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Conference
Regulation between Legal Norms and Economic Reality:
Intentions, Effects, and Adaptation: The German and American Experiences

April 28–30, 2011

Conveners:
Hartmut Berghoff (GHI Washington),
William J. Hausman (College of William & Mary),
Günther Schulz (University of Bonn)

PROGRAM

Thursday, April 28

6:00 – 6:30 pm  Reception at the GHI

6:30 – 8:00 pm  Keynote Lecture and Discussion
Mathias Schmoeckel (University of Bonn)
Legal Tradition and Economic Success
Friday, April 29

9:00 – 9:30 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:30 – 10:00 am  Welcome
               Hartmut Berghoff (GHI Washington)
               Introductory Remarks
               Günther Schulz (University of Bonn)

10:00 am – Noon  SECTION 1: General Overview
               Chair: William Hausman (College of William & Mary)

10:00 – 10:25 am  Jeffrey Fear (University of Redlands)
                  Governance in Germany since the late 19th Century

10:25 – 10:40 am  Coffee Break

10:40 – 11:05 am  Markus Wagner (University of Miami)
                  Legal Perspectives and Regulatory Philosophies on Natural Monopolies in the United States and Germany

11:05 – 11:15 am  Commentator: Andreas Thier (University of Zürich)

11:15 am – 12:15 pm  Discussion

12:15 – 2:00 pm  Lunch Break (choose your own restaurant)

2:00 – 3:45 pm  SECTION 2: Legal Norms and the Establishment of Path Dependencies, ca. 1870/80 – 1930/35
               Chair: Günther Schulz (University of Bonn)

2:00 – 2:25 pm  Frank Schorkopf (University of Göttingen)
                 Constitutional Principles and Regulation in Germany

2:25 – 2:50 pm  Bill Novak (University of Michigan)
                 Law and the Social Control of American Capitalism, 1877–1932

2:50 – 3:00 pm  Commentator: Markus Patt (University of Bonn)

3:00 – 3:45 pm  Discussion

3:45 – 4:00 pm  Coffee Break

4:00 – 4:25 pm  James W. Ely Jr. (Vanderbilt University)
                 Railroad Regulatory Policy in the Nineteenth Century
4:25 – 4:50 pm  Yair Sagy (University of Haifa)
A Tale of Two Revolutions: On the Rise of Railroad Regulation and Evolution in Late-Nineteenth-Century United States

4:50 – 5:15 pm  Boris Gehlen (University of Bonn)
Between Regulation and Nationalization: The Influence of Interest Groups on Railways, Telecommunications, and Electricity Industry Legislation in Germany, 1871–1935

5:15 – 5:25 pm  Commentator: Roman Michalczyk (University of Bonn)

5:25 – 6:25 pm  Discussion

7:00 pm  Conference Dinner
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Saturday, April 30

8:30 – 9:00 am  Breakfast at the GHI

9:00 – 11:00 am  SECTION 3: Regulatory Discourses after World War II
Chair: Hartmut Berghoff (GHI Washington)

9:00 – 9:25 am  Niels Krieghoff (London School of Economics)
A Failed Institutional Assimilation. The Allies’ Attempt to Restructure German Banking Regulation after the Second World War

9:25 – 9:35 am  Commentator: Holger C. Wolf (Georgetown University)

9:35 – 10:00 am  Discussion

10:00 – 10:25 am  Marc Levinson (Independent Scholar, Glen Ridge)
Unnatural Monopoly: Evasion as a Driving Force in U.S. Transport Deregulation

10:25 – 10:40 am  Coffee Break

10:40 – 10:50 am  Commentator: Katja Fuder (University of Bonn)

10:50 – 11:15 am  Discussion

11:15 am – 5:45 pm  SECTION 4: Regulation of Natural Monopolies since World War II
Chair: Jeffrey Fear (University of Redlands)
11:15 – 11:40 am  **Alfred C. Mierzejewski** (University of North Texas)  
*Comparing Apples and Oranges: A Comparison of the Historical Development of Railways in the United States and Germany*

11:40 – 11:50 am  Commentator: **Mark Rose** (Florida Atlantic University)

11:50 am – 12:15 pm  Discussion

12:15 – 2:00 pm  Lunch Break (choose your own restaurant)

2:00 – 2:25 pm  **Kenneth Lipartito** (Florida International University)  

2:25 – 2:50 pm  **Klaus F. Gärditz** (University of Bonn)  
*The Law of Telecommunications: From State Monopoly to Regulated Competition in Markets*

2:50 – 3:00 pm  Commentator: **Christian Maurer** (University of Göttingen)  
**Johannes Rüberg** (University of Bonn)

3:45 – 4:00 pm  Coffee Break

4:00 – 4:25 pm  **William J. Hausman** (College of William & Mary)  
**John L. Neufeld** (University of North Carolina)  
*Regulation and Restructuring of the US Electric Utility Industry in the 20th Century*

4:25 – 4:50 pm  **Alexandra v. Künsberg-Langenstadt** (University of Mannheim)  
*The Powers behind the Throne – Reasons for the Persistence of the Regulated Electricity Industry in Germany, 1950–1980*

4:50 – 5:00 pm  Commentator: **Thomas Züll** (University of Göttingen)

5:00 – 5:45 pm  Discussion

5:45 – 6:00 pm  Conclusion

6:00 pm  End of Conference