

**4th Alumni Conference
of the Round Table USA**

**“Societies in Transition –
Adjusting to Changing Global Environments”**

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International Studies, Stanford University,**
Goethe Institute San Francisco,
and the
**Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany,
San Francisco**

Stanford, CA, USA, June 26-29, 2008

Conference Venue:

Stanford University
Bechtel Conference Center at Encina Hall
616 Serra Street
Stanford, CA 94305-6055
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Round Table USA

The Round Table USA was established in 1998 in Germany to enable a regular dialogue among German institutions and organizations that are actively engaged in transatlantic exchange cooperation. Today more than 25 organizations and institutions from the public and private sector are members of the Round Table USA. They convene regularly to exchange their experiences and to evaluate their programs in order to facilitate the planning of new concepts and joint initiatives. Another core mission of the Round Table is to strengthen the ties to their alumni in Germany and in the United States and to jointly organize events with and through their alumni on both sides on the Atlantic. The goal of these joint conferences is to foster and shape the transatlantic dialogue, to explore new ideas and topics that are relevant for the future of the German and U.S. societies, and thus to strengthen the network among the alumni of the members of the Round Table.

The Round Table has in the past conducted three symposia with their alumni in Chicago (1999), Washington (2003), and in Berlin, Ankara and Istanbul (2005) as well as a study trip for journalists to Berlin and Warsaw in 2002. Topics range widely and address issues such as integration, social change, global responsibility, the EU enlargement, and the role of Germany and the USA in a larger global context. The Round Table is administered by its founding member Robert Bosch Stiftung and the German-American Fulbright Commission in Berlin. For more information please visit our website at www.runder-tisch-usa.de or write an e-mail to fo@fulbright.de.

The conference in Stanford was jointly organized by the Dräger Foundation and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Thursday, June 26

Opening Reception

6:00 pm Departure by bus to San Francisco
from the **Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel**

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

7:00 pm Reception and Garden Party at the
Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany

1960 Jackson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Welcome

Rolf Schütte

Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, San Francisco, CA, USA

approx. 9:30 pm Bus transfer back to the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel

Friday, June 27

Morning Session

Bechtel Conference Center at Encina Hall
616 Serra Street, Stanford, CA 94305-6055

8:00 - 8:30 am Registration at the Bechtel Conference Center

8:30 - 11:00 am **Plenary Session**

8:30 am **Welcome**

Professor Norman M. Naimark

Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor of East European Studies,
Professor of History, and Senior Fellow by courtesy at Freeman Spogli
Institute for International Studies (FSI), Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

Dr. Peter Theiner

Head of Department International Relations Western Europe, America,
Turkey, Japan, India, Robert Bosch Stiftung; Chairman, Round Table USA,
Stuttgart, Germany

Dr. Rolf Hoffmann

Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Chairman, Round Table USA,
Berlin, Germany

Keynotes

9:00 am

Professor Helmut K. Anheier

Academic Director, Center for Social Investment, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany;
Director, Center for Globalization and Policy Research, School of Public Affairs, University of California Los Angeles, CA, USA

Global Change and Civil Societies

Moderator

Dr. Rolf Hoffmann

Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Chairman, Round Table USA, Berlin, Germany

Possible Topics & Questions:

- Global changes and the need for adjustment;
- Which actors are driving change and adjustment processes?
- What are their aims and how do they gain legitimacy?
- Changes under the constraints of time and chaos in transitional societies;
- To what extent do civil society organizations bridge deficiencies of the state?

9:30 am

Professor Russell A. Berman

Walter A. Haas Professor in the Humanities, Department of German Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

The Value of Values: Pluralist Societies and a Common Canon of Values – A Contradiction?

Moderator

Professor Klaus L. Berghahn (DAAD-Fellow)

Professor for German and Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA

Possible Topics & Questions:

- What are the sources and the legitimacy of values?
- Changes and differences in values;
- The importance of cultures, norms and values for change and adjustment;
- What is the glue that holds societies together?
- Individualism versus community/public spirit;
- The influence of family, education and demographic changes

10:00 am

Professor Roger O. Friedland

Professor of Religious Studies and Sociology, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara, CA, USA

The Constitution of Religious Violence

Professor Detlef Pollack

Chair of Cultural Sociology, Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, Europa University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany

Religion and Society: The Impact of the Growing Cultural and Religious Diversity on Germany

Moderator

Professor Wolfgang G. Natter (DAAD-Fellow)

Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech; Director, ASPECT (Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought), Blacksburg, VA, USA

Possible Topics & Questions:

- Religion and rationalism as mediators of values
- Science and the 'knowledge society' versus Creationism and Intelligent Design
- Religious fundamentalism;
- How are we dealing with growing cultural and religious diversity?
- The impact of religion on political decisions

11:00 - 11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 am
- 1:00 pm

Parallel Working Groups 1 - 3

Working Group 1

*Cultural and Personal Values in the USA and in Germany –
Common Ground and Divergence*

Chair

Elizabeth Covington (DAAD-Fellow)

Executive Director, European Studies Alliance (ESA), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA

Kick-off Speakers

Professor Thomas J. Brislin (RIAS-Fellow)

Professor & Chair, Academy for Creative Media, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, USA

Benjamin Lorch (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)

Head of Communications, Berlin School of Creative Leadership, Berlin, Germany

Matthias Störmer (RIAS-Fellow)

News Cast, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, Halle, Germany

Professor Manfred Wolfram (DAAD-Fellow)

Professor of Electronic Media, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

Rapporteurs

Professor Mary Boldt (DAAD-Fellow)

Associate Professor of German, York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA, USA

Dr. Bernhard Speyer (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)

Head of Department, Banking, Financial Markets, Regulation, Deutsche Bank Research, Frankfurt, Germany

Working Group 2

Religious Groups in the USA and in Germany and Their Influence on Science, Education, Business, and Politics

Chair

Professor Catherine Plum (DAAD-Fellow)

Assistant Professor for History, Western New England College, Springfield, MA, USA

Kick-off Speakers

Dr. Josef Braml

Program Officer, Transatlantic Relations, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin, Germany

Dr. Robert J. Devine (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)

President, CEISA Research Group, Fort Worth, TX, USA

Dr. Christian A. Eberhart (K. Adenauer Foundation-Fellow)

Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Canada

Rapporteur

Karsten Lemm (Arthur F. Burns-Fellow)

Correspondent, Stern, San Francisco, CA, USA

Working Group 3

Social Conflicts, Social Cohesion – Adjusting to Rising Inequalities

Chair

Dr. Marsha Vande Berg (Atlantik-Brücke-Fellow)

CEO, Pacific Pension Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA

Kick-off Speakers

Professor David Grusky

Director, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

Professor Katja Guenther (DAAD-Fellow)

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Riverside, CA, USA

Katharina Kugler (Fulbright-Fellow)

International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA

Rapporteur

Phillip Bastian (Fulbright-Fellow)

Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., USA

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:30 - 3:30 pm **Working Group discussions continue**

3:30 - 4:00 pm Coffee break

4:00 - 5:30 pm **Plenary Session**

Panel Discussion

Mobility in Times of Global Change – How Does Migration Change Our Societies?

Speakers

Tamar Jacoby

Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Inc., New York, NY, USA

Dr. Zachary Shore

Research Scholar, Institute for European Studies, University of California Berkeley, CA, USA

Peter Laufer (Körber Foundation-Fellow)

Journalist and Author, Bodega Bay, CA, USA

Moderator

Dr. Michael Werz (FES-Fellow)

Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

7:00 pm Dinner at the **California Café**

Stanford Barn, 700 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304

Professor Charles A. Kupchan

Professor of International Relations, School of Foreign Service and Government Department, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA

Unstable Multipolarity – Adjusting to Shifts in the Global Power Equation

Moderator

Rolf-Dieter Schnelle

Ambassador, Director for Education and Science, Directorate-General for Culture and Communication, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany

Saturday, June 28

Morning Session

Bechtel Conference Center at Encina Hall
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9:30 - 10:30 am **Plenary Session**

Moderator

John R. Holmes (Fulbright-Fellow)

Sustainability Evaluator, Institute for Ecological Economic Research, Berlin, Germany

Keynote

Professor Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker

Dean, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California Santa Barbara, CA, USA

Transnational Politics and Global Responsibility

10:30 - 11:00 am Coffee Break

11:00 am **Parallel Working Groups 4-7** - 12:30 pm

Working Group 4

(Re)Imagining the Nation: Multicultural Societies, National Identity and Integration Policies in the USA and in Germany

Chair

Dr. Michael Werz (FES-Fellow)

Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

Kick-off Speakers

Dr. Sebnem Koser Akcapar (FES-Fellow)

Institute for the Study of International Migration, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA

Adam Hunter (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)

Policy Analyst, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington, D.C., USA

