
Call for Papers

IAPSS ACGA 2012 Bremen – *The States They Are A-Changing*

From April 22 to 25, 2012, the Academic Conference and General Assembly (ACGA) of the *International Association for Political Science Students* (IAPSS) will take place at University Bremen, Germany. Students of Political Science and related studies from all over the world will meet to discuss the 2012 motto, “*The States They Are A-Changing*”.

This guiding topic is further divided into three different areas of interest, which will each be discussed on one day of the Academic Conference: States and Economy, Nation States in International Politics, and States and Citizens. Our central question is: Who governs whom?

For the first two days, the organizing committee of the ACGA 2012 calls for social scientists to participate by presenting a research paper during a workshop:

23 April: States or Economy - Who Governs?

Is there a necessity for growth in modern economies – and what would this imply for the relationship between the state and the economy?

Since the “Club of Rome” report on the “Limits of Growth” (1972), capitalistic economies have been criticized from a diversity of ideological point of views. Critics claim, for example, that there is an inherent contradiction between the necessity for growth and the scarcity of natural resources. Is welfare possible without economic growth? Or is there a necessity for growth – and what would this imply for the relationship between the state and the economy?

A growing GNP is one of the central issues of academic macroeconomics as well as in political debates - bigger is better. But what does the GNP tell us about economic development and which alternative indicators exist? Should the political system neglect the

GNP and concentrate on other aspects? Should the state introduce economic stagnation or even „de-growth“ as a new societal aim? And if so, how could effective policies be implemented? Is “the market” able to pursue these potential aims by itself? Is it realistic to assume a rethinking of consumers and entrepreneurs without regulation? And turning to the financial market: Is it just another market, or is there an even more aggressive disposition for endless growth which calls for further answers?

Proposals for a **workshop** presenting your research in interaction with the students participating are requested by 15 February 2012. Accepted papers have to follow by 15 March 2012. If your paper is accepted, we are able to support you financially regarding travel and accommodation.

Please submit abstracts with no more than 500 words in English along with a brief version of your CV concerning your academic and professional career to julian.schuessler@uni-bremen.de