on international collaboration, such as the Societies of Europe handbook series projects. Researchers from Department A have presented ongoing research at international conferences (such as ECSR and ISA conferences) and organized workshops at Mannheim with presentations by German and international colleagues (e.g. the International Conference on Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics in July 2005).

During 2005, the Department's colloquia series took place regularly every week during the winter and summer semesters. About half of the talks are given by guest speakers from German and European research institutes or universities, the other talks are presented by MZES researchers and deal with ongoing research projects and work in progress. While the topics cover all major research interests from the different research areas, the colloquia provide an opportunity to engage in broad discussions across sociological research specialization. For 2006, it is planned to add a second seminar series for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers in order to address their particular needs and provide a less formal forum for discussions of work in progress.

In terms of qualification theses, two habilitations were submitted by MZES researchers. Thomas Bahle's postdoc thesis on social services in England and Wales, France and Germany, based on the results of a former MZES research project, was accepted by the Faculty for Social Sciences in summer 2005. After two semesters of filling Flora's chair, Bahle started a guest fellowship position at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin in October 2005. Based on a completed MZES research project, a habilitation on the social situation of public employees in Germany, France and the Netherlands was submitted by Franz Rothenbacher; furthermore, a dissertation and a diploma thesis were completed in 2005. Research at department A led to a number of monographs and edited books, a dozen articles appeared in journals (such internationally recognized journals as Work and Occupations, European Societies, International Sociology, International Journal of Comparative Sociology), many contributions to edited volumes were submitted, and three MZES working papers. During 2005, the Department A has thus lived through major renewal and reorganization.
processes, streamlining the agenda along three main research areas and integrating several new researchers. Given the many projects currently in preparation or planned to begin in 2006, the department will certainly become a lively and productive research centre for sociological analysis of European societies in the following years.
Research Area A1: Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States in Europe

Coordinator: Bernhard Ebbinghaus

Core Projects

Franz Rothenbacher, Jens Ballendowitsch
Funding: Thyssen Stiftung
Project: V/A1.6; status: completed

Bernhard Ebbinghaus with Giuliano Bonoli (IDHEAP/Lausanne), Isabelle Schulze
Governance of Supplementary Pensions in Europe: The Varying Scope for Participatory and Social Rights (2005 - 2008)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/A1.2; status: in preparation

Johannes Berger, Carsten G. Ullrich, Bernhard Christoph
Funding: Fritz Thyssen-Stiftung / MZES
Project: VI/A1.4; status: ongoing

Franz Rothenbacher, Jean-Marie Jungblut, N.N.
Quality of Life of Public Servants in International Comparison (2005 - 2008)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/A1.6; status: in preparation

(1) Research questions and aims
This new Research Area Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States in Europe continues well established research interests at the MZES in the area of welfare state analysis, while expanding into new topics, in particular comparative labour relations. One cluster of research builds upon research under the Fifth Research Programme on the Cultural Foundations of the Market Economy and Welfare States, which was coordinated by Johannes Berger, who retired from his faculty position in fall 2004/05. Under the leadership of Johannes Berger and Carsten G. Ullrich, the project The Acceptance of the Welfare State continued the former research in 2005. A planned project was successfully awarded external funding by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, though it had to be cancelled due to the move of the project leader, Birgit Fix, to a full time position at Caritas, Freiburg. As Johannes Berger's successor
to the Chair of Macrosociology, Bernhard Ebbinghaus coordinates the new Research Area, supplementing the MZES research tradition in comparative social policy with the study of labour relations, in particular the changing role of social partnership in collective bargaining and social policy in Europe. In October 2005, Claus Wendt, formerly at the University of Bremen, started a five-year Postdoc Fellowship at the MZES. As an expert on comparative welfare state institutions he is strengthening the profile in this Research Area A1. Given its recent renewal, only the continued project can report intermediary findings, while most activities in Research Area A1 were conducted in order to prepare or at least plan several new research projects for the coming year.

Both social security systems and collective bargaining policies have come under major pressure through economic globalization, increased Europeanization, socio-demographic changes, changing labour markets and fiscal constraints. While research in economics and political science has concentrated on the need for sustainable welfare state policies and the political feasibility of reform processes respectively, the focus in this Research Area A1 will be on comparative macro-sociological analyses that contribute to a better understanding of the varying institutional configurations, collective interest intermediation and social bases that affect ongoing societal changes and reform efforts. A leading question is to what degree do institutions remain path dependent, or is path departure possible? Several projects will study important aspects of welfare state reforms, such as the changing mix between public and private pension provision, and the institutional differences in health systems, family policy, and social assistance. A second project cluster will be the study of the role of interest organizations, in particular the social partners in the governance of social policy making and implementation, as well as the changing organizational conditions for these collective membership organizations. A third focus in current and planned research is to study public support for the welfare state, its particular institutions and individual programmes. By using survey data, public support in the general public as well as among particular socio-economic groups of beneficiaries (or welfare clients) is investigated in order to show the continuing support or eroding legitimacy of welfare states under current pressure to reform. At the macro-institutional level, a second focus concentrates on the cross-national differences in welfare state institutions and the ongoing reform processes. By jointly studying the path dependent institutional variations and path departing reform efforts, the role of organized interests in labour relations and social governance, as well as the social bases and legitimacy of welfare states and particular programmes, Research Area A1 seeks to contribute not only to the sociologically informed cross-national analysis of European societies, it also aims at exploring the varying institutional, organizational and social contexts for social and economic reforms across Europe and within the European Union.
(2) Activities and results

The completed project *Social Structure, Social Security, and the Social Position of the Public Service Sector* (V/A1.6), which was concluded in 2005, studied the historical evolution in the institutional arrangement and establishment of the civil service and its particular social position and social security in different European countries. A central question was how different states – with different welfare institutions, civil service employment traditions and interest organisations – react as employers under the recent fiscal crises and pressures on the welfare budgets, and how this affects the social status and income security of the civil service and particular groups within it. A number of publications resulted from the project, among them a dissertation by Jens Ballendowitsch, successfully defended in 2005, and a habilitation thesis by Franz Rothenbacher, submitted in 2005. The strong growth of public employment until the 1970s not only implies that there is a great burden on the state budget today, but this will continue in the future due to the high costs for the state to finance old age pensions for public employees (especially for civil servants). The fiscal effects of the expansion of public employment are aggravated by the demographic ageing of the population. As a consequence, public employment is reduced slowly and constantly in absolute numbers and in relation to the total labour force. Strategies to compensate for this loss in „manpower“ are seen in higher efficiency and performance. The main strategy to cope with the problem to finance the pensions for civil servants is therefore *the shift from salaries to contributory pensions*. Mainly in France and Germany the systems of old age protection for public servants are changed „only“ incrementally, but no fundamental system change has occurred thus far. These incremental reforms are intended to increase the pensionable age, to reduce pension benefits, and to introduce employee contributions. Trends which accompany the decline of the public sector labour force are the „feminization“ of the public services and the continued increase in part-time work, mainly for women. In the Netherlands and in Switzerland (three-pillar-system of old age protection), the second pillar (occupational pension) consists of pension funds (capital accumulation). But these pension funds as well as the pay-as-you-go systems come under pressure through demographic ageing, the changing structure of contributors, and the changing capital rents on the capital markets. The life chances of public servants will deteriorate in the long run due to the decline of the pension level, mainly caused by the formal extension of the pensionable age, but also by the introduction of deductions for premature retirement. Other effects on the social position of public servants include changes in working conditions like the (re-) extension of the working time and the reduction of supplementary wage benefits.

The project *The Acceptance of the Welfare State* seeks to provide a better knowledge about the degree and the causes of the social acceptance of the welfare state. In order to achieve this goal, a representative survey on public support for the core institutions of the German welfare state was conducted in 2004. The survey comprises questions on general evaluations of statutory health insurance, unemployment
insurance, pension insurance, social assistance, and family benefits. In addition, there are questions on specific aspects of these programmes and on general attitudes towards solidarity or redistribution. While during the project's first phase work mainly concentrated on questionnaire development and survey management, substantial analyses of the survey's data will be the focus throughout the second, ongoing project phase. This research has up until now to a large extend focused on the acceptance of redistributive patterns and alternative options for future reforms in statutory health insurance. During the remaining project time (extended with MZES funding until August 2006), research will focus on preparing two monographs, one on unemployment insurance and social assistance (a dissertation by Bernhard Christoph) and one covering the acceptance of the welfare state in a more comprehensive manner (a habilitation thesis by Carsten Ullrich).

Since November 2005, with the assistance of Isabelle Schulze (formerly at the University of Konstanz), Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Guiliano Bonoli, a well-known expert on pension reforms at IDHEAP Lausanne, have been developing the project *Governance of Supplementary Pensions in Europe*. The project investigates the shift towards non-state supplementary pensions, the so-called second and third "pillars" in old age income security. While economists study mainly the financial aspects of private pension, this project will bring together sociologists and political scientists from several European countries (including the new EU member states) to study the impact of the social governance and regulation of supplementary pension systems. The project will study the degree to which coverage, benefit formula, the funding modes and other insurance features vary across supplementary pension systems as a result of different state or collective regulations. During its first months, the project is currently preparing a research application for a major international comparative study. A background paper for the project has been presented at international conferences, and a first survey of potential countries has been conducted. The project will involve national experts who will contribute country studies on the development of supplementary pensions and special studies on particular aspects, such as social inequality in coverage and benefits thus far and in the future, the impact of European Union and international level recommendations.

Since his arrival as a new MZES Fellow, Claus Wendt has developed a proposal for a research group on "Attitudes towards Welfare State Institutions", which was submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft in November 2005. The project focuses on public attitudes towards welfare state institutions across Europe, examining whether public support has decreased during the last decade. The project seeks to inform on the social acceptance of current reform processes as well as contribute to the advancement of institutional theory by studying how individuals orientate themselves at institutions and their social action hereby. It is planned to analyse public opinion data from The Eurobarometer Survey Series for the 15 "old" member states of the European Union and relate this to institutional differences across countries and across social policy programmes. Since institutions that integrate the total
population are perceived in a different way than those that are targeted at specific periods of the life course or at certain socioeconomic groups, the project focuses on different welfare state institutions: health care systems, family policies, and thirdly, social inclusion measures against poverty. Depending on external funding, the research group is planned to comprise the habilitation project of the project leader and dissertation projects of two researchers by the end of the three year funding period.

**(3) Outlook**

Besides the ongoing research project and the two project applications in preparation, first steps have been made to plan further research initiatives in this area on Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States in Europe. Bernhard Ebbinghaus plans an international comparative project with country experts on The Varieties of Social Governance in Europe, which will analyze the role of social partners in pension and labour market policies. It will investigate the opportunity structures and actual influence of the interests of employees and employers in policy consultation forums and tripartite social concertation efforts as well as in self-administrative bodies and self-regulatory social partner funds. The project idea was presented and first contacts with possible collaborators were made at international conferences. A second initiative is planned to involve a research group on the topic of Challenges to Membership Organizations which will bring together doctoral and postdoc researchers working on different comparisons of the membership development and processes in European trade unions, combining macro-institutional and meso-organizational analyses with micro-level survey data as well as comparing trade unions with other types of voluntary membership organizations. This project will also profit from the ongoing project on the European Labour Force at Eurodata Archive, directed by Bernhard Ebbinghaus and Franz Kraus, in the Societies of Europe handbook series.

A further project in preparation deals with the question of the Quality of Life of Public Servants in International Comparison by Franz Rothenbacher (Eurodata Archive) who plans to extend research on the completed project *Social Structure, Social Security, and the Social Position of the Public Service Sector*. The project will look at the objective living conditions and subjective perception of public employees, investigating in particular differences across Northern and Southern Europe, thereby extending the countries investigated by earlier projects. Two main activities were carried out during 2005. First, recruitment of possible research participants was successfully undertaken: in Greece, the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE, Athens) and in Italy, Censis and Eurispe were visited, while recruitment of researchers for the other six countries is on its way. The national correspondents will be responsible for the country study, following a standard model. The second main activity was the preparation of a research proposal and a country model study on Germany that will be submitted to a funding agency in early 2006.

Claus Wendt will continue editing together with Christof Wolf (ZUMA) a special issue of the *Kölner Zeitschrift für Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie* on the sociology of
health, to appear in 2006. Several researchers are involved in the EU Network of Excellence, exploring opportunities for international collaboration in the EQUALSOC group of Trust, Associations and Legitimacy (TRALEG). The newly reorganized Research Area A1 should also provide enhanced opportunities for exchange with the other Research Areas, in particular Education, Labour Markets and Social Stratification in Europe (A2) and Democracy and Citizenship (B1), both also involved in EQUALSOC.

Given its recent reorganization, the newly launched Research Area, Changing Labour Relations and Welfare States in Europe, has developed several project initiatives that will build upon the long Mannheim tradition in comparative welfare state analysis, while extending into additional research topics, in particular the public support of welfare state institutions and the changing role of social partners in renegotiating welfare states. In comparison to former projects, the research agenda focuses more on current developments from a comparative perspective, includes the combined empirical analysis of macro-institutional contexts and micro-level survey data, and informs on current policy debates by studying the social base and organizational conditions of reform processes. Over the coming years, the new Research Area A1 will certainly grow with respect to the number of projects and researchers, thereby expanding on the comparative analysis of current systems of social protection and collective bargaining.

Publications

Books

Articles in journals


Chapters in books


MZES working papers

Papers / Reports

Wendt, Claus, Heinz Rothgang and U Helmert (2005): The self-regulatory German health care system between growing competition and state hierarchy. TranState Working Papers; No. 32. Bremen. [SFB 597, Universität Bremen]

Conference participation


Research Area A2: Education, Labour Markets and Social Stratification in Europe

Coordinator: Markus Gangl

Core Projects

Walter Müller (local coordination), Birgit Becker, Nicole Biedinger, Josef Brüderl, Laura Castiglioni, Jörg Dollmann, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Hartmut Esser, Rebecca Frings, Markus Gangl, Johannes Giesecke, Marita Jacob, Jean-Marie Jungblut, Thorsten Kneip, Irena Kogan, Franz Kraus, Ulrich Krieger, Heinz-Herbert Noll (ZUMA Mannheim), Reinhard Pollak, David Reimer, Andrea Römmele, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Jette Schröder, Volker Stocké, Carsten Ullrich, Jan W. van Deth, Claus Wendt, Andrea Ziefle, Sonja Zmerli

Network of Excellence “Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion” (EQUALSOC) (2005 - 2009)
Funding: EU 6th Framework Programme
Project: VI/A2.1; status: ongoing

Walter Müller, David Reimer
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/A2.2; status: in preparation

Irena Kogan, Walter Müller, N.N.
Educational Systems and Labour Markets in Central and Eastern Europe (2005 - 2008)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/A2.3; status: in preparation

Markus Gangl, Andrea Ziefle (MZES); with Dr. Mattias Strandh (U Umeå), Dr. Mikael Nordenmark (U Umeå), Madeleine Nordlund (U Umeå), Brendan Halpin (U Limerick), John Hill (U Limerick), Dr. Richard Layte (ESRI), Dr. Helen Russell (ESRI)
Funding: DFG / ESF ECRP-Programm
Project: VI/A2.4; status: ongoing

Franz Kraus, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, external collaborators
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/A2.6; status: ongoing
Marita Jacob, N.N.

Social inequality in educational careers of young adults in Europe (2005 - 2008)
Funding: University of Mannheim
Project: VI/A2.10; status: planned

Supplementary Projects

Walter Müller, Cornelia Hausen, Reinhard Pollak, Jean Marie Jungblut, Heike Wirth (ZUMA, Mannheim)
The Development of a European Socio-economic Classification (ESeC) (2004 - 2007)
Funding: University of Mannheim / EU
Project: VI/A2.7; status: ongoing

Walter Müller, David Grusky (for international part), Reinhard Pollak, Janne Jonsson, Mary Brinton
Funding: University of Mannheim / US National Science Foundation
Project: VI/A2.8; status: ongoing

Walter Müller, Stephanie Steinmetz
Women’s Labour Market Participation and Sex-specific Occupational Segregation in Europe (2005 - 2008)
Funding: MZES (doctoral programme)
Project: VI/A2.9; status: ongoing

(1) Research questions and aims

Research area A2 studies the development of core institutions and processes which shape the life courses and life chances of individuals in modern societies: educational systems, labour markets, and welfare states. A particular focus is placed on the social inequalities in individual life conditions that are generated through the operation of these institutions. The main theoretical challenge for the research projects are to investigate how these institutions are interrelated, how they operate, and why variant institutional settings in different countries shape individual actions differently and, at the end, lead to varying life course patterns and social stratification outcomes. To this aim most projects decidedly pursue a comparative approach focusing on differences in institutional arrangements and their effects in different European countries.

On the one side, the Research Area A2 partly continues the work of the Fifth Research Programme focus on the "The Development of Social Structures in European Societies" (which was coordinated by Walter Müller), in particular on the role of
education in the stratification process. Marita Jacob, now Junior Professor at the Social Science Faculty, is strengthening this part with a new project on *Social Inequality in Educational Careers of Young Adults in Europe*. On the other side, Markus Gangl, now holding the Chair for Research Methods and Applied Sociology, has developed new projects that focus on the linkages between welfare states and labour markets, thus complementing the focus on Labour Relations and Welfare States in Research Area A1.

In 2005, several new research proposals were prepared and submitted to funding agencies, while two earlier projects were concluded. The latter include the project *Social Structure, Social Security, and the Social Position of the Public Service Sector* (see below) and the project by Daniele Caramani *Political Cultures and European Integration*. Daniele Caramani left the MZES for a senior readership at the University of Birmingham (and will assume a professorship in comparative politics and methods at the University of St. Gallen in April 2006), where he continues work in this field. Several journal articles and contributions in edited volumes from Caramani’s earlier work at MZES appeared in 2005, as well as an edited volume (together with Yves Mény) on *Challenges to Consensual Politics: Democracy, Identity, and Populist Protest in the Alpine Region*.

(2) Activities and results

(2.1) Patterns of educational participation in Europe and the role of education in labour market chances and the reproduction of social inequality

As in previous years, the special research focus on the role of education in the stratification process was maintained in 2005, both by studying social inequalities in educational attainment and the role of education in labour market outcomes.

