CSD lecture announcement:

Networked and attentive? German MPs and EU politics

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This paper investigates the impact of European Union (EU) membership on the information exchange strategies adopted by members of the German Bundestag (MPs) to exercise control of their government and to influence EU policies. Our study of MPs' multi-level behavioural strategies takes into account their 'vertical' contacts to EU-level legislative and executive actors and their contacts to subnational executives as well as MPs' 'horizontal' contacts to parliamentarians in other member states. Our goal is to identify the scope of MPs' multi-level strategies and the extent to which they are marked by intra party (family) exchanges or exchanges that cut across party (family) lines as well as structural and individual factors which might explain the extent of German MPs multi-level interactions. The findings enable us to assess if and how national political parties' behaviourally adapt to the EU's multi-level political system.

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