Sylvia Burian (RIAS-Fellow)

Political Economist, Tagesschau, ARD, Hamburg, Germany

Anjana Shrivastava (FES-Fellow)

Writer and Journalist, Die WELT, Berlin, Germany

Rapporteur

Professor Kathrin Zippel (DAAD-Fellow)

Associate Professor for Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA

Working Group 5

Demographic Change: Chances and Challenges of Aging Societies

Chair

Dr. Julian zu Putlitz (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)

Partner, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Berlin, Germany

Kick-off Speakers

Bradley Schurman

Policy Manager, AARP (American Association of Retired Persons),
Washington, D.C., USA

Sebastian Gallander (Körber Foundation-Fellow)

Consultant, Scholz & Friends, Berlin, Germany

Eckart Graeve (DAAD-Fellow)

Architect, The Metropolitan Exchange, Brooklyn, NY, USA

Rapporteur

Ralph Lewin (Körber Foundation-Fellow)

Council for the Humanities, San Francisco, CA, USA

Working Group 6

Energy and Climate: Adjusting to Changing Global Environments

Chair

Dr. Irene Quaile-Kersken

Environment Editor, Deutsche Welle Radio, Bonn, Germany

Kick-off Speakers

Professor Margarita Balmaceda (DAAD-Fellow)

Associate Professor, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ; and Associate,
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

Dr. Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)

Lecturer in Migration Studies, University of Kent, Brussels, Belgium

Fred Pieretti (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)

Executive Speechwriter, Siemens AG, Munich, Germany

W. Spencer Reeder (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)

Lead Policy Strategist for Climate Change, Washington State Department of
Ecology, Olympia, WA, USA

Rapporteur

Olof Hansen (DAAD-Fellow)

Environmental Protection Specialist, EPA Pacific Southwest, San Francisco,
CA, USA

Working Group 7

International Terrorism: Security versus Civil Rights?

Chair

LtCol (sel) Scott E. Pierce (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)
United States Marine Corps, Olmsted Scholar & Fletcher School Fellow,
Istanbul, Turkey

Kick-off Speakers

Dr. Bastian Giegerich (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)
The International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, UK

William H. Houston IV (Robert Bosch Stiftung-Fellow)
Security Affairs Specialist, Executive Branch, U.S. Government, Garrett Park,
MD, USA

Professor Ingrid Wuerth (Humboldt Foundation-Fellow)
Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, USA

Rapporteur

Ellen Fisher (Fulbright-Fellow)
Research Associate, Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School
of Law, New York, NY, USA

12:30 - 2:00 pm Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00 - 3:30 pm **Working Group discussions continue**

3:30 - 4:00 pm Coffee break

4:00 - 5:00 pm **Plenary Session**

Presentation of Working Group Results and Discussion

Moderator

Peter Kerrigan
Deputy Director, DAAD Regional Office for the U.S. & Canada, New York, NY,
USA

Rapporteurs General

Professor Crister S. Garrett
Professor for American, Transatlantic and International Studies, Institute for
American Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany

Professor Claus Leggewie
Director, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI), Essen,
Germany

Final remarks and farewell

Kristina von Taube

Program Director German American Relations, Department International Relations Western Europe, USA, Turkey, Japan, India, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Stuttgart, Germany

Petra Pissulla

Director, Dräger Foundation, Lübeck, Germany

Dr. Rolf Hoffmann

Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Chairman, Round Table USA, Berlin, Germany

- 6:00 pm Departure by bus to **Nicholson Vineyards**
2800 Pleasant Valley Road, Aptos, CA 95003
Phone: +1 831 724 7071
from the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel
- 7:00 pm Farewell Dinner with Panel Discussion on invitation of
the **Bertelsmann Foundation**
- 7:00 pm Reception and Wine Tasting
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm Panel Discussion

Future Media and Civic Involvement

Speakers

Michael J. Balaoing, Esq. (Bertelsmann Foundation-Fellow)
Senior Vice President, Entertainment Industry Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Professor Henry Farrell (Bertelsmann Foundation-Fellow)
Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University,
Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Gregor Peter Schmitz (Bertelsmann Foundation-Fellow)
U.S. Correspondent, Spiegel Magazine/Spiegel Online, Washington, D.C., USA

Moderator

Annette Heuser

Executive Director, Bertelsmann Foundation North America, Washington, D.C., USA

- 8:30 pm Buffet Dinner
- 10:00 pm End of conference and bus transfer back to Palo Alto