The project *Social Selectivity in Tertiary Education and Labour Market Stratification Outcomes* focuses especially on the consequences of the recent massive expansion of tertiary education. How does the increased institutional differentiation in tertiary education (that was implemented in most countries to channel the expansion) affect the social selectivity of obtaining different kinds of tertiary education and how does it affect labour market prospects of higher education graduates? What are the impacts of different forms of higher education organisations in different countries and what are the potential consequences of the Bologna reforms of tertiary education in Europe? Particular attention is given to horizontal differentiation in fields of studies and – given the pronounced gender differences in the choice of fields of studies – the consequences of the latter for gender differences in labour market prospects. In 2005, an article for an internationally comparative book (Arum, Gamoran and Shavit, forthcoming) was finalised and a research proposal for a major comparative study of these issues was prepared and submitted to the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.
Related questions are pursued in the dissertation project of Stephanie Steinmetz on *Women's Labour Market Participation and Sex-specific Occupational Segregation in Europe*. The project examines the factors causing the different occupational distribution of women and men on the labour markets across European countries. While in 2005 work mainly concentrated on elaborating the theoretical basis of the study and on preparing the data base, one research paper, comparing Germany and Spain, explored the labour market consequences of gendered field of study choices in these two countries.

A new project on *Educational Systems and Labour Markets in Central and Eastern Europe* has been started to systematically expand research on the interlinkage between education and work that was conducted for Western Europe in an earlier project (CATEWE) to include Central and Eastern Europe. The project aims at describing and explaining individual as well as country differences in patterns and outcomes of young people's transition from education to the labour market in Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. In 2005, the project formed a research team with researchers from ten CEE countries, developed a detailed research plan in cooperation with the team, prepared a research proposal and submitted it to the Volkswagen Foundation.

Other activities of this project included work for a number of conference presentations, resulting in two potential publications. Irena Kogan and her Estonian colleague Marge Unt compared the entry into first stable employment in Estonia and Slovenia. They found that with the passing of time after the fall of socialism in Slovenia education-job linkages have become stronger among young school leavers. Those with vocational credentials and tertiary education have been able to secure their first stable employment quicker than graduates with other qualification. Ultimate losers of the transformation in Slovenia appear to be school leavers without any vocational training, whose first job entry chances have significantly deteriorated. In Estonia, on the other hand, school leavers, irrespective of their educational qualifications, hardly differ regarding the speed of entry into their first significant employment. The difference between Slovenia and Estonia is probably a result of the differences in the education and training systems in the two countries. A second paper in progress, co-authored by Ellu Saar, Marge Unt (both from Estonia) and Irena Kogan, analyzes more systematically the respective differences for the larger set of CEE countries. It aims at presenting an overview of labour market patterns and outcomes characterising the labour market entry in new European Union member states in comparison to the "old" EU countries. A first attempt is made to classify labour market entry patterns in the new member states by using typologies developed for the "old" EU. Preliminary results of the cluster analyses showed the existence of a distinct Central and Eastern European school-to-work transition cluster, albeit not for all CEE countries. Education-job linkages in Poland appeared to be more similar to those in the Southern European countries, while Slovenia was clustered with the bulk of western European countries.
In preparation of the new project on *Social Inequality in Educational Careers of Young Adults in Europe*, Marita Jacob took two main steps during 2005. First, the results of a European workshop on the transition from school to work (organised by Marita Jacob in collaboration with the Friedrich–Ebert-Stiftung, Bonn, in April 2005) were collected and reviewed under the current research question. Second, in an exploratory manner some longitudinal analyses of educational careers in Germany were undertaken. This helped, in particular, to gain profound conceptual insights into how to define the development of educational inequality and the problems that arise in the comparative study of educational careers. The empirical analyses of educational careers in Germany point to two different aspects to be examined further. On the one hand, there is substantial variation in pathways within the German educational system. In the German context we observe declining inequality within the institutionalised sequence of transitions between the different kinds and levels of educational courses provided in the educational institutions. However, on the other hand, there is wide age variation in the timing of one single transition. With regard to the age-gradient, the pattern is less clear, showing some fluctuations in the impact of social origin. The project will pay greater attention to these different dimensions of educational careers and how they interact with the country-specific settings.

(2.2) Human capital effects of the welfare state: institutional resources, work histories and social inequality (HCE)

The HCE project aims at identifying the impact of critical labour market events on workers’ subsequent labour market prospects, focusing especially on the impact of job loss on the one hand, and child birth on the other. Using longitudinal microdata for a number of European countries and the United States, this internationally collaborative project involving researchers from the University of Umeå, the Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin, the University of Limerick, and the MZES seeks to provide reliable estimates of the causal impact of these events as well as their cross-national variation under widely varying institutional settings and welfare regimes.

In 2005, project activities were intensely focused on data analysis in either part of the project. With respect to women's economic cost of child birth, Andrea Ziefle conducted a detailed comparative study of mothers’ careers in Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States. She found significant wage losses for mothers in all countries, yet U.S. women turned out to face markedly higher wage penalties for motherhood than women in either Britain or Germany. Interestingly, the analyses point to two strikingly different mechanisms behind these more positive results for women in Europe, namely the important role of family policy in Germany on the one hand, and women sharply curbing career aspirations even before giving birth on the other. Within the larger project, Andrea Ziefle is also involved in producing a col-
laborative paper that seeks to extend these first findings by looking at women’s post-birth employment behaviour as well as post-birth occupational mobility.

These activities are complemented by parallel research on the impact of job loss on workers’ subsequent labour market careers conducted by Markus Gangl. As in the case of wage penalties for motherhood, his papers, using national as well as ECHP data, show significant cross-national differences in workers’ post-unemployment job histories. Again, and despite important heterogeneity in the effects of job loss at the worker level, the observed cross-national differences are best explained by the interplay of institutional and market forces. Institutionally, we find the Scandinavian welfare regime of strong unemployment insurance and flexible labour markets that, ceteris paribus, seems to offer the comparatively most advantageous labour market prospects to unemployed workers, whereas workers incur more considerable setbacks in flexible liberal Anglo-Saxon regimes like Britain as well as in the more rigid labour market regimes of conservative Continental European countries like Germany. As in the case of mothers’ careers, further analyses of microdata are underway to more clearly determine the actual labour market mechanisms underlying these results. Also, the above mentioned research results were presented at various academic conferences in 2005, and individual papers were submitted for publication in academic journals or are in the process of being prepared for submission in the near future. Finally, the project submitted a successful proposal for continued funding through the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft in 2005 and will hence be able to continue its research until at least December 2007.

(2.3) European labour force

Attached to this Research Area A2 is also the project *The European Labour Force*, which provides a further addition to the historical data handbooks in the “Societies of Europe” series. Its major objective is to establish a detailed cross-national database of the labour force in European countries since the late 19th century. Data collection and analyses focus on three core aspects: labour market participation, sectoral restructuring and changes in employment status. The MZES Eurodata Archive prepares and harmonizes the data sources (mainly population census publications and labour force microdata). Based on this data, country studies and comparative analyses will be carried out by MZES researchers and several external experts. In 2005, work mainly focussed on data preparation for Switzerland, Belgium and Austria. The project also developed a pilot chapter on Switzerland in order to provide a frame of reference for the external collaborators. On the one hand, the project’s findings support the well-established hypotheses with respect to overall phasing and sequences of sectoral restructuring and labour force participation. Patterns turned out, however, to be quite different for males and females. On the other hand, employment patterns and participation rates also show characteristics that can directly
be related to social and economic particularities of the Swiss society – most notably, 
the comparatively late development of the welfare state.

(2.4) EU-related projects

Most projects in this Research Area A2 address issues that require international 
comparisons to answer the research questions. Therefore international cooperation 
and exchange plays an eminent role in carrying out the projects. In 2005, major steps 
to facilitate such cooperation and to improve knowledge in several crucial areas of 
social developments in Europe were taken. The most important step is the start of the 
new EU financed Network of Excellence Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social 
Cohesion (EQUALSOC).

EQUALSOC is an interdisciplinary network of scholars from 12 outstanding re-
search institutes from all parts of Europe in order to mobilise and develop expertise 
across Europe in sociology, social policy, political science and economics on the 
implications of economic change for social cohesion and the quality of life. The net-
work pursues these aims both through research cooperation and through providing 
extensive training to the rising generation of young researchers in the skills of com-
parative research. Six research groups organize EQUALSOC activities on the following 
research themes: (1) employment and the labour market; (2) income distribution, 
consumption and income mobility; (3) education and social mobility; (4) family and 
social networks; (5) cultural and social differentiation; (6) trust, associability and 
legitimacy.

Coordinated by Robert Erikson from SOFI, Stockholm, the network’s activities 
started in September 2005 and will be financed for five years by the EU 6th Frame-
work Programme. The MZES is one of the leading institutes. Walter Müller 
coordinates the Research Group on Education, Social Mobility and Social Cohesion. 
At a start-up workshop of this group – held at the MZES on December 2-3, 2005, – 
some 50 participants from all member institutes intensively discussed a rich set of 
papers from ongoing research⁷ and agreed on a number of cooperative research 
projects for the coming years. Similar activities in which various researchers from the 
MZES participate have been started in the other research groups of the network. 
Graduate students and other researcher from the MZES will also be able to partici-
-pate in a series of international network conferences, summer courses and methods 
workshops in the coming years.

In the EseC project, a second major internationally cooperative endeavour in 
2005, substantial progress has been made with respect to the development of a new 
European Socio-economic Classification. The respective European research consor-
tium, to which A2 researchers contribute, has developed a prototype for this new 
socio-economic classification (largely related to the Erikson/Goldthorpe class schema)

⁷ The papers can be downloaded from http://www.equalsoc.org/
and carried out several studies to validate the operationalisation and the international comparability schema. So far, the results are promising, and good prospects exist that this new instrument will be used in the future in the various large-scale surveys of the European Statistical Agencies (e.g. labour force surveys) and become an essential tool for the official reporting on life conditions and social inequality in Europe.

Publications

Books


Articles in journals


Caramani, Daniele and Claudio Wagemann (2005): A Transnational Political Culture? The Alpine Region between Populism and European Integration. German Studies, 14, issue 1, pp. 74-94.


Chapters in books


MZES working papers


Papers / Reports


Conference participation


"Gender differentiation in higher education: Trends in choice of field of study and labour market outcomes in Spain and Germany".


Research Area A3: Family, Education, and Ethnicity in Europe

Coordinator: Josef Brüderl

Core Projects

Josef Brüderl, Jette Schröder  
Funding: Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg  
Project: VI/A3.1; status: ongoing

Josef Brüderl, Ulrich Krieger, Laura Castiglioni  
Funding: DFG  
Project: VI/A3.2; status: ongoing

Hartmut Esser, Thorsten Kneip  
Funding: DFG  
Project: VI/A3.3; status: ongoing

Hartmut Esser, Jörg Dollmann, Rebecca Frings  
Funding: DFG  
Project: VI/A3.6; status: ongoing

Franz Rothenbacher, Tatjana Bratina, N.N.  
The East European Population since 1850 (2005 – 2008)  
Funding: MZES  
Project: VI/A3.8; status: in preparation

Supplementary Projects

Walter Müller, Hartmut Esser, Irena Kogan  
Integration of Immigrants in the EU Countries (2001 – 2005)  
Funding: MZES, DAAD (doctoral programme)  
Project: VI/A3.7; status: completed

Hartmut Esser, Volker Stocké  
Funding: DFG  
Project: VI/A3.4; status: ongoing
In 2005, the Research Area A3 on "Family, Education, and Ethnicity in Europe" was newly merged out of two research areas from the Fifth Research Programme. One cluster of three projects investigates family dynamics and partnership arrangements; another cluster of three projects investigates educational decisions with special consideration of ethnic groups; a third cluster continues research on European population.

Most projects in this Research Area A3 are externally funded and currently work on large-scale data collection; therefore the main activities are preparing the data collection and not yet analyzing its results. Given that these data collection efforts are strongly theoretically driven and innovative, major publications based on the results of these projects can be expected for the future. Moreover, the projects that collect panel data will apply for further funding for the next panel waves in the years to come.

Among the projects in preparation, Preschool and Educational Careers among Migrant Children follows previous research on school careers of migrant children.

The project in preparation by Rothenbacher (MZES Eurodata Archive) will seek to expand the collection of population data to include Central and Eastern Europe, complementing the two previous volumes by the same author in the Societies of Europe Series, The European Population, published by Palgrave in 2005 and 2002 respectively.

Of the former Research Area "Migration, Integration, and Ethnic Conflicts", coordinated by Frank Kalter, one project ended in 2005 with the successful completion of the dissertation of Irena Kogan. Several projects of this area were transferred to the University of Leipzig when Frank Kalter assumed a chair in sociology there in 2004 (see Annual Report 2004). The project Informal Networks and Ageing was cancelled due to the retirement of Johannes Berger and the move of Betina Hollstein to Humboldt University in Berlin. A planned project Structural Assimilation and Migration Biographies, directed by Hartmut Esser, was not continued under the Sixth Research Programme.

(1) Family structures and partnership relations

The Panel Study on Family Dynamics project is a mini-panel pilot study in preparation of the German Family Panel. Its purpose is to develop an appropriate panel questionnaire, to test and validate new survey instruments, and to deliver information and data on the participation and panel mortality of the targeted age groups. Furthermore, this mini-panel project provides first research results on family issues, such as the development of intimate relationships, family planning and intergenerational relationships. In 2005, the mini-panel project co-ordinated the joint efforts of the DFG Priority Programme aimed at developing a collection of suitable instruments for the three mini-panel waves, finalised the questionnaire for the first wave, and
planned and conducted all stages of the data collection for the first wave (questionnaire drafting and programming, interviewer recruitment and training, fieldwork administration, data cleaning). The first mini-panel wave was fielded between September and November 2005 in Mannheim, Bremen, Chemnitz and Munich. The goal of 600 face-to-face interviews was accomplished and a first part of the multi-actor-design was implemented through a postal survey of the interviewees’ partners. Two more waves are planned for spring and autumn 2006. In the second wave, the multi-actor-design will be fully implemented: besides partners, also parents, parents-in-law, and children aged 8 or more will be interviewed (children will be interviewed face-to-face, all others by mail).

The project *Social Embeddedness and Partnership Relations* is a subproject of the DFG research programme PAIRFAM. Its central task is the development of valid instruments for the measurement of crucial aspects of couples’ embeddedness in social networks: social capital provided by the network and the social mediation of orientations that may affect family related action. The project refers to empirical findings in this field and a general theoretical model on relationship dynamics. Instrument development particularly includes the validation of proxy-information on network-persons’ characteristics given by the respondents. It complements the data collected by the project *Panel Study on Family Dynamics* with the information gathered from additionally interviewed network-persons. Apart from the goal to resolve issues of data validity, hypotheses about the mechanisms that link social embeddedness with the development of relationships and families will be tested, with a special focus on partnership stability. During 2005, instrument development was concluded and since then the instruments have been used in the first wave of the panel study. Data collection is still in process at this time and will probably be completed by 2005, so that data analyses can start in early 2006. Since the developed network-based instruments are rather time-consuming, future perspectives are aiming at reducing their complexity. A subsequent research project was already applied for.

This project initially started with a rather broad focus on the "Pluralisation of Living Arrangements", but meanwhile the focus has been narrowed to fertility and employment. The research project investigates the relationship between the employment of women and their fertility. Empirical results show again and again that women who are employed have fewer children than women who are not employed, respectively that the employment-rate of women with children is smaller than that of women without children. But which are the mechanisms that lead to this relationship? On the one hand, the change in women’s labour force participation is the core of many explanations concerning the change in fertility—which means it is held that the employment of women has an influence on their fertility. On the other hand, children are commonly seen as a main reason for the smaller employment rate of women. The project asks: Is it women’s employment that determines their fertility? Or is it—the other way around—the fertility of women that determines their labour force participation? Thus, investigating the causal relationship between fertility and em-
ployment is the main interest of this project. In 2005, the question whether there exists a causal effect of employment on the fertility in West Germany was addressed with methods of event history analysis using the Family Survey 2000. Indirect tests of causality indicate that the effect of employment on fertility found with event history analysis is at least partly not causal but caused by self-selection into employment and non-employment.

(2) Education and ethnic groups

The aim of the project Educational Aspirations and Reference Groups is to analyze those processes through which parents’ social status affects the decision about the type of secondary school. Hypotheses, obtained from the Rational-Choice Theory (RCT) and the Frame-Selection Model (FSM), were tested in the period from 2003 to 2005, using a longitudinal research design and a sample of German parents of primary school students. These hypotheses concern the effects of objective and subjectively perceived costs, educational returns and different determinants of the probability for successfully completing higher educational degrees. Furthermore, the effects of parents’ educational aspirations and their generalized attitudes towards higher education as well as reference group effects are tested. In 2004, the fieldwork for realizing 1035 interviews with parents of students from the 3rd grade of primary school, standardized achievement tests with these students and interviews with 1800 members of the parents’ reference groups were completed. Furthermore, a questionnaire for the second wave of parent interviews in 2005 was developed and the validity of important measures used in the study was tested. In the project period from 2006 to 2008, the aim is to continue the test of the RCT and the FSM with the same sample of families as in the previous period. Here, it will be tested whether the Expected Value Theory of Achievement Motivation (i.e. a special kind of RCT) or the FSM are the better predictor for the children’s school achievement in the now selected type of secondary school. In particular, the question is which theory is better able to explain differences in the children’s school achievement according to their families’ social status.

The project Educational Decisions in Immigrant Families aims at explaining ethnic differences in educational attainment. For this purpose it is necessary to explore the reasons behind individual educational decisions. These decisions are of central importance for the future perspectives of immigrant children. The project investigates why immigrant families systematically differ from German families when choosing among different educational alternatives. Starting with an explanation of educational decisions, the main emphasis is on the empirical test of these theoretical considerations. For this purpose, adequate microdata on educational decisions are required. The project selected the transition from primary to secondary schooling, which in the German school system is of central importance for children’s educational perspectives. In particular, the transition behaviour of Turkish families is compared with that
of Germans from different social strata, taking into account the institutional conditions in two exemplary federal states (North Rhine-Westphalia and Baden-Württemberg). Special attention is given to the material, cultural, and social resources available in different contexts, as well as to the goals families pursue for their children. In order to empirically investigate the processes at work, we will collect information from various sources. The questionnaires will address both families and teachers. In addition, we will conduct student achievement tests, and we will gather contextual information on the school and residential environments. The German Research Foundation (DFG) approved the project application for the second stage of the project in October 2004. The project contacted various officials in North Rhine-Westphalia to establish the basis for the first wave of data collection, to be carried out in the city of Cologne. Moreover, the parental questionnaire as well as the achievement test was subsequently refined. In May 2005, the parental interviews in Cologne were started, aimed at completing 700 questionnaires with Turkish and German parents. Following this survey, the project conducted achievement tests in almost 50 schools in Cologne, with a total of more than 2500 pupils at the end of the third grade. Afterwards it conceptualized the teachers’ questionnaire, which was sent to the teachers in Cologne at the end of 2005, and then contacted the officials in Baden-Württemberg, in order to prepare the second wave of the data collection, this time in the city of Stuttgart, which is planned for June 2006.

