

Cultures of Compromise and Liberal Democracy after World War II

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4 – 6 July, 2024

Conference organised by the German Historical Institute London in conjunction with the London School of Economics and Political Science and the Gerda Henkel Foundation.
Convenor: Constantin Goschler

Thursday, 4 July 2024

- 15:45 – 16:15 Arrival and registration
- 16:15 – 16:45 Welcome: *Christina von Hodenberg (German Historical Institute London)*
and *Piers Ludlow (LSE, Department of International History)*
Welcome and introduction: *Constantin Goschler (Ruhr-University Bochum)*
- 16:45 – 18:00 **New approaches to the study of cultures of compromise**
Chair: *Christina von Hodenberg (German Historical Institute London)*
Ulrich Willems (University of Münster)
Rethinking Cultures of Compromise
Jan-Hendryk de Boer (University of Duisburg-Essen)
An unknown practice. Cultures of compromise in historical perspective
- 19:00 – 20.30 Conference Dinner

Friday, 5 July 2024

- 10:00 – 11:15 **Compromise as democratic virtue?**
Chair: *Pascale Siegrist (German Historical Institute London)*
Tabea Nasaroff (University of Freiburg i. Br.)
Teaching Compromise? German Political Science and the Transfer of Liberal Democracy
Dina Gusejnova (London School of Economics and Political Science)
Captive Knowledge. Britain's Enemy Aliens and the Making of a Postwar Cultural Canon
- 11:15 – 11:45 Tea and Coffee

- 11:45 – 13:00 *Stefan Zeppenfeld (Ruhr-University Bochum)*
Negotiating public interest. Compromises in German everyday life and
leisure time activities
- Ronny Grundig (IFZO Greifswald)*
Compromise in Neighbourhood conflicts?
- 13:00 – 14:00 Sandwich Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:45 **Compromise as parliamentary practice**
- Chair: *Clemens Villinger (German Historical Institute London)*
- Siegfried Weichlein (University of Fribourg)*
Federalism and Compromise in Switzerland
- Philipp Nielsen (Yale University)*
Compromise and Budget Negotiations in the West German Parliament
- Jean Garrigues (University of Orléans)*
Compromise in French Parliamentarism
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee and Tea
- 16:15 – 17:45 **Keynote lecture**
- Chair: *Frank Trentmann (Birkbeck College, University of London)*
- Keynote: *Martin Conway (University of Oxford)*
An Entangled Relationship: Cultures of Compromise and Democracy
after 1945
- 17:45 – 19:15 Canapé Reception

Saturday, 6 July 2024

9:30 – 11:15

Compromise in international relations

Chair: *Constantin Goschler (Ruhr-University Bochum)*

Piers Ludlow (London School of Economics and Political Science)

The Making and Afterlife of the Luxembourg Compromise: A Case-Study of Compromise within the EC/EU

Stefan Pulte (Ruhr-University Bochum)

Compromise through Confrontation? "Wehrkunde", West Germany and NATO

Ute Schneider (University of Duisburg-Essen)

Compromise and Diplomacy

11:15 – 11:45

Coffee and Tea

11:45 – 13:15

The limits of compromise

Chair: *Indra Sengupta (German Historical Institute London)*

Leonie Freudenfeld (Ruhr-University Bochum)

Compromise and Post-Colonialism: The War on Monuments in Britain and Germany

Jose Brunner (University of Tel Aviv)

Between Anxiety and Arrogance: What Prevents a Compromise in the Israel-Palestine Conflict

13:15 – 13:30

Concluding remarks and end of conference

Constantin Goschler (Ruhr-University Bochum)