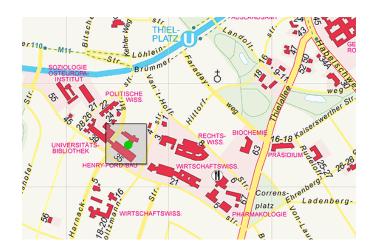
The workshop focuses on the interaction between the behavior of political elites (in particular, their career ambitions) and the institutional framework in federal and newly regionalized states. More specifically, the participants aim to link comparative federalism to elite studies in order to analyze the effects that (changing) institutional frameworks have on the behavior of politicians in federal and newly regionalized countries. The conference participants will address the following topics: (1) the effects of the macro-characteristics of the political system on the leeway and careers of political elites in federal and regionalized countries; (2) the implications of democratic development and federalism on political elites; as well as (3) the agency problem created by federalization and regionalization and the modes of establishing accountability of political elites in multi-level countries.

The design of the workshop provides for both theoretical papers and empirical case studies on elites and institutions in multi-level states. The workshop is organized by the Research Committee RC02 "Political Elites" (International Political Science Association) and the Research Group on Federalism (German Political Science Association).

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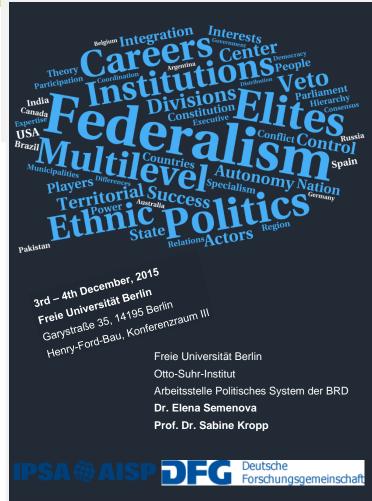
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December 3rd, 2015

10:00 – 10:15 Greetings and intorduction to the Workshop

10:15 – 13:00 Panel 1: Political Elites in Federal
Countries (Chair: Heinrich Best)

- Matthew Kerby (ANU, Canberra)
 Political Careers in Cananda: Two different Worlds?
- Sebastian Jäckle (University of Freiburg)
 Political Careers in Federal Republic of Germany
- Keith Dowding (ANU, Canberra)
 Political Careers in Australia: The Institutional Framework and Consequences
- Csaba Nikolényi (Concordia University)
 Political Elites in India: Regional
 Distinctions

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 17:45 Panel 2: Political Elites in Federal
Countries (Chair: Sabine Kropp)

- Marcelo Camerlo (University of Lisbon)
 Elites in Federal Countries: The Case of Argentina)
- Malu Gatto (UK)
 Political Elites in an Executive-Dominated
 Federal Country: The Case of Brazil

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee Break

- Mariam Mufti (University of Waterloo)
 Federalism and Elites in Pakistan
- Elena Semenova (FU Berlin)

 Political Careers in Russia: Ethnic Divisions and Federal Structure

18:00 – 18:30 Concluding discussion

(**Florian Grotz**, Helmut-Schmidt University of Hamburg)

20:00 Dinner

December 4th, 2015

10:00 – 12:15 Panel 3: Political Elites in Federal and Newly Regionalized Countries (Chair: Michael Edinger)

- Patrick Dumont (University of Luxembourg) and Regis Dandoy (University of Brussels)
 Political Careers in Ethnically Diverse Countries: the case of Belgium
- Juan Rodriguez Teruel (University of Valencia)
 Political Elites in Spain: The Regional Distinctions

 Alejandro Quiroz Flores (University of Essex, UK)
 All Roads Lead to the Capitol? Political Elites in the United States of America

12:15 -13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 Panel 4: Elites and Federalism: Theoretical Implications

(Chair: Nathalie Behnke)

- Sabine Kropp (FU Berlin)
 Federalism and its Implications for Political
 Elites Theoretical Considerations
- Heinrich Best and Michael Edinger (University of Jena)
 The Leeway of Elites and Territorial Integration. The Comparative Analysis of Federal Countries
- Ursula Hoffmann-Lange (University of Bamberg)
 The Leeway of Elites and Territorial Integration. The Comparative Analysis of

Newly Regionalized Countries

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:30 Concluding Discussion (Nathalie Behnke)