The proposed project Preschool Education and Educational Careers among Migrant Children targets the empirical study of the conditions for and the consequences of preschool education for the educational careers of migrant children against the background of results of earlier work on educational decisions among migrants in the context of the project Educational Decisions in Immigrant Families. These results clearly indicate that the foundation for a child’s later educational career is laid well before his/her school education begins, either due to the information available to the parents or due to their specific competencies or to the child’s linguistic abilities. Initially, all types of preschool exposure to the host society are critical, as are the family and migration biographies of the parents, especially their interethnic contacts, life in an ethnically mixed or segregated environment, and interethnic contact to reference groups. Nonetheless, the attendance at some institution of preschool education seems to be particularly important. Very little systematic empirical research has been done to date and no international comparisons have been made until now. The proposed project aims at explaining the differences in preschool attendance on the basis of early investments made by the parents in the ‘quality’ of their children, or by means of the differing opportunities for interethnic exposure in the residential environment. It also aims at assessing the consequences of preschool education for the later educational careers of the children, particularly in dependence on the structural conditions in the preschool institutions, such as ethnic concentration, quality and intensity of instruction, and the respective programmes. Thus, the project
Irena Kogan’s dissertation project *Integration of Immigrants in the EU Countries* was successfully completed in 2005. The study deals with the role the host countries’ institutional characteristics play in the labour market integration of immigrants in the European Union. Drawing on existing research it develops a comprehensive conceptual framework of factors affecting immigrant structural integration in the European Union. The study maps the European Union countries with respect to three institutional aspects central to the immigrant integration, immigration policies, labour market structure, and welfare regimes. Furthermore, it presents a descriptive picture of the labour market situation of immigrant population in the European Union and seeks to explain the variation in labour market outcomes, namely unemployment risk and occupational status, by differences in the quality of the immigrant populations on the one hand, and by differences in labour market structure, immigration policies and welfare regimes in different European Union countries on the other hand. Results confirm that in receiving countries with stronger demand for unskilled and low-skilled labour, unprivileged immigrants are less disadvantaged at employment entry. Immigrants’ inequalities with regard to employment and occupational standing are found to be lower in liberal welfare states marked by their flexible labour markets. The study also shows that when it comes to employment chances, disadvantages of recent immigrants in the Scandinavian welfare regimes appear to be particularly pronounced. Effects for the immigration policies, on the other hand, are found to be less clear-cut.

(3) European population

The aim of the research project *East European Population since 1850* is to publish a comprehensive historical data handbook, which complements the two earlier volumes on the population of West European countries. All three data handbooks taken together will cover the whole of Europe (42 countries) from 1850 to the present. The book on the East European population will be written on the basis of a historical demographic data collection, which will accompany the volume as a CD-ROM. The main topics of population structure and development will be covered, as well as vital statistics and household and family statistics.

The research project is still in a preparatory stage, although work has already started. Besides work on the bibliographic documentation and on the data collection of the data handbook, most of the graphs on the age structure of the East European populations have been produced. In addition, a considerable part of the appendix tables are finished. Nevertheless, the data collection is far from complete and still needs a strong effort for completion. Difficulties in obtaining data for the East European countries are not easy to overcome. It is therefore necessary to apply for money for travelling costs in order to visit the national statistical offices and important libraries personally. It is also intended to visit the Statistical library of EUROSTAT in
Luxemburg for a longer research stay. By this way it is hoped, to receive the still lacking data much faster. The project director is preparing a proposal for external funding. If the project will be granted, a researcher with knowledge of one of the languages with Cyrillic scripture can be employed in the project, and the work on the data collection will be intensified and accelerated. It is envisioned to complete the data collection by the end of 2006. In 2007, the accompanying texts on the country chapters and the introductory comparative chapters will be written.

Publications

Books

Articles in journals

Chapters in books

MZES working papers


Conference participation


5. - 8. May 2005, "2005 Spring Meeting des Research Committee (RC) 28 Social Stratification and Mobility der International Sociological Association (ISA) on 'Welfare States and Social Inequality'", Oslo, Norway. Participants: Irena Kogan, Yinon Cohen (Tel Aviv University): "Next year in Jerusalem ... or in Cologne? Selectivity Patterns and Economic Progress of Jewish Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in Israel and Germany in the 1990s".

8. - 9. June 2005, "'Russians' in Israel and Beyond", The Van Leer Jeruslaem Institute, Israel. Participant: Irena Kogan: "Next Year in Jerusalem ... or in Cologne? Selectivity Patterns and the Economic Progress of Jewish Immigrants from the Former Soviet Union in Israel and Germany in the 1990s".


30. August 2005, "Colloquia at the Department for Social Research Methodology at the Free University of Amsterdam", Amsterdam, Netherlands. Participant: Volker Stocké: "Primary and Secondary Effects of the Families’ Social Status on their Educational Decisions about Secondary School Type".
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With the transition from the Fifth to the Sixth Research Programme during 2005, the former seven research clusters were reorganized into four research areas that combine longstanding analytical interests and newly developed research topics. The main focus of Department B in the Sixth Research Programme (2005-2008) is on the development of democratic governance in the course of European integration. Research is concentrated in the following four Research Areas (coordinator in brackets):

- **B1 Democracy and Citizenship (Jan W. van Deth)**
- **B2 Democracy, Parties and Parliaments (Wolfgang C. Müller)**
- **B3 Democracy and Multi-Level Governance (Beate Kohler-Koch)**
- **B4 New Democracies and Conflict Regulation (Egbert Jahn)**

The common focus supports the lively communication among researchers in the Department. This exchange is strengthened by the Department's colloquia series. Once a week MZES researchers present work in progress or guest speakers contribute with their specialized expertise to one of the research foci of the Department.

The central question of Research Area B1 Democracy and Citizenship deals with the claims and expectations of an emancipated and individualised citizenry on the one hand, and the requirements of democratic decision-making processes in mass societies on the other. Projects cluster around three main themes: (1) Development of democratic citizenship, (2) Impact of new technologies for citizens' engagement, (3) Social and political participation of citizens in democratic decision-making processes.

With the transition to the new Research Programme several projects focusing on the development of democratic citizenship (all directed by Jan van Deth) were close to completion. Some of the new projects continue the thematic orientation already established in the Fifth Research Programme. In general, projects are designed to build on a longer history of cumulative research. In this way the project on *Learning to Live Democracy*, addressing political socialization in early childhood, is complemented by the project *European Identity and Young People's Participation*, focusing on adolescents instead of children. Continuity is also the hallmark of research on *Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy*, which will receive renewed attention in another project starting in 2006. In 2005 research in this thematic field concentrated on a comparative analysis of British and German associational life. The project *Welfare through Organisations* is concerned with the impact of grass-root organizations on confidence in political institutions and on political engagement. It benefits greatly from the institutionalised and long-standing research collaboration between Jan van Deth, Sigrid Roßteutscher, and William Maloney. In the last few years several projects put the presumed positive relationship between social engagement, trust, and norms
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and values under empirical scrutiny. Preliminary findings challenge the conventional wisdom in much of the literature on democracy and social capital that political engagement and political values are somehow 'by-products' of available social capital.

In terms of research continuity it is particularly noteworthy that the application to include the next waves of the European Social Survey in the so-called 'Long-term Support Programme' of the DFG has been successful. This decision supports the character of the European Social Survey as a recurring infrastructural instrument for the social sciences and will be a great asset to future research of the MZES. In 2005, the second wave of the European Social Survey became available, but analysis and publications concentrated on the first wave. One of the products, a volume on “Germany in Europe” edited by Jan van Deth and containing several contributions by him, Sigrid Roßteutscher, and Sonja Zmerli received special public attention.

The comparative research on the use of new information and telecommunication technology in Western democracies (project on Parliaments, Representative Government and New Electronic Media Environments directed by Thomas Zittel) has revealed the importance of the institutional context and suggests different choices in political communication within a given institutional context. The research also aroused the interest of policy makers; an expert opinion commissioned by the German Bundestag was finished during 2005.

The final set of projects deals with democratic decision-making processes. The objective of the project A Unified Model of Voting in Different Institutional Contexts (directed by Franz U. Pappi et al.) is to investigate how national contexts affect voting behavior through formal and informal institutions. For this purpose, the unified spatial model of voting which Christian Henning und Susumu Shikano developed together with Melvin Hinich is extended and tested in diverse institutional contexts (United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Norway, USA, and Canada). The project Interactive Mechanism of Mixed-Member Electoral Systems with Two Ballots focuses on effects of a specific institution on party competition and voter choice. Susumu Shikano analyzes interaction effects between the plurality and the proportional vote in Germany. The theoretical model assumes that even the local campaigns become nationalized by the presence of a proportional vote so that large national parties gain more candidate votes than in pure local seat-allocation systems.

Research Area B2 Democracy, Parties and Parliaments is characterized by a large number of new projects, most of them introduced by Wolfgang C. Müller, who is the new chair holder in comparative government and now co-ordinates this Research Area. The focus is on the role of political parties and parliaments as the key organisations for citizens’ control of the political decision-making process. The empirical study of parties and parliaments is a timely subject as these fields have received important theoretical impulses in recent years. Moreover, parties and parliaments face a number of real-world challenges and are changing in response to these developments. One set of projects is primarily comparative, looking at party competition at
national levels, be it in the electoral or the parliamentary and government arenas; the other one focuses on the EU level and the impact of Europeanisation on systems of representation.

Research on *Personal Campaign Strategies and Political Representation* is a joint endeavour of several MZES colleagues and aims at a systematic and cross-national comparative project. The objective is to understand and empirically test potential changes in the structure and process of political representation and the consequences of these changes for the interaction between politicians and voters. The first effort was to draft a core questionnaire for international use. Based on it, two versions were developed for the German Candidate Study 2005, which was fielded shortly after the September elections.

Two more projects, directed by Wolfgang C. Müller, started in 2005. *Coalition Conflict and Intra-Party Politics* introduces a new perspective to coalition research as it focuses on manifest coalition conflicts beyond those that lead to the termination of cabinets. It aims at building a time series of coalition conflicts in post-war Europe to explain their occurrence and management. The latest project will explore *Ideology and Activism of Green Party Members in Western Europe*.

A project run by Andrea Römmele on *New ICTs and the Innovation Capacity of Political and Commercial Organizations* investigates how innovations in the field of communication technology affect the spread and usage of internet-based technologies. The empirical analysis reveals a clear divide between major and minor organisations, be they economic or political. Whereas the first clearly use the web for top-down information, the latter see the strength of new ICTs in internal communication (intranet).

Three more projects, all of them based on international collaboration, are concerned with the European dimension of political representation. The *Euromanifestos* project, directed by Hermann Schmitt, managed to complete the collection and coding of the data of all available party programmes issued on the occasion of European Parliament elections from 1979 onwards. Though the first results are still preliminary, they present non-standard insights: First, the congruence of parties and their voters on the two major ideological dimensions (left-right and pro/anti-Europe) appears to be somewhat more clouded than suggested by elite surveys or roll-call analysis. Second, the agendas of voters and their parties differ fundamentally: Parties are more preoccupied with the future of the European Union, while voters are concerned about political problems affecting their daily life.

The potential contribution of Euro-parties to enhance the legitimation of European governance is also a core question in the research of Jan van Deth and Thomas Poguntke. The project *Parties and Democracy in the European Union* explores whether the institutional upgrading of the European Parliament and Euro-parties in recent years has resulted in giving them organizational strength and political influence. It
will pay particular attention to a likely shift in the balance between national political parties and the respective Euro-parties as important democratic intermediaries.

The MZES is a main partner (with Wolfgang C. Müller as project leader) in the EU Integrated Project (coordinated by the University of Siena) *Integrated and United: A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe (IntUne)*. The common concern is how integration and decentralization processes, at both the national and European levels, are affecting three major dimensions of citizenship: identity, representation, and practice of good governance. The Mannheim contribution will consist mainly in research on representation at the elite (Müller) and mass (Schmitt) levels.

The new Research Area B3 *Democracy and Multi-Level Governance* has been reorganised to embrace research from the former B4 and B5 Research Areas. Apart from this formal reorganisation, this Research Area has experienced a significant changeover in research activities in 2005 because three project directors were appointed to professorships at other universities: Michèle Knodt at Darmstadt; Berthold Rittberger at Kaiserslautern; Frank Schimmelfennig at Zurich. They will, however, continue to be closely connected to the MZES due to their incorporation in the research network of CONNEX.

Efficient and democratic governance beyond the nation-state is a real-world-challenge which needs a rethinking of theoretical concepts and systematic empirical research. The Research Area B3 is strong both in research cooperation — covering a range of aspects of efficient and democratic EU governance — and in in-house research, which is concentrated on a more narrow range of research questions.

CONNEX, the EU-funded Network of Excellence (coordinated by Beate Kohler-Koch and managed by Fabrice Larat) provides the institutional framework for extended research co-operation on “Efficient and Democratic Multi-level Governance in Europe”. It is organised in 6 interdisciplinary Research Groups bringing together scholars with their particular thematic expertise from 43 partner institutions. In 2005, the MZES has been particularly active in research coordination as it has been hosting two Research Groups (RG 3, *The citizens’ perception of accountability*, coordinated by Hermann Schmitt; RG 4, *Civil society and interest representation in EU-Governance*, coordinated by Beate Kohler-Koch). Other Mannheim scholars have taken a leading position in other Research Groups and organised numerous CONNEX activities, including a large international conference on “Challenges of Multi-Level Governance” at Mannheim. In addition, the MZES is taking charge of an international CONNEX Ph.D. network relating to “Civil Society Involvement in European Governance”.

In 2005, the Mannheim CONNEX team, reinforced by an Information and Technology Manager (Thomas Schneider) initiated and supervised a survey on past and on-going research on European multi-level governance in all countries of Europe. The objective is to make research more transparent across national and disciplinary boundaries. More than 1.600 research projects were selected and entered in a data-
base that will be open for on-line access in early 2006. CONNEX also took the initiative to establish (with EU funds) a joint internet platform to provide easy access to on-going research on governance and democracy in the numerous research networks.

To further scientific dissemination, a peer-reviewed working paper series “EUROGOV” was established. Since the start in early 2005, several papers have been published and all have met with a high resonance.

CONNEX does not just further the international visibility of the MZES, but also supports internal research cooperation. It goes without saying, however, that research in Research Area B3 covers a wider ground. Projects concentrate on four broad questions: (1) What determines governance at the European level? (2) How does European integration affect national political systems and identities? (3) Which impact does EU governance have on civil society and the emergence of a European public sphere? (4) To what extent do institutions affect the outcome of international negotiations?

Seven research projects investigate the factors that determine how and to what extent governance in Europe has been shifted to the European level.

Two projects are concerned with the process of constitutionalisation. With respect to the Constitutionalization of the European Union – The Parliamentarization and Institutionalization of Human Rights Frank Schimmelfennig and Berthold Rittberger claim that this is difficult to explain on grounds of both rationalist and constructivist institutionalism. They demonstrate that it is more promising to analyze the process as strategic action in a norm-oriented community environment. The research is organised as a Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) of several constitutional decisions from 1951 to 2004. In the other project, Confronting Memories in the Process of European Integration, Fabrice Larat looks at the soft factors in the constitutional development of the EU. It is part of a larger interdisciplinary project involving scholars of law and history, most of them at the EUI, Florence.

Three Ph.D. projects investigate the decision-making of core European institutions. Janina Thiem examines Party Group Cohesion and Roll-Call Vote Occurrence in the European Parliament. She questions the validity of roll-call vote (RCV) analysis to assess the supranational character of the EU party system. Her findings support the hypothesis that party group leaders will only request a RCV if they can anticipate a cohesive voting behaviour because they do not possess sanctioning power. Arndt Wonka examines the role of the European Commission in legislative decision-making. Is it a Controlled Agent or Uncontrolled Bureaucracy? He takes issue with the theoretical and empirical literature that pictures the Commission as being a “pro-integrationist”, “unitary” actor. In 2005 his research concentrated on the decision-making inside the Commission in order to assess when Commissioners attempt to influence other Commissioners’ legislative proposals by asking for a collective decision. In a third Ph.D. project dealing with Intergovernmental Negotiations Frank Arndt
investigates the impact of exchange processes during the Amsterdam Intergovernmental Conference 1996/97 using an agent-based simulation model. First simulation experiments show promising results with regard to the predictive power of the model.

The project on The European Union in International Trade Governance, the MZES contribution to the EU-financed Research Training Network (RTN) "Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance", was completed in 2005 with a noteworthy output in terms of publications by Dirk De Bièvre and Andreas Dür. A systematic comparison of trade policy institutions in the European Union and those in the United States over the last half century helped to uncover the determinants of the delegation of trade policy powers from principals to executive agents. Thorough analysis also revealed that particular institutional features explain that the EU policy-making process is not plagued by deadlock despite a multitude of veto players. A second research interest was on the introduction of non-trade concerns in the multilateral trading system of the WTO. The project explored and explained the positions and strategies of the European Union as one of the major proponents of institutionalising regulations on non-trade issues in the WTO rather than within other specialised UN agencies.

Michèle Knodt is directing a second project investigating the external dimension of EU governance. The EU as an External Democracy Promoter explores in a comparative perspective to what extent and with which instruments the EU tries to foster democracy in third countries. As Michèle Knodt was appointed professor at the University of Darmstadt, the project is no longer part of the MZES research programme, but it is incorporated in a CONNEX Work Package.

Three projects take up different facets of Europeanisation. In his Ph.D. project Dirk Leuffen is asking: Does Cohabitation Matter? He investigates how cohabitation as the French version of divided government impacts on the negotiation positions of France in intergovernmental negotiations in the EU. For the crucial period of 1986 to 2002 he can demonstrate that cohabitation indeed made the French win-set shrink, but it only had a limited effect because the preferences of the partisan actors did not substantially diverge. The second Ph.D. project by Stefan Seidendorf explores the Europeanization of Nation-State Identities in a reconstruction of the Franco-German identity discourse in early 1950 and the beginning of this century. As expected, there is no surfacing of a "European identity"; rather, a "French European identity" and "German European identity" are emerging. In our times more common points of reference and cross-national instead of inter-national cleavage structures become manifest, particularly on issues concerning the future of Europe. A third research project, directed by Hermann Schmitt, will assess The Prospects for EU Democracy after Eastern Enlargement. It concentrates on the empirical analysis of changes in the we-feeling of EU citizens, their assessment of the representativity and accountability of EU governance and their evaluations of material EU policies. Preliminary findings raise doubts concerning the sustainability of public support even in traditionally
Two projects address the third core question, asking which impact EU governance has on civil society and the emergence of a European public sphere. The first project Democratic Legitimacy via Civil Society Involvement, directed by Beate Kohler-Koch and Barbara Finke, will explore the alleged democratic potential of the Commission’s strategies to open the EU decision-making process to civil society organisations. In view of a still fuzzy theoretical debate and a lack of empirical research, the project’s first objective has been to sharpen the concept of civil society and deliberative democracy in order to test the major hypothesis by empirical investigation. Because of a delay in the decision by the DFG and maternity leave taken by Barbara Finke, only the conceptualisation of the project has advanced in 2005. The project on Local Europe: Impact of EU Governance on Local Civil Society was not pursued in 2005 because of a pending decision by the Volkswagen Foundation. In case of funding, it will be implemented as a collaborative project with Michèle Knodt at Darmstadt University.

