

From the Editors

Following our special issue on the 2002 Bundestag election, we now present an open issue of *German Politics and Society*.

In the lead article, Roger Karapin takes an original conceptual as well as empirical angle to the immigration problem in Germany by focusing his research on subnational politics, a virtually neglected area in the research on this topic that has focused almost solely on the national and even transnational level.

In our second article, Eric Langenbacher argues persuasively that, by dint of Germany's changed geopolitical surroundings, we are currently witnessing a possible change in what the author calls "memory regimes" in the contemporary Federal Republic.

Next, Udo Merkel examines the fascinating role of the contribution of gymnastics, or *Turnen*, to the formation of German nationalism in the Kaiserreich. The author frames the rise of German gymnastics in a comparative context by contrasting its emergence with English sports and French Olympism.

John Brady's fine review essay of two important books on migration serves as a lead in to our book review section, which includes seven reviews.

The summer 2003 issue marks Andrei Markovits' last issue as founding editor-in-chief and mentor of *German Politics and Society*. What began in 1983 as a small newsletter, cofounded by Andy and produced at the Center for European Studies at Harvard, has grown to become the major English language peer-reviewed journal on German politics and society—all under Andy's supervision. Like Andy himself, the journal has traveled across the country, from Cambridge to California to Ann Arbor. Through these years the journal has given voice to hundreds of scholars studying German history, society, and politics. Andy has made *GP&S* a forum for scholarship, review, and debate that reflects his own enthusiasm for German and European studies.

Andy's efforts in developing the journal have benefited the entire field. Although Andy might not appreciate the politics of these comparisons, the end of his tenure as editor is analogous to when Adenauer or Kohl left the chancellorship after their long terms of office: how can they possibly be replaced? The members of the editorial board want to thank Andy for his years of distinguished and generous service to the journal and the discipline. We hope that *German Politics and Society* will continue to thrive after the Markovits *Regierung* as a testament to his contributions as founding editor-in-chief.