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German APSA Congressional Fellows Hold Reunion

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APSA Congressional Fellowships for foreign professionals are available through special arrangements between APSA and international foundations. Since 1982, two West German scholars of American Government have received fellowship support from the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the John J. McCloy Fund of the American Council on Germany.

In June of this year, former APSA Congressional Fellows from The Federal Republic of Germany held a reunion at the University Club of the Free University of Berlin. Fourteen former fellows attended the reunion organized by Eberhard Barg (Fellow, 1983-84) and Stefan von Senger (Fellow, 1987-88). The former fellows were joined by members of the fellowship selection committee: Prof. Dr. Ernst Otto Czempiel of the Hessische Stiftung for



Participants in the West German Congressional Fellowship reunion (l. to r.): Eberhard Barg, Dr. Peter Rudolph, Klaus Frankenberger, Prof. Dr. Kurt L. Shell, Prof. Dr. Helga Haftendorn, Prof. Dr. Ernst Otto Czempiel, Dr. Armgard von Reden, Thorsten Hutter, Dr. Werner Jann, Stefan von Senger, Dr. Juergen Wilzewski, Claus Gramckow, and Dr. Joerg Boltersdorf.

Friedens und Konfliktforschung and the University of Frankfurt; Prof. Dr. Helga Haftendorn of the Free University of Berlin; and Prof. Dr. Kurt L. Shell of the Centrum for North American Research at the University of Frankfurt. Dr. David Kramer and Ms. Peggy Knudson of the German Marshall Fund, and Dr. Horst Hartwich, director of the Information Office for German-American Exchange programs, also attended.

Reviewing the time spent in the Congressional Fellowship program, the former fellows agreed that the program provided them with a unique look into the American legislative process, politics in Washington, as well as the overall function of the American government. The program provided the fellows with work experience they could apply to their current jobs or research activities.

Three of the former fellows are working in academia: Dr. Bernd Kubbig (Fellow, 1982-83) and Dr. Jurgen Wilzewski (Fellow, 1984-85) are research assistants in the Hessische Stiftung for Friedens und Konfliktforschung and the University of Frankfurt. Dr. Peter Rudolf (Fellow, 1985-86) is a research fellow at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik. Four fellows are completing their dissertations: Stefan von Senger (Fellow, 1987-88) in Berlin; Thorsten Hutter (Fellow, 1987-88) in Bonn; Claus Gramckow (Fellow, 1986-87) and Stefan Richter (Fellow, 1986-87) in Washington, D.C. Two fellows work in industry: Dr. Joerg Boltersdorf is in the international credit department of the Berliner Bank, and Dr. Armgard von Reden (Fellow, 1983-84) is a special assistant to a director of IBM-Germany. In addition, Eberhard Barg (Fellow, 1982-83) is in the Information Office of the German-American Exchange Programs in Berlin; Klaus Franjengewr (Fellow, 1984-85) is a journalist for the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*; and Dr. Werner Jann (Fellow, 1983-84) is a special advisor for the Governor (Minister praesident) of the State of Schleswig-Holstein.

The former fellows agreed that the West German public as well as government did not appreciate the role or importance of Congress in the American political system. This lack of understanding

made participation of West German scholars in the APSA Congressional Fellowship program all the more valuable.

The former fellows welcomed the extension of the fellowship program for West Germans in 1987. Prior to 1987, fellows spent six rather than the customary nine months working as legislative aides in congressional offices. By extending the program, German fellows were able to work in and observe both Houses of Congress. The extension of the program was made possible through funds received from the John J. McCloy Fund of the American Council on Germany.

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