The third project covering State-Society Relations in European Trade Policy is a next step in the research of Dirk De Bièvre and Andreas Dür on EU external trade governance. Over the last decade, the increase in economic interdependence among developed countries has led to the mobilization of new societal interests that try to influence trade policies. The empirical investigation will focus on the so-called Civil Society Dialogue, which the Directorate General for Trade created in response to this mobilization, and assess to which extent there has been a corresponding shift in policy outcomes in European trade policy.

The effect of international institutions on the outcome of international negotiations is a recurring topic in political science research and has been at the heart of the interdisciplinary research group on the "Internationalisation of International Negotiations" (see below). Dirk De Bièvre takes up the issue in his new project Governance in International Trade: Judicialisation and Positive Integration in the WTO. He will explore the validity of the hypothesis that judicialisation – the presence of binding third-party enforcement – makes all the difference and can explain the advance of positive integration (regulation of intellectual property, health, technical barriers to trade, and investment) in international trade co-operation.

Research Area B4 New Democracies and Conflict Regulation originates from the former Research Area B7 "The Development of a European Regional System". Authoritarian Integration or Democratic Co-operation? The Caucasus between Brussels and Moscow is still one of the core projects. Research has, however, been discontinuous in 2005 because it proved difficult to recruit a qualified research team after the envisaged main researcher had left Mannheim. Two researchers started to work on particular cases: Aser Babajew explores the Political System Transformation of Azerbaijan and Aytan Gahramanova investigates International and European Peacebuilding in the South Caucasus.
Another core project from the past research programme concerns *International Support for Democratization Processes in Central and Eastern Europe: the NGO Sector*. Though it did not find the necessary funding in 2005, Susan Stewart, now Lecturer at the Chair of Political Science and Contemporary History, continues the research.

A new research focus concerns conflict regulation and peacebuilding in some of the new democracies in the Balkans and in the South Caucasus. Two projects will explore the validity of the hypothesis that peacebuilding after a cruel civil war will be more successful if the warring parties are separated at least on the level of local communities or even on the level of regional entities for at least a generation. Andrijana Preuss is investigating *European and other International Peacebuilding Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, and Mario Dragicevic is focusing on *The Relationship of Peacebuilding and Nation-building in Bosnia and Herzegovina*.

Two former projects, one on *How Polish and Czech Political Actors Link Western Integration to Eastern Policies* and the other on *The Management of Integration Processes in the CIS and the Whole of Europe as Intended by Russian Political Actors* have been successfully concluded by three dissertations, one published in 2005 and two to be published in 2006.

The Interdisciplinary Research Group “*Institutionalization of International Negotiation Systems*” (IINS), funded by the DFG for six years, completed research activities in 2005 with numerous individual and several joint publications. The group was comprised of seven research directors with political science, economic, and international law backgrounds.

The group was brought together by a predominantly theoretical interest to explain the conditions of successful international cooperation. The institutionalization of negotiation systems is a response to the many drawbacks inherent in international cooperation based on ad hoc agreements. While negotiations remain the primary decision-making mode, the institutional frame is meant to smooth the process and make it more effective. Institutionalized principles and norms provide a common rationale and direction for further negotiations. Institutionalized procedures help to minimize transaction costs. The interplay between institutions and negotiations has been the primary focus of the research group. In the course of three successive application phases, it aimed at explaining the particular ways and forms of institutionalising negotiation systems and the relevance of institutions, first, for the outcome of negotiation and, second, for the effectiveness of negotiated agreements.

The research group examined a wide variety of negotiation systems, looking at particular cases from different disciplinary and also from different theoretical perspectives. The MZES hosted a series of projects directed by Beate Kohler-Koch, Franz Urban Pappi, and Paul Thurner. The projects directed by Beate Kohler-Koch, drawing on the theory of reflective-institutionalism, focused on the role of ideas, their production and diffusion in opinion formation before negotiated agreements were reached, and their final manifestation in institutional principles and policies. The
availability of appropriate institutional channels for the production and diffusion of ideas, the ideational management by institutional actors, and the connectivity of the ideas to already shared understandings were shown to be decisive for successful institutionalization and the sustainability of negotiated agreements. Research applied qualitative case study methodology, analysing EU research and technology policy, EU foreign aid coordination, the EU-ACP cooperation and strategic change in the ILO.

The projects directed by Franz Urban Pappi and Paul Thurner primarily relied on quantitative research methods and rational-choice theories of bargaining and voting. In the examination of the European intergovernmental conference leading to the Amsterdam treaty and of negotiations on EU pharmaceutical regulation, on the Law of the Sea under the auspices of the UN and on EU agricultural policy, the projects used standardized interviews and document analysis for the measurement of initial preferences and interventions during the negotiations as well as for the identification of national and transnational networks in the preparation of negotiations. It thus was possible to identify intranational as well as international preference constellations, to reconstruct the negotiation processes with quantitative analytical data and to empirically assess the implications of intranational, transnational, international and supranational institutional and actor-specific factors for the explanation of the outcome.

The economic projects added variations in theoretical approach and research objects, including the international climate protection regime, the negotiation, ratification and implementation patterns of ILO conventions, and the negotiation system in individual EU policy areas. The legal projects elaborated the relevance of forms and degrees of institutionalization and exemplified it in the climate change and human rights regimes, the ILO and the EU-ACP cooperation.

All research projects support the central role of institutions for the conduct of negotiations and the effectiveness of implementing agreements. The institutionalization of negotiations as such and careful institutional design may improve the efficiency of international cooperation. When comparing the explanatory value of the different theoretical approaches, researchers agreed that they are more often complementary than contradictory. Because of a divergent conceptualization of the influence of institutions, different ways to improve the institutional design might be suggested. When discussing research results with experienced negotiation practitioners, the reflective-institutionalist and the legal approach turned out to be better suited to capture the actual context and practice of negotiations, while the economic and rational-choice approaches reveal important background constraints and strategic considerations respectively.

In addition to the four Research Areas and the Interdisciplinary Research Group, two associated projects are affiliated to Research Department B. Hermann Weber is directing a project concerning The Impact of the Comintern on the Western European Party System. Based on now available documents it investigates the influence of the
Comintern as a foreign policy instrument of the Soviet Union on the political systems of Western Europe. Another associated project is part of a long-standing co-operation of the MZES (responsible: Beate Kohler-Koch) with the Institute for European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The present EU-funded project explores the EU as a Model of Regional Integration in other parts of the world.
Research Area B1: Democracy and Citizenship

Coordinator: Jan W. van Deth

Core Projects

Jan W. van Deth, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Sonja Zmerli
Funding: DFG
Project: V/B1.2; status: completed

Jan W. van Deth, Sigrid Roßteutscher, William Maloney
Funding: AGF / University of Mannheim
Project: VI/B1.1; status: ongoing

Jan W. van Deth, Simone Abendschön; Meike Vollmar
Funding: DFG
Project: VI/B1.3; status: ongoing

Jan W. van Deth, Julia Schäfer
*European Identity and Young People’s Participation in School and Local (Social) Contexts* (2005 - 2008)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B1.4; status: in preparation

Thomas Zittel
Funding: Thyssen-Stiftung; DFG
Project: VI/B1.5; status: ongoing

Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B1.6; status: in preparation

Susumu Shikano
*Interactive Mechanism of Mixed-Member Electoral Systems with Two Ballots* (2003 - 2006)
Funding: University of Mannheim
Project: VI/B1.9; status: ongoing
Supplementary Projects

Franz Urban Pappi, Thomas Gschwend, Michael Meffert
Funding: DFG
Project: VI/B1.7; status: ongoing

Jan W. van Deth
European Social Survey (2002 - 2014)
Funding: DFG
Project: VI/B1.8; status: ongoing

1 General Developments

Starting with the new Research Programme 2005-2008 the main focus of Research Area B1 is on democracy and citizenship or, more specifically, on democratic decision-making and the process of interest articulation with an emphasis on individual behaviour and orientations. The central question of Research Area B1 deals with the claims and expectations of an emancipated and individualised citizenry on the one hand, and the requirements of democratic decision-making processes in mass societies on the other. This double orientation is reflected in the three main themes in this area and in the respective projects:

1 Development of democratic citizenship.
   Projects:
   • Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy: Private Networks and Public Action (B1.2 starting 2006)
   • Learning to Live Democracy (B1.3)
   • European Identity and Young People’s Participation in Schools and Local (Social) Contexts (B1.4)
   • European Social Survey (B1.8)

2 Impact of new technologies for citizens’ engagement.
   The relevant project here is:
   • Parliaments, Representative Government and New Electronic Media Environments: An International Comparison (B1.5)

3 Social and political participation of citizens in democratic decision-making processes.
   This theme is covered by the projects:
• Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy: Private Networks and Public Action (B1.2 starting 2006)
• Welfare through Organisations: A Comparative Analysis of British and German Associational Life (B1.1)
• A Unified Model of Voting in Different Institutional Contexts (B1.6)
• Expectation Formation and Electoral Decision-Making (B1.7)
• Interactive Mechanism of Mixed-Member Electoral Systems with Two Ballots (B1.9)
• Migrants as Political Actors (B1.10 starting 2006)

By the end of the Fifth Research Programme (2002-2004) several projects focusing on the relationships between social and political involvement reached the stage of completion. New projects have been developed to continue work on these topics (Projects B1.2 and B1.4). Besides, the project on the political socialisation of young children (B1.3) and the European Social Survey (B1.8) both entered the second stages of data collection and first publications. Results of the project on the impact of new technologies (B1.5) were presented at various conferences. Starting with the new planning period 2005-2008 several projects dealing with democratic decision-making processes are included in Research Area B1. These projects include ongoing activities (B1.7 and B1.9) as well as newly developed projects (B1.6 and B1.10).

(2) Main Results

The first set of projects in this area deal with the development of democratic citizenship. In the last few years several project on “Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy” concentrated on the presumed positive relationships between social engagement, trust, and norms and values. These relationships appeared difficult to identify empirically. Furthermore, political engagement and political values are not simply ‘by-products’ of available social capital. Therefore, much of the literature on democracy and social capital can be challenged on the basis of our preliminary findings. Based on these finding two newer projects in the area deal with the development of citizenship orientations among young children and adolescents.

The project Learning to Live Democracy (B1.3) addresses political socialisation in early childhood. Starting from the basic assumption that crucial impulses for the development of democratic personalities are already effective at young age, this project seeks to obtain information about political and social attitudes of 6-7 year old children. In September 2004 the first wave of interviews was accomplished: Nearly 800 primary school children in Mannheim were interviewed with regard to their basic political orientations, involvement and understanding. In 2005 all parts of the data collection were completed. Firstly, the very same primary school children were interviewed at the end of their first school year during summer 2005. Secondly,
interviews with the children's parents were conducted. Finally, interviews with the teachers were completed. Based on the very first analyses during the extensive coding and cleaning phases of these various parts of the data collected, it became clear that the innovative methodology for young children who cannot read or write developed earlier in this project, is adequate: young children indeed appear to possess consistent political orientations.

A second project *European Identity and Young People’s Participation in Schools and Local (Social) Contexts* (B1.4) focuses on adolescents instead of young children. Here, the main goal is to explore possible connections between social participation and the development of so-called multiple collective identities. The experience in the project *Learning to Live Democracy* made it clear, that civic identity arises at an early age. Furthermore, for a comprehensive understanding of the development of citizenship orientations, the impacts of varying institutional and cultural contexts must be taken into account. Thus, the project focuses on the orientations of young people in different European countries. In order to do so, a quasi-experimental research design was worked out in the second half of 2005. Young people from four European countries (United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Ireland, and Germany) will be interviewed about their collective identity structures before and after participation in activities in European and local youth projects. Furthermore, a detailed description of this research design was developed as part of a grant proposal, which was submitted to the German National Science Foundation (DFG) by Julia Schäfer and Jan van Deth. Secondary analyses of existing data resources will be finished by early 2006. In-depth interviews will be carried out in order to develop a youth-specific standardized questionnaire.

The second wave of the *European Social Survey* (B1.8) became available in 2005 after extensive examinations and pre-tests were carried out. Analyses and publications, however, concentrated on the first wave of the *European Social Survey*. The data of 22 countries included in this wave were used by a group of ten sociologists and political scientists to study the position of Germany in Europe. A volume entitled “Germany in Europe” edited by Jan van Deth was presented at a public meeting organized by the DFG in Berlin in March 2005. The volume contains several contributions by Jan van Deth, Sigrid Roßteutscher, and Sonja Zmerli. In November 2005 a meeting of researchers from several institutes took place at the MZES in order to discuss the opportunities for multi-level analyses of the data obtained for the first wave of the *European Social Survey*. Furthermore, an application for the third wave of the *European Social Survey* was developed and submitted to the DFG. In line with the character of the *European Social Survey* as a recurring infra-structural instrument for the social sciences, an additional proposal was submitted to include the next waves in the so-called ‘Long-term Support Programme’ of the DFG. At the end of the year, the DFG accepted both proposals. Work on the third wave has already started with the design of the common-core questionnaire and the selection of collaborators.
The opportunities of new information and telecommunication technology play an important role in the discussions about citizenship and democracy. The project Parliaments, Representative Democracy and New Digital Media in an International Comparison (B1.5) focuses on the Swedish Riksdag, the German Bundestag, and the US House of Representatives, and asks whether political representatives seize the opportunities of new digital media to establish a direct and interactive flow of political communication with their constituents bypassing intermediary organizations. Thomas Zittel presented preliminary results at international conferences in Barcelona, Florence and Stockholm organized by the European Council, the European University Institute and the Swedish Riksdag. An expertise commissioned by the German Bundestag was also finished during 2005. Preliminary results demonstrate that the established model of parliamentary representation is under stress. Particularly younger members of parliament in Sweden and Germany representing districts with a high internet penetration are eager to seize the new opportunities for direct political communication with their voters and to provide new opportunities for political participation. However, preliminary results also demonstrate that the institutional context matters, particularly the regime type. Compared to the US House, the Internet is used by fewer members of the German Bundestag in less far-reaching ways and it is almost in non-use in the Riksdag. These results furthermore demonstrate that the internet is a multifaceted phenomenon and that different aspects of the internet such as discussion forums or websites suggest different choices in political communication within a given institutional context.

The final set of projects deal with democratic decision-making processes. The international collaborative project Welfare through Organisations: A Comparative Analysis of British and German Associational Life (B1.2) focuses on the opportunities provided by grass-root organisations. In order to co-ordinate the common projects and further collaboration, William Maloney – project director of the British partner project and MZES fellow – stayed in Mannheim during July and August 2005. For similar purposes, Jan van Deth stayed in Aberdeen in March 2005. The main theme of these activities is concerned with the impact of voluntary associations on confidence in various political institutions and on political engagement. Especially the role of voluntary associations as ‘schools of democracy’ for the development of positive orientations towards the European Union can be doubted. Extensive comparisons of the orientations of volunteers and activists in Aberdeen and Mannheim made clear that especially confidence in EU-institutions and interest in European affairs is remarkably low. Results of these analyses were presented at the annual ECPR Meeting in Granada in April, and at CONNEX Meetings in Bled and Mannheim in May and October 2005, respectively.

The goal of the project A Unified Model of Voting in Different Institutional Contexts (B1.6) is to investigate how national contexts affect voting behavior through formal and informal institutions. For this purpose, the unified spatial model of voting which Christian Henning und Susumu Shikano developed with Melvin
Hinich is extended and tested in diverse institutional contexts. The application for a funding by the Thyssen Stiftung was made by Franz U. Pappi, Christian H.C.A. Henning, and Susumu Shikano by the end of 2005. The most important contribution of the model is that the weighting parameter between the directional and proximity model is consistently derived from instrumental motivations of voters. The parameter depends on the perception, how decisive their own vote and the chosen parties are in legislative processes. The major hypothesis is that the more voting power is expected for a party, the higher the weight of the proximity component. From this model, specific hypotheses for different institutional contexts can be derived and will be tested with secondary data from diverse national electoral studies (United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Norway, USA, and Canada).

The project Interactive Mechanism of Mixed-Member Electoral Systems with Two Ballots (B1.9) focuses on effects of a specific institution, the mixed-member electoral systems, on party competition and voter choice. Susumu Shikano analyzes interaction effects between the plurality (in Germany: Erststimme) and the proportional vote (in Germany: Zweitstimme). The theoretical model assumes that even the local campaigns become nationalized by the presence of a proportional vote so that large national parties gain more candidate votes than in pure local seat allocation systems. This hypothesis could explain the big differences in size in Germany between the CDU/CSU and SPD on the one hand, and the Greens, FDP and PDS on the other hand. The results presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association 2005 show a homogenizing effect of mixed-member electoral systems on the ideological constellation and support one important hypothesis of the model above. From this year on, a new methodology, agent-based simulations, is applied to investigate further micro processes which are not directly observable due to data restriction.

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Research Area B2: Democracy, Parties and Parliaments

Coordinator: Wolfgang C. Müller

Core Projects

Hermann Schmitt, Andreas M. Wüst, Tanja Binder, Daniel Lederle
Funding: DFG
Project: VI/B2.11; status: ongoing

Andrea Römmel, Michael Woywode
Funding: Volkswagen Foundation
Project: VI/B2.12; status: ongoing

Wolfgang C. Müller, Bernhard Miller
Coalition Conflict and Intra-Party Politics (2004 – 2007)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B2.4; status: in preparation

Jan W. van Deth, Thomas Poguntke, Christine Pütz
Funding: DFG
Project: VI/B2.5; status: ongoing

Wolfgang C. Müller, Hermann Schmitt
Funding: EU
Project: VI/B2.8; status: ongoing

Thomas Gschwend, Wolfgang C. Müller, Hermann Schmitt, Andreas M. Wüst, Thomas Zittel
Funding: DFG
Project: VI/B2.9; status: ongoing

Wolfgang C. Müller, Peter Stefou
Ideology and Activism of Green Party Members in Western Europe (2005 – 2007)
Funding: University of Mannheim / MZES
Project: VI/B2.10; status: planned
Supplementary Projects

Hermann Schmitt; Thomas Gschwend, Dirk Leuffen, Christine Pütz, Andrea Römmele


Funding: MZES, Thyssen Foundation, ZA (Cologne), and CSA (Paris)

Project: V/B2.6; status: completed

Thomas Gschwend, Hermann Schmitt


Funding: MZES, Thyssen Foundation, ZA (Cologne) and CSA (Paris)

Project: V/B3.3; status: completed

(1) Research Questions and Aims

This new Research Area continues or revives long-term research interests of the MZES in political parties and parliaments. These are the key organizations linking citizens to the making of authoritative political decisions. The empirical study of parties and parliaments is a timely subject as these fields have received important theoretical impulses in recent years. Moreover, parties and parliaments face a number of real-world challenges and are changing in response to these developments. The projects in this Research Area address a number of specific issues but collectively speak to the overarching themes of party competition and Europeanization.

Altogether the Research Area comprises 12 projects, four of which are continued from the Fifth Research Programme. From the eight new projects three were started in 2005. Four projects have their start scheduled for 2006 and one for 2007. Two more projects of the Fifth Research Programme, falling in the domain of the new Research Area B2, were concluded in 2005.

(2) Activities and Results

The MZES used the opportunities resulting from the fact that both the French presidential and parliamentary elections were held in 2002. The MZES *French Study* consisted of two projects, supporting each other, and was conducted between 2002 and 2005.

Project V/B2.6 focussed at the role of political leaders. The political system of France is known to be a very particular animal. It is a presidential system yet the directly elected president depends on the political support of a majority of members of parliament, so that he is largely neutralised when he cannot rely upon such a majority (i.e., in times of *cohabitation*). In addition, the French electoral system is a two-ballot majoritarian system. In theory, the effects of this system should come close to those of a simple “first-past-the post” plurality system. However, the French party system is very differentiated and knows many more relevant parties than the
British. With regard to the different factors that are known to contribute to popular vote choices, the project started out from the assumption that "political leaders" in a French presidential election should be far more important than they are in parliamentary systems. Moreover, due to the anti-party impetus of the constitution of the Fifth French Republic and the resulting volatility of the French party system with frequent party break-ups and mergers etc., the impact of political parties on vote choices should be much weaker than it is usually observed in parliamentary systems. Both expectations could not be supported by the post-election survey data of the French study.

The French presidential candidates do not play a more decisive role in models of vote choice than British or German candidates do, both in first- and second-ballot vote choices. However, in the second ballot of 2002 French voters were facing a very atypical choice set, consisting of a right (Chirac) and a far-right candidate (Le Pen); under those circumstances, ideological and partisan orientations turned out to be much more decisive than candidate evaluations, and it might well be that a different set of candidates would have led to different results.

Findings with regard to partisanship are somewhat more complex. Firstly, it turned out that French voters are no less partisan than their German counterparts. Second, and perhaps more importantly, it could be shown that partisanship in the two countries serves as a potent intervening variable between ideological preferences and vote choices: ideology is a far stronger predictor of vote choices among party identifiers than it is among party-leaners and independents.

France is also a very interesting case for studying strategic voting, as the election outcome of the first round should have a strong impact on the proclivity to vote strategically in the second round. The super election year of 2002 provided a unique opportunity to identify strategies and assess political consequences of strategies that aim to balance various levels of governance (e.g., cohabitation). This was the focus of project V/B3.3 which came to an end in 2005 with the publication of two journal articles, one more substantive and one more methodological oriented. In the substantive article the impact of voters' regime preferences, i.e. their preferences alternatively for divided or unified government, on their voting behaviour are analyzed. The theory, combining behavioural as well as institutional approaches, predicts that voters weigh their regime against their partisan preferences to derive their vote choice. The theory and its implications are tested on the basis of the representative mass survey that the project realized, between the presidential and the parliamentary elections in the 2002 French election cycle. The results indicate that regime voting does add to the explanatory power of traditional vote choice models. Regime preferences play a decisive role in the voting booth especially for voters who are not anchored politically. Moreover, the project provides also a new perspective on Fiorina's theory of divided government. Whereas for the United States Fiorina claims that moderate voters should support divided government in order to balance power,
for France one can show that, moderate voters do not generally apply a policy-balancing strategy. Instead, the results indicate that moderate voters simply are more likely to vote consistently with their regime preferences, no matter whether they prefer a unified or a divided government. Thus, the substantive results of this project clearly show that naively applying behavioural theories without reference to the institutional embeddedness of the act of voting can be considered a misconception.

Methodological research was also necessary as a reaction to the non-standard sampling designs that typically is used in France. There is no random sampling. Thus, when analyzing French survey data, every scholar has to deal with an important methodological challenge: How can one use the standard panoply of significance tests on quota sample data? The project generated a small methodological contribution that suggests some strategies for successfully dealing with such enquiries during the peer-review process. Scholars should gather as much external evidence as possible to argue that their achieved sample represents the population on as many dimensions as possible. The more evidence they are able to compile, the more confidence there is that their estimation results are robust even based on quota sample data.

The “Euromanifestos” project (B2.11) addresses three basic questions: (1) do the programmes that political parties issue at the occasion of European Parliament elections represent the preferences and concerns of their voters; (2) are political parties responsive to changing preferences and concerns in their electorates; and (3) and as a consequence of the above, who is the driving force behind EU issues turning salient.

These questions were pursued empirically by content analyses. All available programmes – from the first direct election in 1979 onwards – were coded in the framework of an expert-coding scheme that adapts the “MRG standard” to Euromanifestos. The bulk of the 1999 programmes were additionally coded following a computerized coding strategy. Data collection, the gathering of the programmes and their coding, could be completed during the first half of 2005.

The results of the first analyses are still preliminary. However, one major insight is that the congruence of parties and their voters on the two major ideological dimensions that structure the EU policy space (left-right and pro/anti Europe) appears to be somewhat more clouded when Euromanifestos are analyzed compared to studies that establish party position by means of elite surveys or roll-call analysis. Another such major discovery is that the agendas of voters and their parties (i.e. the parties they voted for in European Parliament elections) differ fundamentally. Parties in their programmes seem to be preoccupied with the future of the European Union while voters are concerned about political problems affecting their daily life. According to diachronic analyses parties follow their voters’ preferences about ‘more or less European integration’ (as identified by Eurobarometer measures) somewhat more often than voters adapt to the positions taken by their parties.
The project “New ICTs and the Innovation Capacity of Political and Commercial Organizations” (B2.12) is guided by the research questions: Have innovations in the field of communication technology brought about innovative organizational forms? To answer this question the project analyzes the fields of applications of internet technology and its broader implications for political as well as commercial organizations. It looks at organizations with different degrees of institutionalisation within the groups of political and commercial organizations (expecting the degree of institutionalism to have a strong influence on IT-usage). Regarding political organizations the projects distinguishes established parties, interest groups and social movements. Analogously, among commercial organizations it distinguishes between established large companies, small and medium sized companies and start-up firms.

The project is based on 60 in-depth case studies. Researchers have content-analysed the websites of these organizations and conducted interviews with the respective webmasters of the organizations. The 60 case studies show the spread and usage of internet based technologies among the six types of political and commercial organizations.

The project shows a clear divide between major and minor organisations in web site quality and visibility. Whereas major organizations clearly use the web for top-down information provision, smaller organizations see the strength of new ICTs in internal communication (intranet). These findings are valid for economic as well as political organizations. Both types of organisations – economic and political – can and do learn from one another regarding communication. Whereas political organizations have adopted various aspects of corporate communication, especially from the field of marketing starting in the mid 1970s, corporations now see aspects of political communication being helpful for them. Especially the professional media management (symbolic politics), the incorporation of the media logic in the logic of ones communication strategy is an important aspect.

The goal of the “Personal Campaign Strategies and Political Representation” project is to study personal campaign strategies in a systematic and cross-national comparative manner. The project aims at understanding and empirically testing potential changes in the structure and process of political representation and the consequences of these changes for the interaction between politicians and voters.

The first effort in the project was to draft a core questionnaire that can serve as a core questionnaire in an international project. A workshop is planned in 2006 to finalize this questionnaire. Members of the project have also proposed a panel for next years APSA Convention in Philadelphia to present the conceptual ideas behind the project to specialists in political representation.

The project received funding from the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft for the German Candidate Study 2005. Based on the international core questionnaire two versions of the questionnaire were developed, one for district candidates and one for candidates running on party lists exclusively. The German Candidate Study 2005 was
fielded shortly after the September elections. Every candidate of all the parties represented in the Bundestag received one of the questionnaires. All three waves are out. The response rates are of the first two waves are encouraging and comparable to the excellent rates of the German Candidate study 2002.

The project „Parties and Democracy in the European Union: Euro-Parties as New Democratic Intermediaries?“ (B2.5) addresses the question to what extent Euro-parties can use the opportunities to play a more important role in the political process of the EU that result from the development of European integration, in particular the strengthening of the institutions of supra-national governance in the European Union. So far, these trans-national party federations have played only a minor role in the policy formulation and decision-making at the European level. However, it is the increased role of the European Parliament in conjunction with the official recognition of Euro-parties in the Treaties of Maastricht and Nice which have created a more favourable environment for them suggesting that both, their organizational strength and the political influence will grow. This project analyzes their organizational development and their changed political role in the European political process. Particular attention will be given to the potentially shifting balance of importance between national political parties and ‘their’ Euro-parties as democratic intermediaries. On the basis of these findings the project is addressing the question to what extent Euro-parties can make a contribution towards improving the democratic accountability of the political process of the European Union, thereby enhancing the legitimation of European governance.

The project „Coalition Conflict and Intra-Party Politics“ (B2.4) introduces a new perspective to coalition research as it focuses on manifest coalition conflicts. With the exception of conflicts that lead to the termination of cabinets, coalition conflicts are unstudied. The project aims at building a time series of coalition conflicts in post-war Europe and explaining their occurrence and management. In 2005 preliminary ideas were presented at conferences, the project proposal was completed and the instruments for empirical data collection developed and tested.

The project „Integrated and United: A Quest for Citizenship in an Ever Closer Europe (IntUne)“ is a EU Integrated Project, led by the University of Siena (B2.8). Wolfgang C. Müller has been elected a member of the project leadership at the projects start-up conference in October 2005. The project addresses the changes in the scope, nature and characteristics of citizenship presently underway as an effect of the process of deepening and enlargement of the European Union. It will focus on how integration and decentralization processes, at both the national and European level, are affecting three major dimensions of citizenship: identity, representation, and practice of good governance. The Mannheim contribution will consist mainly in research on representation, both conceptually and empirically at the elite (Müller) and mass (Schmitt) levels.
Work on the project "Ideology and Activism of Green Party Members in Western Europe" (B2.10) began close to the end of 2005. A first preliminary analysis of Green beliefs was presented to the ECPR General Conference in September 2005.

(3) Outlook

Of the remaining projects of this Research Area, four will start in 2006 and one more in 2007. The start of the project "Euro-parties and the Politics of New Member States" (B2.6) is scheduled for 2006. In this project Thomas Poguntke, Jan van Deth and associates will follow up on their project "Parties and Democracy in the European Union: Euro-Parties as New Democratic Intermediaries" that will be completed in 2006. They will investigate the impact of the activities of Euro-parties on the politics of the new member states of the European Union. These states largely lack the traditional cleavage structures that moulded party systems in Western Europe. This raises the question of the role of Euro-parties in a possible 'export' of Western-style patterns of party competition.

In the project "Parliamentary Rules and Institutional Design" (B2.1) Wolfgang C. Müller and associates will analyse the development of parliamentary rules in European parliaments in the post-war period. The project will focus on the amount of change, the character of changes with regard to political competition, and the conditions under which parliamentary rules are successfully altered.

In the project "Government Formation as an Optimal Combination of the Office- and Policy-Motivations of Parties" (B2.3) Franz Urban Pappi and associates will estimate within the confines of a formal model the trade-off between these two motivations for various German parties, given their coalition participation pattern in the German Länder since 1946. The project design and methodology shall be applied to European democracies in future research.

The project "The Left–Right Ideology: Its Meaning Across Countries and Over Time" (B2.7), led by Hermann Schmitt, will investigate the change of the meaning of "left" and "right" over the past few decades. Another question is the relevance of the left-right dimension as structuring devise for political orientations.

In the project "Europe in National Parliaments" (B2.2), beginning in 2007, Wolfgang C. Müller and associates will investigate the Europeanization of parliamentary debates and questions in Western Europe. It will establish the relevance of European issues in the daily work of selected parliaments, show what kind of rhetorical frames the relevant actors use, and seek to explain the amount of Europeanization and the positions taken on European integration issues.
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Research Area B3: Democracy and Multi-Level Governance

Coordinator: Beate Kohler-Koch

Core Projects

Beate Kohler-Koch (Network Coordinator); Fabrice Larat (Network Manager), Dirk De Bièvre, Jan van Deth, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Barbara Finke, Wolfgang C. Müller, Christine Pütz, Andrea Römmele, Sigrid Roßteutscher, Hermann Schmitt, Thomas Schneider, Susan Stewart, Kerstin Wilde, Arndt Wonka, Andreas M. Wüst

Network of Excellence on "Efficient and Democratic Governance in a Multi-level Europe" (CONNEX) (2004 - 2008)
Funding: EU
Project: VI/B3.1; status: ongoing

Beate Kohler-Koch, Barbara Finke
Funding: MZES/DFG
Project: VI/B3.3; status: ongoing

Beate Kohler-Koch, N.N.
Local Europe: Impact of EU Governance on Local Civil Society (2003 - 2005)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B3.4; status: interrupted

Hermann Schmitt, N.N.
Political Support and Legitimacy in the New Europe (2004 - 2005)
Funding: MZES
Project: V/B4.5; status: finished

Hermann Schmitt, P. Matthew Loveless
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B3.7; status: ongoing

Berthold Rittberger, Frank Schimmelfennig, Alexander Bürgin, Guido Schwellnus
Funding: Thyssen Stiftung
Project: VI/B3.10; status: ongoing
Beate Kohler-Koch, Dirk De Bièvre, Andreas Dür
*The European Union in International Trade Governance (EU Research Training Network "Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance") (2002 – 2005)*
Funding: EU
Project: VI/B3.12; status: completed

Dirk De Bièvre
*Governance in International Trade: Judicialisation and Positive Integration in the WTO* (2005 - 2008)
Funding: Volkswagen Foundation
Project: VI/B3.13; status: ongoing

Beate Kohler-Koch, Christoph Humrich
*Flexibility and Stability of International Negotiation Systems**
Funding: DFG
Duration: 2003 to 2005
Project: VI/B3.14; status: completed

Peter Kotzian
*Institutional Structures of European Health Care Systems: an Institutional-economic Typology**
Funding: DFG
Duration: 2004 to 2006
Project: VI/B3.17; status: finished

Michèle Knodt, N.N.
*The EU as an External Democracy Promoter*
Funding: MZES/EU (CONNEX)
Duration 2005-2008
Project: V/B5.5; status: finished

* see final report on "Interdisciplinary Research Group"

**Supplementary Projects**

Beate Kohler-Koch, Stefan Seidendorf
Funding: MZES/DAAD (doctoral programme)
Project: V/B4.7; status: completed
Beate Kohler-Koch, Dirk Leuffen
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Project: VI/B4.8; status: completed

Dirk De Bièvre, Andreas Dür
Funding: EU (CONNEX)
Project: VI/B3.6; status: ongoing

Franz U. Pappi, Janina Thiem
Funding: MZES (doctoral programme)
Project: VI/B3.8; status: ongoing

Franz U. Pappi, Arndt Wonka
*The European Commission: Controlled Agent or Uncontrolled Bureaucracy?* (2003 – 2006)
Funding: MZES (doctoral programme)
Project: VI/B3.11; status: ongoing

Franz U. Pappi, Nicole J. Saam, Frank Arndt
Funding: MZES (doctoral programme)
Project: VI/B3.15; status: ongoing

Fabrice Larat
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Project: VI/B3.18; status: ongoing

The new Research Area B3 continues and expands research from the former B4 and B5 Research Areas on EU and international multi-level governance in the Fifth Research Programme. Efficient and democratic governance beyond the nation-state is a real-world challenge which needs a rethinking of theoretical concepts and systematic empirical research. This is the main endeavour of Research Area B3. The common focus, democracy and multi-level governance, is reflected in research cooperation and the individual projects of in-house research. They cluster around four main themes:
1. What determines governance at the European level?
2. How does European integration affect national political systems and identities?
3. Which impact does EU governance have on civil society and the emergence of a European public sphere?
4. To what extent do institutions affect the outcome of international negotiations?

Research Area B3 has experienced in 2005 a significant changeover in research activities because three project directors have been offered and have accepted professorships at other universities (Michèle Knodt, Darmstadt; Bertold Rittberger, Kaiserslautern; Frank Schimmelfennig, Zurich). They will, however, continue to be closely connected to the MZES due to their incorporation in the research network of CONNEX.

Research on "efficient and democratic multilevel governance in Europe" is at the core of CONNEX (B3.1), a Network of Excellence coordinated by the MZES under the responsibility of Beate Kohler-Koch (Network Coordinator) and Fabrice Larat (Network Manager). It has brought together 43 partner universities and about 170 scholars (with an additional 90 Ph.D. students) with the aim to integrate on-going and to initiate new research in a Europe-wide community of social science research. CONNEX has developed rapidly in the past year. The management team has been reinforced with an Information and Technology Manager (Thomas Schneider). In 2005, the MZES has been hosting two of the 6 CONNEX Research Groups (RG 3 on "The citizens' perception of accountability", headed by Hermann Schmitt and managed by Matthew Loveless and RG 4 on "Civil society and interest representation in EU-Governance", headed by Beate Kohler-Koch and managed by Barbara Finke), which adds up to four scholars at the MZES who are funded from the CONNEX budget.

The Mannheim team initiated and supervised a survey on past and on-going research on European multi-level governance in each EU member state and additional countries of the "wider Europe". The objective is to capitalise on the existing wealth of research and knowledge, to identify blank spots in thematic orientation and to gain a deeper knowledge of national and disciplinary differences in approach and thematic orientation. More than 1,600 research projects on EU governance were selected and entered in a database hosted by the MZES that will be open for on-line access in January 2006.

To further scientific dissemination, a peer-reviewed working paper series “EUROGOV” was established in co-operation with NewGov (New Modes of Governance, an Integrated Research project managed by the EUI/RSC, Florence) in March 2005. It started with a contribution by Beate Kohler-Koch on "European Gov-
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In the short interval, four additional papers were published which have met with similar resonance. In the same vein, with more than 11,500 visits in 2005, the CONNEX internet home page hosted on the MZES server highly contributed to increasing the visibility of CONNEX and hence of the MZES. Upon Mannheim’s initiative, an application was successfully submitted to the Commission for establishing a joint internet platform to provide easy access to research produced on European governance in all the other large projects funded under the 6th EU-Framework Programme of Research (B3.2).

In 2005, MZES researchers were involved in different CONNEX Research Groups, the thematic foci of which correspond mostly to those of Department B:

- “Democratic Governance and Multilevel Accountability” (Wolfgang C. Müller; RG2),
- Citizen Perception of Accountability” (Schmitt, Wüst; RG3),
- “Civil Society and Interest Representation in EU-Governance” (Kohler-Koch, Finke, Dür, De Bièvre, Knodt, Stewart, Wilde; RG4)
- “Social Capital as Catalyst of Civic Engagement and Quality of Governance” (van Deth, Stewart; RG5)

Hence, many of the CONNEX activities were organised under the responsibility of scholars working at the MZES (see the list of workshops held in Mannheim and panels organised at international conferences). An outstanding event was the Mannheim conference on “Challenges of Multi-Level Governance” with contributions by outstanding international scholars and a large academic audience from all over Europe.

The MZES has also taken the responsibility for one of the CONNEX international Ph.D. networks on “Civil Society Involvement in European Governance” (Kohler-Koch, Wilde) and has been hosting young researchers who gratefully took advantage of the specialized library and documentation centre of the MZES and the expert advice from MZES scholars.

CONNEX has the beneficial effect of supporting research co-operation within the MZES, but evidently in-house research in Research Area B3 brings together a far larger range of projects. These cluster around the above-mentioned four broad questions.

(1) What determines governance at the European level?
Seven research projects investigate the factors that determine how and to what extent governance in Europe takes place at the European level. Two projects explore what explains the constitutionalisation process on the European level. Three projects investigate main features of core institutions of the EU, namely the Commission and the European Parliament. Two other projects investigate the determinants of the
European Union’s external policy both in international trade governance and in fostering democracy in third countries.

(i) The first project is on the “Constitutionalization of the European Union – The Parliamentarization and Institutionalization of Human Rights” (Frank Schimmelfennig and Berthold Rittberger; B3.10). Both processes constitute a puzzle that is difficult to explain by both rationalist and constructivist institutionalism. The approach of Schimmelfennig and Rittberger is to analyze them as strategic action in a community environment: It is argued that Community actors use the liberal democratic identity, values and norms that constitute the EU’s ethos strategically to put social and moral pressure on those community members that oppose the constitutionalization of the EU. Theoretically, this process will be most effective under conditions of high salience, legitimacy, publicity and resonance. In a Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) of the EU’s constitutional decisions from 1951 to 2004, the salience is evidently the by far most relevant condition of constitutionalization in the EU. Currently, the QCA results are being complemented and verified by studying the argumentative processes in the deliberations on the European Political Community of 1953, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of 2000, the Constitutional Treaty of 2004 as well as in the case law of European constitutional courts.

(ii) “Confronting Memories in the Process of European Integration” (B3.18) is an interdisciplinary project in collaboration with scholars from the EUI. In his research, Fabrice Larat is exploring the relevance of “national memories” and the drafting of the past for giving legitimacy to the deepening and widening of European integration.

Three Ph.D. projects investigate the decision-making of core European institutions.

(iii) A first Ph.D. project (Janina Thiem; B3.8) examines “Party Group Cohesion and Roll-Call Vote Occurrence in the European Parliament” in order to test the widespread assumption concerning the supranational character of the EU party system. Existing studies about party group cohesion in the European Parliament are based on roll-call votes (RCVs). This sample of votes is vulnerable to a selection bias which has remained unconsidered in previous studies on voting behaviour. Therefore, a theoretical model has been developed to consider when party group leaders will request a RCV in the EP. To test this model, information has been collected on all votes (including amendments) that were held in the first year of the 6th EP election period. An MZES working paper currently in preparation summarizes the results of the analysis, which support the hypotheses of the theoretical model that party group leaders will only request a RCV if they can anticipate a cohesive voting behavior of their MEPs as party group leaders do not possess sanctioning power over their MEPs. Therefore, voting cohesion will generally be overestimated.
(iv) Research on “Controlled Agent or Uncontrolled Bureaucracy?” (Arndt Wonka; B3.11) aims at a better understanding of the role of the European Commission in legislative decision-making. It questions the conventional assumption both in the theoretical and empirical literature that the European Commission is best conceived of as being a “pro-integrationist”, “unitary” actor. In 2005 research concentrated on the decision-making inside the Commission trying to assess when Commissioners attempt to influence other Commissioners’ legislative proposals by asking for a collective decision. A data set was created which contains procedural information on the decision-making processes inside the Commission with respect to all legislative proposals adopted by the Prodi-Commission. Empirically, it shows that collective decision-making does play a systematic role in the European Commission. It happens mostly in policy areas outside the EU core (economic) competencies and whenever the legal basis gives the Commissioner relatively large leeway.

(v) The third Ph.D. project on “Intergovernmental Negotiations. Comparative dynamic simulations” (by Frank Arndt; B3.15) investigates the impact of exchange processes during the Amsterdam Intergovernmental Conference 1996/97 using an agent-based simulation model. Work in 2005 was dedicated to elaborating the theoretical framework and to finishing the conceptual design of the simulation model. First simulation experiments using empirical data on the Amsterdam Conference show promising results for the predictive power of the model.

(vi) The project on “The European Union in International Trade Governance” (B3.12; completed in 2005) was the MZES’ contribution to the EU-financed Research Training Network (RTN) “Dynamics and Obstacles of European Governance” coordinated by Christine Neuhold at the University of Maastricht. Dirk De Bièvre and Andreas Dür analysed the European Union in international trade relations, both with respect to its internal decision-making processes and with respect to its acting within international organisations such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Research was clustered around two sets of questions: (1) What is the nature of the European Union’s institutional framework for trade policy-making and what effects does it have on policy outcomes and (2) How do the principals (the EU Council of Ministers and the US Congress) assure themselves that their agents defend their preferences? A systematic comparison of trade policy institutions in the European Union and those in the United States over the last half century helped to uncover the determinants of the delegation of trade policy powers from principals to executive agents. Legislators try and satisfy heterogeneous preferences by delegating the provision of foreign market access for exporters and protection for import-competing interests to executive agents. Principals accompany this delegation with mechanisms to control the actions of these agents to avoid concentrated losses for either constituency and in order to maintain the flow of resources from lobbying. Another research finding is that although veto player theory would suggest that a political system such as the EU with many veto play-
ers should be crippled by deadlock, the EU has been astonishingly successful in finding a common stance on trade policy matters. The explanation is that the institutional features of the EU offset the status quo bias introduced by a large number of veto players by facilitating issue linkages connecting two or more policy issues relevant to potential veto players.

The second set of questions has focused on the influence of the so-called "new" or non-trade issues on international trade governance. These include, amongst others, intellectual property rights, health regulation, international standards, social and environmental standards, and developmental policy – fields of public policy in which WTO member states have engaged in international negotiations with varying success. Why has the EU sought new regulation on these non-trade concerns in the WTO rather than within other specialised UN agencies or international agreements? Has the binding 3\textsuperscript{rd} party adjudication, combined as it is with the possibility of trade retaliation, enhanced the credibility of agreements concluded under the WTO? The project explored and explained the positions and strategies of the European Union as one of the major proponents of the introduction of non-trade concerns in the multilateral trading system.

Apart from individual publications by the researchers, one of the deliverables of the Mannheim RTN node has been the editing of a joint volume (editors Dirk De Bièvre and Christine Neuhold). Furthermore, the format of the RTN workshops held at Mannheim has served as an example for similar Ph.D. training workshops organised at the MZES within CONNEX.

(vii) The second project on external relations, started by Michèle Knodt in 2005, relates to "The EU as an External Democracy Promoter". It explores to what extent and with which instruments the EU tries to foster democracy in third countries. The EU exports its values and its own view of legitimate democratic governance to third countries and acts there as an external promoter of democracy. In doing so, the EU utilizes various instruments. The core question is: Why does the EU choose different instruments in different countries and what are the explanatory variables for this choice? Three factors are assumed to be relevant: the EU’s potential to act, the structure of resonance in third countries and the resource relation between the EU and the third country. As a contextual variable the international environment is conceptionalized as changes in the international system and/or competition with other states or international organizations. To stimulate comparative research a set of research hypotheses have been formulated and were explored in papers by regional specialists invited to an international conference covering the EU activities in Central and Eastern Europe (incl. former Soviet Union), the Mediterranean, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Pacific (ACP).
As Michèle Knodt was appointed professor at the University of Darmstadt, the project has moved to Darmstadt, but it is still part of a CONNEX Work Package (B3.1), organized jointly by Michèle Knodt and Susan Stewart.

(2) How does European integration affect national political systems and identities?

Three projects explore different facets of Europeanisation. First, what is the impact of national party politics on European governance? Second, how do national identities evolve over time in old member states? And third, how does Eastern enlargement affect EU legitimacy?

(i) The first is a Ph.D. project asking: Does Cohabitation matter? French European Policy-Making in the Context of Divided Government (Dirk Leuffen; V/B4.8). It investigates the impact of French national party politics and divided government on European decision-making. The project analyses how cohabitation as the French version of divided government impacts on the negotiation positions France assumes at intergovernmental negotiations in the European Union (EU). Using the process-tracing method, various European-policy decisions from 1986 to 2002 are reconstructed. One important finding is that cohabitation indeed shrinks French win-sets – thereby reducing the capacity to accept advances in European integration. However, the effects remain limited since in many cases the preferences of the partisan actors, at least in France, do not substantially diverge on European issues.

(ii) The second Ph.D. project is addressing the “Europeanization of Nation-State Identities” (Stefan Seidendorf; V/B4.7) by a comparative analysis of Franco-German identity discourses in early 1950 and 2000. The basic assumption is that “European” identity would rather come in national colours, meaning that the surfacing of a “French European identity” and “German European identity” is more likely than that of a “European identity”. This basic assumption was confirmed, but nuanced in several ways. One main point is the emergence of common points of reference in the Franco-German debate and cross-national cleavage structures concerning shared assumptions on the “future of Europe”.

In 2005, apart from finishing, presenting and publishing results of the project, Seidendorf, being member of a research network funded by the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences, was invited to organise an interdisciplinary conference on “Nationalisation and Europeanization of intellectual discourses”.

(iii) The Project “Political Support and Legitimacy in the New Europe” (Hermann Schmitt; V/B4.5), intended to become an EU-supported Research and Training activity, was formally finished in 2005. While its substantive research questions are further pursued in the context of other ongoing projects, a separate training and dissemination component of this research perspective is currently not among
the top priorities of the research area, not least because of similar activities within the CONNEX network of excellence.

The central question of the project on "The Prospects for EU Democracy after Eastern Enlargement" (directed by Hermann Schmitt; B3.7) is about the legitimacy of the politics of the European Union after the extensive enlargement of 2004. How does it affect the we-feeling of EU citizens? How does it impact on the degree of representativity and accountability of EU governance? And how does it interfere with citizens' evaluations of material EU policies? Answers to these three research questions will inform our knowledge about the "democratic perspective" of the European Union of 25 members.

Although findings of the study are still preliminary, insights have already been achieved. One is that Euro-scepticism finally seems to affect electoral behaviour even in traditionally Euro-positive countries like Germany. Another is that the electoral systems of the new member countries are different, and do not follow the expected second-order pattern that is again established for the older member-countries. While this hardly affects the distinctiveness and cohesion of EP groups, it remains an open question whether these differences between the old 15 and the new (mainly) Eastern member countries leave the representative capacity of the EU political level unaffected. Another result from data analysis suggests that the identity and citizenship of EU citizens is severely affected by Eastern enlargement: Eastern members are hardly accepted as legitimate members of the EU political community by many citizens.

(3) Which impact does European integration have on the organisation of civil society in Europe?

Two current projects address this question, both of which contribute to CONNEX Work Packages. A third project dealing with the potential Europeanisation of local civil society was interrupted.

(i) The first project "Democratic Legitimacy via Civil Society Involvement?" (directed by Beate Kohler-Koch and Barbara Finke; B3.3) is exploring the alleged democratic potential of the Commission's strategies aiming at an enhancement of European civil society in EU affairs. The aim is to contribute with a theory-guided empirical research project to the mushrooming debate on how best to improve the democratic legitimacy of EU governance. "Civil society" has moved to the forefront of academic publications. European decision makers and key executives, particularly within the European Commission, have also discovered the concept of civil society as a resource of democratic legitimacy and revisited their strategies to involve different types of societal actors – business interests as well as civic actors and individual citizens – in European politics. The assessment of such strategies is fuzzy and contradictory, first, because of theoretical reasons: The assumed gain in legitimacy will vary with the concept of democracy and there is
little agreement concerning the model of democracy that would best fit the European context. Second, “participatory democracy” is propagated on the basis of abstract reasoning without systematic empirical research. To avoid these pitfalls, the project has sharpened the concept of civil society and deliberative democracy in a way to test major hypotheses by empirical investigation.

Because of a delay in the decision by the DFG and maternity leave taken by Barbara Finke, only the conceptualisation of the project has advanced in 2005. The theoretical framework of the project was presented at the 3rd ECPR General Conference in Budapest and deepened in a comparative workshop organised within the framework of CONNEX Research Group 4. A first empirical output is a survey of the consultation instruments employed by the individual General Directorates of the European Commission.

(ii) The second project, “State-Society Relations in European Trade Policy: The Civil Society Dialogue of the European Commission” (B3.6), is a next step in research by Dirk De Bièvre and Andreas Dür on European trade policy, exploring the influence of interest groups. Over the last decade, the increase in economic interdependence among developed countries has led to the mobilization of new societal interests that try to influence trade policies. Especially in the fields of environment, labour, human rights, and health, new non-governmental organizations have been created. The question is whether this mobilization has led to a loss of influence for the two traditional trade constituencies, exporters and those competing with imports. The empirical investigation will focus on the so-called Civil Society Dialogue, which the Directorate General for Trade created in response to this mobilization, and assess to which extent there has been a corresponding shift in policy outcomes in European trade policy.

A first step was the compilation of a database of all registered organisations in DG Trade’s Civil Society Database and (with help from Christian Melbeck) an online survey of trade policy preferences and participation strategies of 100 organisations.

(iii) The project on “Local Europe: Impact of EU Governance on Local Civil Society” was not pursued any further in 2005 because of a pending decision by the Volkswagen Foundation and because the main researcher, Nicola Jung, left the MZES. The application was reframed and submitted as a joint project with Michèle Knodt and, in case it is successful, will be carried out at Darmstadt University.

(4) To what extent do international institutions affect the outcomes of international negotiations?

This question had already been addressed in the interdisciplinary research on “The Institutionalization of International Negotiations” (see final report on “Interdisciplinary Research Group” V/B6) which finished its work in 2005. The new project started by Dirk De Bièvre in October 2005 entitled “Governance in international trade:
Judicialisation and Positive Integration in the WTO* (B3.13) will shed light on the impact of international institutions on international negotiations. Positive integration among states, defined as the correction of negative externalities from liberalisation, is generally assumed to be very difficult to achieve on the European level, let alone on the international or global level. The political transaction costs of achieving positive integration legislation indeed seem daunting in an organisation such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), which operates under conditions of unanimity and has a membership of over 140 sovereign states. Yet, member states seem to have crossed the Rubicon: They have concluded a number of agreements that impose positive obligations to adopt new policy measures in fields traditionally restricted to the sovereign nation-state. There has been consistent political pressure to graft other, non-trade issues onto the WTO framework, i.e. to enlarge an organisation that formerly dealt exclusively with trade into a governance structure that also has regulatory competences in other areas of public policy. WTO member states have indeed introduced the obligation to protect intellectual property rights internationally, and they have concluded agreements on health, on technical barriers to trade, and on investment – each of these being fields of public policy for which more specialised agencies within the United Nations system would seem to have been the more natural locus for such agreements. Further, there have been – hitherto unsuccessful – calls to bring labour rights, environmental standards, or competition policy under the jurisdiction of the WTO.

This raises the question of why and under which conditions positive integration is possible in the WTO. The main argument is that judicialisation – the presence of binding third party enforcement – makes every single WTO commitment more credible. Because judicialisation facilitates enforcement, it exerts force on political actors in the legislative arm of the organisation to bring positive integration issues under the jurisdiction of the WTO. The aim of the project is to explore the explanatory force of this general hypothesis in empirical cases of positive integration (intellectual property, health, technical barriers to trade, and investment) and to come to new theoretical and empirical insights about the sources of and conditions for international cooperation. The project thus aims to contribute to interdisciplinary research on judicialisation in international trade governance and the impact of judicialisation on the emergence of global governing structures.

Publications

Books


**Articles in journals**


**Chapters in books**


MZES working papers

Papers / Reports


Schimmelfennig, Frank (2005): *The International Promotion of Political Norms in Central and Eastern Europe: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis*. Central and Eastern Europe Working Papers; No. 61. Cambridge, Mass.. [Harvard University, Center for European Studies]


Doctoral Dissertations


Conference participation


Andreas Dür: "Liberalising European Trade in the 1960s and After: Collusion, Market Size or Bargaining Power?".


Coordinators: Christoph Böhringer, Hans Peter Grüner, Beate Kohler-Koch, Franz Urban Pappi, Eibe Riedel, Paul W. Thurner, Roland Vaubel

Funding: DFG
Project: V/B6; status: completed

Core questions of the Interdisciplinary Research Group

Institutionalized negotiation systems are durable, issue-specific arenas with principles, norms, rules and procedures for decision-making which are based on some procedural consensus or balance of interest. In the second half of the 20th century, such institutionalized negotiation systems proliferated. Before that, negotiations often took place on an ad hoc basis and resulted in the adoption of a single treaty. Most often these treaties did not contain sophisticated procedures for incremental enhancement of the cooperation, for dispute settlement or compliance management. The fulfilment of these functions, therefore, again had to rely on negotiations. Based on consensus or balance of interest, negotiation outcomes usually abide by the bottom-line rule, the lowest common denominator. Due to the negotiation dilemma, processes of negotiation are cumbersome or may even result in lasting deadlocks. Because compliance with negotiation outcomes most often is only mildly sanctioned, implementation follows the slowest boat rule in order to avoid free-riding.

The institutionalization of negotiation systems is a response to these drawbacks. While negotiation remains the primary decision-making mode, the institutional frame is meant to smooth the process and make it more effective. Institutionalized principles and norms, for instance, provide a common rationale and direction for further negotiations. Institutionalized procedures help to minimize transaction costs, or may sometimes even allow for deviation from the consensus rule or its replacement by voting.

The interplay between institutionalized principles, norms, rules and procedures, and negotiations has been the primary focus of the DFG-financed interdisciplinary research group “Institutionalization of International Negotiation Systems” (IINS). The group was comprised of seven research directors with economic, international law and political science backgrounds. At the MZES, the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) and the University of Mannheim’s School of Economics and Law, as well as its Business School, altogether 28 research collaborators conducted research through three project phases from 1999 to 2005.

In the course of these three phases, the research group dealt with three main questions:

- How can the institutionalization and institutional form of international negotiation systems be explained?
• How can negotiation outcomes be explained and what role, in particular, do institutional factors play in the outcomes of negotiations?
• How can the effectiveness of negotiations be improved and what role, in particular, can institutional factors play in increased effectiveness?

In order to answer these questions, the research group examined a wide variety of negotiation systems, institutionalized in different forms and to different degrees, from different disciplinary and different theoretical perspectives as well.

Focus of research

The MZES hosted the projects directed by political scientists Beate Kohler-Koch, Franz Urban Pappi and Paul Thurner.

The projects directed by Franz Urban Pappi and Paul Thurner primarily relied on quantitative social research methods and rational-choice theories of bargaining and voting. In the examination of the European intergovernmental conference leading to the Amsterdam treaty, of negotiations on EU pharmaceutical regulation, on the Law of the Sea, under the auspices of the UN and on EU agricultural policy, the projects used standardized interviews and document analysis for the measurement of initial preferences and interventions during the negotiations as well as for the identification of national and transnational networks in the preparation of negotiations. It thus was possible to identify intranational as well as international preference constellations, to reconstruct the negotiation processes with quantitative analytical data and to empirically assess the implications of intranational, transnational, international and supranational institutional and actor-specific factors for the explanation of the outcome.

By contrast, relying on so-called reflective-institutionalism as a theoretical background, the projects directed by Beate Kohler-Koch conducted qualitative case studies. In the cases of EU research and technology policy, EU foreign aid coordination, the EU-ACP cooperation and strategic change in the ILO, these studies concentrated on attempted and achieved institutionalization and institutional change. They particularly focused on the role of certain ideas, their production and diffusion in opinion formation before negotiated decisions were reached, and their final appearance in institutional principles and policies. The availability of appropriate institutional channels for the production and diffusion of ideas, the ideational management by institutional actors, and the connectivity of the ideas to already shared understandings were shown to be decisive for the success of institutionalization efforts.

The economic projects directed by Christoph Böhringer (ZEW) approached the question of negotiation from a game-theoretical perspective. They focused on the negotiations within the international climate protection regime. With the help of computable general equilibrium models they were able to give a coherent view of the observed course of these negotiations since 1997. Moreover, while explaining nego-
tiation outcomes largely with economic and political macro-data, it was also shown that additional explanatory leverage can be gained if the possibility of subjective concern for and orientation on the principle of equity is incorporated in the models.

National economic and political macro-data were also used by the economic projects directed by Roland Vaubel (School of Economics and Law/ZEW). They explored how these national characteristics and the economic and political interests dependent on them determine the negotiation, ratification and implementation patterns of ILO conventions.

The projects directed by Hans Peter Grüner (School of Economics and Law) engaged in theoretical modelling of negotiation systems. With the help of contract theory and its innovative extension by concepts from computer science they theoretically modelled and evaluated the impact of certain institutional features like degree of institutionalization, information aggregation and flow, centralization, and exit options on institutional efficiency in a Pareto-optimal sense. These models were also applied to decision-making in the EU.

Finally, the legal projects directed by Eibe Riedel (School of Economics and Law) helped to more thoroughly differentiate between different forms and degrees of institutionalization. The case studies conducted on the climate change and human rights regimes, the ILO and the EU-ACP cooperation emphasized the subtle legal characteristics of institutional frames and negotiation outcomes. They showed how these characteristics play a role in regard to the preferences for specific outcomes, the determination of the negotiation outcome and in institutional processes of justification and reason-giving.

Main results

Considering the results of the research projects together, it is safe to say that institutions matter for the conduct of negotiations. Institutionalization enhances the prospect for cooperative behaviour and can help to come to terms with the problems of decision-making by consensus and balance of interest. Carefully designed institutionalization of negotiation systems may make these even more efficient. But formalizing the procedures too strictly and closing exit options can also have a detrimental effect on further cooperation in substantive terms.

The research group was not able to arrive at a consensus regarding the best theory to explain or understand the institutionalization of and the institutional impact on negotiations. The theoretical approaches differ in the way they conceptualize the influence of institutions and thus do also sometimes suggest different ways to improve the institutional design. Which way will serve the effectiveness or efficiency of negotiations best, has to be decided on a case by case basis. A discussion of the research group’s results with negotiation practitioners showed, however, that the reflective-institutionalist and the legal approach are better suited to capture the actual context and practice of negotiations, while the classical economic and
rational-choice approaches reveal important background constraints and strategic considerations respectively. Thus, each of the different approaches has its own merit in the analysis of international negotiation systems.

Core Projects in 2005 under the responsibility of the MZES

Beate Kohler-Koch, Christoph Humrich
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Paul W. Thurner, Franz Urban Pappi, Eric Linhart, Martin Binder
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Supplementary MZES Projects in 2005

Paul W. Thurner, Peter Kotzian
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Peter Kotzian
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Publications (only from joint and political science projects)

Books

Articles in journals
Chapter in books


Conference participation


Research Area B4: New Democracies and Conflict Regulation

Coordinator: Egbert Jahn

Core Projects

Egbert Jahn, Aytan Gahramanova, Aser Babajew, N.N.
*Authoritarian Integration or Democratic Co-operation? The Caucasus between Brussels and Moscow* (2002 - 2005)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B4.1; status: in preparation

Egbert Jahn, Susan Stewart
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B4.2; status: cancelled

Egbert Jahn, Andrijana Preuss, Mario Dragicevic, Bastian Veigel
*European and Other International Peacebuilding Activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Kosovo* (2005 - 2007)
Funding: MZES
Project: VI/B4.3; status: in preparation

The new research area follows the former Research Area B7 “The Development of a European Regional System” in the Fifth Research Programme of the MZES. It still contains the old core project “Authoritarian Integration or Democratic Co-operation? The Caucasus between Brussels and Moscow” (B4.1), which had to be interrupted, since the researcher foreseen for the project left Mannheim due to an attractive offer of a long-lasting contract. The application has been sent to the Volkswagen Foundation. But there are still difficulties to recruit a qualified research team for this project. So far the following researchers have been engaged: Aser Babajew, who has been working since April on the “Political System Transformation of Azerbaijan” and Aytan Gahramanova, who has been working since September on “International and European Peacebuilding in the South Caucasus”. Babajew attempts to identify the deficiencies of the allegedly democratic system in Azerbaijan. Gahramanova looks at some specific characteristics of international and European activity in the South Caucasus which are related to the new focus of the research area.

This new focus concerns the analysis of conflict regulation and peacebuilding in some of the new democracies in the Balkans and in the South Caucasus (B4.3). In August Andrijana Preuss started a project on “European and other international peacebuilding activities in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, and Mario Dragicevic began one
entitled “On the Relationship of Peacebuilding and Nation-building in Bosnia and Herzegovina” in October. The following hypothesis will be tested: Peacebuilding after a cruel civil war has better chances to be implemented if the warring parties are separated at least on the level of local communities or even on the level of regional entities for at least a generation, since radical nationalist voting in Bosnia and Herzegovina is observed more often in mixed communities than in more homogenous communities. The projects try to identify differences between the limited concepts of conflict regulation and peacebuilding and the more far-reaching concepts of nation-building, democratization, rule of law, and development, since the political and financial resources for international peacebuilding are still very limited and will most probably remain so in the future.

The project prepared by Susan Stewart in 2004 and 2005 “International Support for Democratization Processes in Central and Eastern Europe: the NGO Sector” (B4.2), for which a workshop with participants from six Central and East European countries (Estonia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro and Ukraine) took place in Mannheim, did not find the necessary financial support by the Volkswagen Foundation. But Susan Stewart continues these studies in her function as a Lecturer at the Chair of Political Science and Contemporary History.

Two former projects on “How Polish and Czech Political Actors Link Western Integration to Eastern Policies” and “The Management of Integration Processes in the CIS and the Whole of Europe as Intended by Russian Political Actors” have been successfully concluded by three dissertations, which were published in 2005 (Markus Bieniek: Polens Westintegration und Ostpolitik, Münster 2005) or will be published in 2006 (Rolf Peter: Rußlands Außenpolitik im neuen Europa 1992-2004; Volker Weichsel: Europapolitische Ordnungsvorstellungen in der Tschechischen Republik).

Publications

Books


Stewart, Susan (2005): Explaining the Low Intensity of Ethnopolitical Conflict in Ukraine. Münster: LIT Verlag. (Studien zu Konflikt und Kooperation in Osteuropa; no. 12).

Articles in journals


Chapters in books


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Associated Projects

Hermann Weber, Bernhard H. Bayerlein
Funding: BMI
Project: VI/B-A.1; status: ongoing

The German-Russian Commission of Historians, founded in 1998, declared the comparative research on the Communist International (Comintern, 1919-1943) as one of its main foci. Within this framework, the project directed by Hermann Weber of MZES and Jakov Drabkin (Russian Academy of Sciences) investigates the influence of the Comintern (as a supplementary international tool of the foreign policy of the Soviet Union) on the political systems of Western Europe.

Publications

*Articles in journals*


Beate Kohler-Koch, Bernhard Ebbinghaus, Fabrice Larat
*Cooperation with the Institute for European Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences* (2001 - 2008)
Funding: EU
Project: VI/B-A.2; status: ongoing

The long-standing co-operation with the Institute for European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, has been reinforced by a successful application to the EU. The new collaborative project will explore the model character of the EU for regional integration in other parts of the world.
4 Infrastructure

The MZES infrastructure includes the Research Archive Eurodata, the Library, the unit Parties and Elections in Europe and the Computer Department. The Annual Report describes the main tasks of the different parts of the infrastructure as well as their activities and work results in the respective year.

Research Archive Eurodata

Eurodata's central task is the establishment and maintenance of an appropriate information infrastructure for comparative research on Europe and on European integration, carried out in the two research departments. Academic survey programmes with European orientation as well as official statistics are major sources for this specific type of research.

The Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (CESSDA) provides well organised and continuously adapted services to researchers with respect to academic survey data. Concerning official statistics, however, the situation is less good. For many reasons, statistics provided by international organisations and the statistical office of the European Union (Eurostat) are insufficient for in depth research. National statistics remain indispensable for European research both at the macro and the micro level. However, in contrast to academic data collection programmes, infrastructural services coordinated across countries are absent in the field of official statistics. For this reason, the current focus of Eurodata is mainly on official statistics – at European, national and, limited in scope, sub-national level.

Key areas of activity are

- Provision of meta-information ('Information Archive');
- Provision of third-party statistical data ('Statistics Library');
- Establishment of European research databases;
- Provision of official microdata and related services for research at MZES.

The establishment of European research databases is achieved through participation of the archive staff in projects of the research departments (i.e. in research projects in the narrow sense) or in projects with infrastructural orientation (service projects). Close inter-connection between research and data infrastructure work is the major vehicle to keep in line the data infrastructure with the medium-term goals of the Centre.

It is a basic principle of the Centre to provide access to its information infrastructure not only to researchers of the MZES but, within legal constraints, as much as possible also to the scientific community at large. The holdings of the statistics library and the file archive can be searched via Internet and – with the exception of official micro data under contract – be used for bona-fide research within the premises of our institute. Own databases with tabular data and meta-information on official statistics (links to third-party information, own databases) are provided on
the Internet for free use or through academic publications with attached CD ROMs (such as the historical data handbooks of the 'Societies of Europe' series).

Given the increasing availability of European official microdata at the national and the EU levels as well as their importance for research on Europe, the archive supports the use of such data through a variety of services (acquisition, documentation, cooperation in core research projects).

Research activities of the archive staff in projects with substantive research goals or infrastructural orientation are included in the activity report of Department A: 'The Societies of Europe Series', 'Public Services and Social Protection in Europe', 'The Development of a Socio-economic Classification (EseC)' and the EU-Networks 'Economic Change, Unequal Life-Chances and Quality of Life' (CHANGEQUAL) and 'Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion' (EQUALSOC).

Archive Maintenance, Internal Services and External Collaborations

a) Provision of meta-information: the Information Archive

The Information Archive provides a wide range of meta-information on official statistics in Europe. This is achieved through the publication of guide books on social statistics (the archive contributes regularly to the MZES/IZ series 'Europe in Comparison. A Series of Guidebooks for the Social Sciences'), the provision of links to certain information types provided by statistical offices via the Internet (the archive has established databases with selected and classified links of statistical offices which is searchable via the Internet), information on official social survey programmes and related documents on the Internet (the 'web-guide'), and an own documentation database (concepts, measures, access conditions) for a set of key surveys in Europe ('survey profile database'), searchable via the Internet. In 2005, all meta-databases have been updated. Updates were also made for the comprehensive meta-database on microdata used for research purposes within the MZES.

A further expansion (cf. section e below) will be achieved as a result of the upcoming international cooperation on data issues in the project EQUALSOC.

b) Provision of third party statistical data: the Statistics Library

The archive provides publications (in print and in electronic form) as well as computerised aggregate data (offline and online) of official statistical offices. Acquisitions are made in clearly defined fields that have been acknowledged by the (internal and external) boards of the Centre. Cataloguing and adaptation of organisational procedures is carried out in close cooperation between the staff of the archive, librarians of the MZES 'Europe Library' and the staff of the Computer Department. Since 2005 the entire stocks are integrated in the catalogue of the MZES-Library (cf. "Library" below).
Acquisition of statistical publications

The statistics library specialises in keeping official statistics at the European, national and sub-national levels. Its holdings comprise yearbooks, bulletins, subject matter series with a strong emphasis on social statistics (including parliamentary elections results), censuses of population and establishments, and methodological publications, usually since the late 80s. Its geographic focus is on Western Europe, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and, since 2002, the Baltic States. Since 2005 the statistics library also covers Romania and Bulgaria. Concerning population census results and statistical yearbooks, holdings comprise all of Europe since the late 19th century.

As in previous years, the statistics library holdings have been updated in 2005 and now include publications and data files of the 2000 censuses for more countries. The share of electronic resources (publications, databases) has again risen strongly. An ever increasing number of countries no longer disseminates their publications on a commercial basis, but on the Internet for free. So far, however, no clear archiving policies have emerged on the part of the statistical agencies. To keep our holdings complete and independent of the data providers’ IT-strategies, we download such electronic publications. Since 2004, and with the support of our Computer Department, internal users can access these publications via their desktop in a user-friendly way. In 2005, a total of about 6,500 titles have been acquired.

Acquisition of computerised aggregate time-series data

Data are mainly aggregate statistics at the national and (to a limited degree) also the sub-national levels. Collections include also digitised maps at the sub-national level for computer cartography (for the production of thematic maps).

The dissemination of aggregate statistics is in flux. More and more statistical offices provide time series data on various subject matters on CD. Increasingly, online access via the Internet is granted, and these offices are about to integrate meta-information and data. In more and more countries access to tabular data is granted for free or at low cost. (Integration of meta-information is, however, still lacking in many countries.) The archive documents these developments and updates its collections in regular intervals. All acquisitions of machine-readable files and online-databases are catalogued and can easily be searched via the Internet catalogue of the MZES. As in previous years, databases have been updated and extended in 2005. Where not yet available for free, the Eurodata archive maintains subscriptions to such databases for internal use at the MZES.
Structure and coverage of the Statistics Library

Catalogue and accessibility

All holdings (publications as well as aggregate time-series data) can be searched in various ways via the Internet in the integrated local catalogue of the MZES library. With the switch to new library software, publications and off-line databases of the statistics library are online since 2004. Considering electronic publications, MZES members can access all electronic subject-matter publications and classifications from their desktop. For easy navigation, the electronic library uses the same classification system as the print library. Holdings can be searched via the MZES OPAC in a very flexible way using various substantive search categories in addition to bibliographic information. All titles have been translated into English, whenever official parallel titles were missing. For legal reasons, external users cannot be allowed access the electronic sources. However, they nevertheless can benefit from the statistics library, as advanced search facilities of the MZES OPAC allow them to easily retrieve bibliographic information on statistics publications all over Europe for subsequent searches of full-text documents via search machines. Concerning databases on the Internet, internal users can access them directly via our Internet page ‘Guide to official statistics databases’. This page includes also a selection of Internet databases which are accessible free of charge (and hence are not included in our library catalogue). The page is periodically updated.

Prospect

In view of the upcoming move of the Centre to the building of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the European Documentation Centre, we started a new cooperation with the relevant libraries to adjust our acquisition profiles in the field of statistics to the new conditions and possibilities. This includes also the University's central library.
c) Establishment of European research databases

One of the main tasks of the archive relates to the establishment of European research databases. Within the Societies of Europe project, European research databases with long time-series have been established on 'Trade Unions', 'Elections', and 'Population' (Vol. 1, 1870-1950; Vol. 2, 1950-2000). In 2005, the manuscript for a further historical data handbook on the 'Territorial Structure of Europe' was submitted to the publisher. This book covers the development of systems of territorial government since late 19th century. The handbook will include GIS-based computer maps (which are currently edited at the Technische Fachhochschule Berlin) and a related database. It concludes the work in the "Comparing Regions" project, that was carried out in cooperation with Norwegian Social Science Data Services (NSD) in Oslo, the Data Archive for Social Sciences in Milano and the University of Lleida, Spain. Furthermore, the database on 'Results of parliamentary elections at constituency level' has been updated. The database which is closely related to the historical handbook on 'Elections in Western Europe' now also contains data on presidential elections. We also started to develop a program for easy data retrieval (PHP-queries).

In 2005, in cooperation with the international ESeC project (cf. page 44f, research area A2), the archive also contributed to the establishment of a 'European Socio-economic Classification'. We expect that in the context of improved accessibility of official microdata for research purposes, the establishment of user-friendly micro-databases along with databases on institutional information will become more and more important.

d) Provision of official microdata for research and related services

The archive supports the acquisition of science-based and, above all, of official microdata, provides easy-to-use documentation services (currently limited to internal use) and contributes to ex-post improvements in comparability through cooperation with research projects of the MZES. The archive is responsible for maintaining proper data protection measures, manages the administration of contracts with data suppliers, and increasingly coordinates the acquisition of official microdata within the University. Furthermore, the archive regularly observes and reports on changes in access conditions to official micro data in Europe (cf. 'Eurodata Newsletter').

In view of increasing accessibility of (national as well as European) official microdata and their relevance for core projects of the MZES, in 2002 the archive has started to strengthen and expand its support for micro data based research at the institute. The new services include the establishment of meta-databases for easy-to-use documentation of (national) labour force surveys currently licensed to the MZES. The documentation service, available on the Internet for internal users, allows the retrieval of meta-information from the MZES meta-database in a way which allows direct comparisons of concepts, definitions and measurements between different surveys. These services will have to be expanded and re-organised with regard to micro-
data provided by EUROSTAT, the statistical office of the European Communities. Moreover, in 2005, increasing time was devoted to the counselling of individual researchers working with official large-scale microdata, particularly the ECHP.

Concerning acquisitions of micro data in 2005, the major new acquisition was the cumulative European Labour Force Survey of the European Union (ELFS). The archive acts as central administrator for the ELFS for the University of Mannheim and has taken the responsibility for the construction of a concise database out of the more than 600 individual files and the proper documentation of this project. Furthermore, the archive started to develop basic tools for documentation and access control of the much more complex database of microdata of the European Labour Force Survey.

e) Internal standard services
The archive continued to providing routine internal services in the form of introductions to the archive, user guides, counselling with respect to specific sources and advising on issues of comparability issues, and support in computer-based mapping. Furthermore, the ‘Eurodata Newsletter’ (available in print form and on Internet), which was temporarily interrupted, has been resumed again.

f) Cooperation with other research institutes
The archive collaborates closely with domestic as well as foreign data resource centres and participates occasionally in external expert groups.

Cooperation with domestic institutes
The archive has a long-standing cooperation with the Zentrum für Umfragen, Methoden und Analysen (ZUMA, Mannheim). This cooperation comprises work in the field of social reporting and the monitoring of access conditions to official micro data in Europe. As both ZUMA and MZES acquired the cumulative European Labour Force Survey, we agreed to cooperate in this field.

Cooperation with foreign institutes
Since many years, the archive closely cooperates with the Norwegian data archive (NSD). The cooperation with NSD concerns the establishment of an infrastructure for comparative research on regions. In 2002, a new cooperation was started with the University of Lleida (Spain) to establish a collection of GIS-based European-wide digital maps on administrative boundaries at the sub-national level. This cooperation was extended in 2005 to the Technische Fachhochschule Berlin (unit for computer cartography). In addition, the archive collaborates with the UK Data Archive and other members of the Consortium of European Data Archives. This collaboration concerns mainly the establishment of a European documentation system on official statistics and is limited to occasional participation in expert-groups.

The archive participates also in the data committee of the EU-financed project ‘Economic Change, Quality of Life and Social Cohesion’ (EQUALSOC) (cf. research
department A). Within this network, access to large-scale European microdata, proper accessibility, and meta-information on concepts and measurements will be of great importance. We regard this as just the first step towards an international effort for supporting research with large-scale microdata.

Library

Introduction

The library of the Mannheim Centre consists of the Europe Library and the Information Archive on Textual Sources (Quellen-Informationsarchiv, QUIA). The Europe Library is collecting literature and information on textual sources in the field of comparative European integration research and on individual European countries. The collection is built up according to the library long-term plan of 1990 (supplemented in 1995).

The MZES-Library is a public reference library, open to the researchers of the institute as well as to external readers. The collection contains at present 52,704 media (i.e. 45,842 monographs and 6,862 journals/series). The entire MZES collection has been integrated into the Union Catalogue of the South West German Library Consortium (Südwestdeutscher Bibliotheksverbund, SWB). In the reported year 64 per cent of our added titles were catalogued by ourselves, because the MZES was the first library in the SWB owning these titles. The library holdings can be accessed online using our recently implemented MZES OPAC which offers a lot of search alternatives, for example the MZES thesaurus search. Access is also possible by using the online catalogue of the University of Mannheim. In the near future the SWB will substitute its software katwin for CBS4 from OCLC PICA. The library staff got a one-week training for the new software at the University Library.

Besides the University Library the MZES-Library is the only one on the campus using an integrated processing (acquisition, periodicals, circulation, accounting). More than 31,000 media items are now provided with barcode labels. Especially the introduction of the new circulation system has been a great benefit for the users and the library staff as well.

By June 2005 a three-year project (involving an additional librarian) to catalogue the statistical publications of the Research Archive, country by country, into the Union Catalogue of Serials (Zeitschriftendatenbank ZDB) and the Union Catalogue of the South West German Library Consortium (SWB) was successfully concluded. The entire stock of 57 countries and international organizations had been added to these national catalogues. This corresponds to about 9,800 catalogue entries.
Europe Library

In 2005 there has been an increase of 1,750 titles (acquisitions, gifts and exchange).

The Europe Library subscribes to about 130 journals in the MZES-library languages (German, English, French, Italian and Spanish) and about 50 periodicals in East European languages. In addition, there is an extensive collection of newsletters/annual reports (about 120) and working papers (about 8,700) from domestic and foreign research institutes.

The collection of the Europe Library is classified as shown in the following table:

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Project related and reference country studies focus mainly on East European countries and Russia, respectively the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand (cf. 5.3, Table 2). The exact amount of titles is shown in the corresponding tables in the appendix.

Working papers

Working papers are obtained through exchange with domestic and foreign research institutes, among others, the European University Institute (Florence), CEPS/INSTEAD (Luxembourg), Institut de Ciències Polítiq ues i Socials (Barcelona), Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, Sociologický ústav AV CR / Institute of Sociology, ASCR (Prague).

Actually the library holds 8,731 (2004: 8,179) working papers, of which about 3,100 are edited by supranational institutions. The majority is published by research institutes from 23 countries. In the future the working paper collection will not
increase to the same extent because more and more research institutes publish them only online.

**Information Archive on Textual Sources (Quellen-Informationsarchiv, QUIA)**

This archive comprises a part of the MZES-Library and provides (meta-)information on textual sources for comparative research on Europe and the problems of European integration. Its main tasks are:

- **Maintenance of a reference library**
  QUIA has established a reference library providing information with regard to textual sources as well as organisations and institutions which produce, archive, publish and distribute relevant texts. By the end of 2005 the reference library contains 801 titles from 28 countries and 290 titles edited by supranational institutions.

- **Research documentation**
  Within the Europe Library QUIA is responsible for the periodicals and the documentation of publications from research carried out at the MZES. The QUIA collected all publications which appeared in journals and edited books since the early 1990s. Up to now 725 printed items out of 1,264 articles and book chapters listed in the MZES publication database were made available.

**Obituary**

The library staff was deeply moved by the sudden death of our colleague and friend Dr. Günter Braun on March 11. It seemed as if Günter could recover from a severe disease, but much to our regret it proved to be an illusion. After his studies of political science and German literature, Günter Braun started his academic career in 1981 at the University of Mannheim in the newly established research unit on the German Democratic Republic. This unit became from 1990 to 1996 an integral part of the MZES. From 1997 until his untimely death, Günter Braun was head of the Information Archive on Textual Sources (QUIA). Besides his research, he played an active role in the library commission, and he was a member of the supervisory board (Kollegium) of the MZES and the university’s staff council, representing the MZES staff.

We regret the loss of a dear and kind colleague and an ever helpful friend.

**Parties and Elections in Europe**

This unit of the MZES Infrastructure concentrates on providing empirical information on the relationship between political parties and voters in the European Union, with a deliberate focus on the politics of European integration.

Activities in 2005 concentrated on the elaboration and pretest of the questionnaire of the third wave of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES III); the
elaboration and pretest of the core questionnaire of the “Comparative Candidate Survey”; and the integration and harmonisation of the data-sets of the European Election Study 2004.

Together with Bernhard Wessels at the WZB in Berlin, a ten-minutes module of the CSES III was developed and presented to the Planning Committee of that study at a conference in Taipei in April, and to the Plenary Meeting of that study held in late August in Washington, D.C. This draft questionnaire has been fielded in Germany, New Zealand, Norway, and Poland immediately following the parliamentary elections in these countries. A report on these pretests will be drafted early in 2006 and again be presented to the CSES Planning Committee.

Together with Thomas Gschwend, Andreas Wüst and Thomas Zittel, a ten-page “write-in & mail-back” questionnaire was drafted for the Comparative Candidate Survey. This questionnaire has been fielded after the German Bundestagswahl of 2005, and first results will be reported to a conference to be convened in Mannheim in April 2006 with the aim of spreading data-collection and covering some 20 countries in Europe and beyond.

Finally, the series of European Election Studies that was conducted in 24 of 25 member countries of the EU has been harmonised and integrated. These data did arrive in Mannheim towards the end of 2004, were cleaned and integrated in a pooled data-set, as well as carefully documented. In the course of 2005, these data have been made available for comparative analyses first within the EES research group, and we prepare a data-release somewhat later for the scientific community at large.

In 2005, Hermann Schmitt was named a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Eurobarometer Surveys. In this role he participated in a questionnaire finalisation conference convened in Brussels in July and in a broad Eurobarometer seminar involving all national fieldwork agencies, the co-ordination unit in Brussels and the scientific advisory board, held in Nice in September.

Currently there is preparatory work going on about integrating the data files of the European Election Studies 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004. This project is being planned together with Cees van der Eijk and Michael Marsh, and shall be truly started in 2006 – with the support of the Central Archive for Empirical Social Research, Cologne, and the Steinmetz Archive, formerly Amsterdam, and now integrated in DANS (Data Archiving and Networked Services) in The Hague.

**Computer Department**

An application according to the HBFG Instruction (German law governing the funding of university equipment) was submitted in April and granted by the government of
Baden-Württemberg in October. The MZES seems now endowed with the necessary financial fundament to renew its IT equipment in 2006.

The management of the computing infrastructure and providing assistance to its users constitute the main activities of the department. The corresponding services are listed below.

**Services**

Among other special tasks there are services which must be conducted continuously over the year. These are:

- Administration of servers and network printers. This means for example supervising the running systems and managing user accounts.

- Network administration: Managing the network addresses, installing and configuring network software and fixing network problems (if necessary in cooperation with the computing centre of the university).

- Administration of a central backup system (file archiving, file retrieval, media management).

- Administration of the PCs and peripheral: Configuring new PCs, installing new software or upgrading programmes with new releases, support using scanners, CD writers and other special equipment.

- Virus check and security patches: Managing a server to provide all PCs with the latest virus definition updates, installing security patches on PCs and servers.


- Intranet Management: Conducting the MZES internal data and document management (file archive data in cooperation with Eurodata).

- Trouble-shooting: Diagnosing defective devices, having them repaired or ordering replacement parts and repairing the PCs.

- Computing training: We offer training courses for standard software.

- Literature about Software used at the MZES (small EDP-library with about 800 books).

- Care for MZES-Library: Installing and managing library software (i3v-library, Katwin/WinIBW 3 (SWB), WinIBW 2 (ZDB), allegro (internet opac), TINlib); doing special database retrievals; making preparations for the change-over to a new library system (CBS4) at the Union Catalogue of the South West German Library Consortium (SWB); support for the project to add statistical publications from Eurodata to the ZDB; presenting the library in the internet (periodical updating of the online catalogue and lists of new acquisitions).
Infrastructure

Hardware

The following configuration sketch shows the state of the hardware effective in December 2005 and the connection to the network of the University of Mannheim:

In 2005 the MZES replaced 3 PCs, 3 colour displays and one printer.

Software

The following programmes were updated: Acrobat, Endnote, Exceed, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Microsoft Windows XP, SAS, SPSS, Stata and StatTransfer.
5 Appendix

5.1 MZES staff

The following table gives an overview of the staff working at the institute as of December 31, 2005 and of staff members who left the institute during the year. It informs about the Department a person belongs/belonged to, as well as her or his integration into research projects or other functions of the institute. The funding source of each post is indicated in the last column.

Staff members having left the institute at the end of 2004 or during 2005 are marked with an asterisk *. 

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5.2 Project funding

a) External funding received

The following documents the research progress in terms of external funding received. In 2004 and 2005 a total of 16 new research projects were granted external funding. Moreover, several additional grants for ongoing projects, conferences or project development were received. External funding totalled approximately 3.3 million EUR in 2004 and 1.3 million EUR in 2005. During this period, the German Research Foundation (DFG) funded 12 new projects, followed by the European Commission with 4.

According to the logic of the Research Programme, it is not possible to initiate the same number of new projects every year, which explains the annual fluctuations in external funding received. The total of external funding received in the thirteen-year period from 1993 to 2005 was 17.61 million EUR, thus the MZES received an average of approximately 1.35 million EUR in external funding each year.

The following table provides a more detailed breakdown of the external funds received in the period 2003 to 2005. Funding for personnel costs is calculated using standard formulas (e.g. the DFG guidelines for estimating personnel costs in the current year). A project’s total external funding is given under the year in which the proposal was approved (in two cases ongoing projects received further grants).

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5.5 Visiting professors / scholars

MZES International Research Fellows

William A. Maloney, University of Newcastle, England

Thomas Poguntke, University of Birmingham, England

Visitors 2005

Richard Breen, Nuffield College, Oxford University, England
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Ruud Luijkkx, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
February and May 2005

Sigrun Olafsdottir, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA
April – July 2005

Evelyn Perry, Indiana University, Bloomington, USA
April – July 2005

Rumiana Stoilova, Institute of Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
May – June 2005

Erin Ackerman, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
May – July 2005

Maciej Golubiewski, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
May – August 2005

Mark Blyth, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA
June – July 2005

William A. Maloney, University of Newcastle, England
July – August 2005

Qingzhi Huan, Shandong University, China
September – December 2005

Elisaweta Gromoglassova, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moskau, Russia
October – November 2005

Natalia Timus, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
October – November 2005

Chris Wendt, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
October – November 2005
5.6 Lectures, conferences and workshops

a) Lectures given by invited guests and MZES researchers

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<td>Dr. Christoph Bühler</td>
<td>Max-Planck-Institut für Demographie, Rostock</td>
<td>“Generations and Gender Program”: ein international vergleichender demographischer Survey</td>
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18. - 19.02.2005  Autorentagung Methoden der Politikwissenschaft
Conference
Chair: Thomas Gschwend, Ph.D.
Location: MZES
Participants:
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Dr. Angelika Glöckner-Rist, Mannheim
Dr. Ulrich Kohler, Berlin
Dipl. Pol. Delia Schindler, Hamburg
Prof. Carsten Q. Schneider, Budapest (H)
Dr. Peter Selb, Zürich (CH)
Dr. Gabriele Sturm, Marburg
Dr. Cornelia Weins, Trier
Prof. Andreas Broscheid, Pembroke (USA)
Prof. Bernhard Kittel, Amsterdam (NL)
Prof. Friedbert W. Rüb, Hamburg
Dr. Kai-Uwe Schnapp, Halle-Wittenberg
Dr. Helmar Schöne, Schwäbisch Gmünd
Prof. Dr. Petra Stein, Duisburg
Dipl. Pol. Jürgen von Oertzen, Halle
18. - 20.02.2005

The European Union as an External Democracy Promoter
CONNEX Workshop (RG 4)

Chair: Dr. Susan Stewart
Location: MZES
Participants: Dr. Arunas Augustinaitis, Vilnius (LT) Gordan Georgiev, Skopje (MK) Dr. Igor Munteanu, Chisinau (MD) Aaron Presnall, Belgrad (YU) Erle Rikmann, Tallinn (EST) Dr. Viktor Stepanenko, Kiev (UA)

4. - 6.04.2005

Dezentrale Fragebogen-Konferenz des DFG-Schwerpunktes Beziehungs- und Familienentwicklung
Conference

Chair: Prof. Dr. Josef Brüderl
Location: MZES
Participants: Prof. Dr. Jörg Althammer, Bochum Isabell Backes, Halle/Saale Oliver Arranz Becker, Aachen Dr. Denis Beningher, Mannheim Carolin Brand, Jena Ruth Christian, Munich Prof. Dr. Martin Diewald, Bielefeld Jan Eckhard, Heidelberg Prof. Dr. Frank Faulbaum, Duisburg Dr. Michael Feldhaus, Bremen Nadine Gonsior, Bochum Prof. Dr. Paul B. Hill, Aachen Prof. Dr. Johannes Huinink, Bremen Sylvia Keim, Rostock Prof. Dr. Thomas Klein, Heidelberg Prof. Dr. Frieder R. Lang, Halle/Saale Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ludwig-Mayerhofer, Leipzig Britta Maurus Maurus, Ludwigsburg Prof. Dr. Bernhard Nauck, Chemitz Natascha Nisic, Munich PD Dr. Martin Pinquart, Jena Dr. Barbara Reichle, Ludwigshurg Dr. Marina Rupp, Bamberg Dr. Torsten Schröder, Bremen Florian Schulz, Bamberg Dr. Johannes Stauder, Heidelberg Prof. Dr. Michael Wagner, Cologne Prof. Dr. Sabine Walper, Munich Bernd Weiss, Cologne

17. - 23.07.2005

International Summer Academy on Political Consulting and Strategic Campaign Communication
Summer school

Chair: PD Dr. Andrea Römmele
Location: MZES
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21. - 22.07.2005

International Conference on Panel Analysis of Intimate Relationships and Family Dynamics (PAIRFAM)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Josef Brüderl, Prof. Dr. Hartmut Esser

Location: MZES

Participants:
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Prof. Dr. Sabine Walper, Munich
Verena Wendt, Halle/Saale

6. - 7.10.2005
DVPW-Sektionstagung 2005
Conference
Chair: Prof. Dr. Frank Schimmelfennig
Location: University of Mannheim (Castle)
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<td>Prof. Dr. Jan van Deth</td>
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<td>The Institutional Shaping of EU–Society Relations</td>
<td>Prof. Dr. Beate Kohler-Koch</td>
<td>MZES</td>
<td>Dr. Jan Bierhoff, Maastricht (NL), Flore-Anne Bourgeois, Genf (CH), Kristina Charrad, Münster, Patrycja Dabrowska, Florenz (I), Dr. Laura Cram, Strathclyde (GB)</td>
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Chair: Prof. Dr. Beate Kohler-Koch, Dr. Fabrice Larat

Location: MZES and University of Mannheim (Castle)

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