

Program

Tripartite Young Leaders Conference

THE EUROPEAN UNION IN CRISIS AND THE TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP IN TROUBLE

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Conference Venue

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

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Tuesday, October 15, 2013

5:30 pm Reception at the invitation of the **German Embassy**

6:00 pm **Welcome**

Jens Hanefeld, Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington, D.C.

Words of Greeting

William M. Drozdiak, President, American Council on Germany, New York, NY, USA

Dr. Guido Goldman, Member of the Board, American Council on Germany, New York, NY, USA

Ambassador Lee Feinstein, former United States Ambassador to Poland, Washington, D.C., USA

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

9:00 am **Welcome**

Dr. Helena Kane Finn, Vice President and Director of Programs, American Council on Germany, New York, NY, USA

Professor Dieter Feddersen, Member of the Board, Dräger Foundation, Lübeck, Germany

Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska, President, Center for International Relations, Warsaw, Poland

9:15 – 10:45 am **Session 1**

The European Union still in crisis – Has austerity failed?

- **An evaluation of the EU's crisis management: In which condition is Europe politically, economically and socially today?**
- **Are there alternatives to austerity? Sources and ways to address the crisis in different EU member states**
- **(Also possible: Where will German crisis management be heading to after the German elections?)**
- **The grey sphere of policy making in the Euro zone – democracy, responsibility and competence revisited**
- **How should the future monetary union look like?**

Speakers:

William M. Drozdiak, President, American Council on Germany, New York, NY, USA

Jakob Kirkegaard, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. John Lipsky, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., USA

Moderator:

Dr. Frederike Wolf, Principal, Miller & Meier Consulting GmbH, Berlin, Germany (YL)

11:15 – 1:15 pm Session 2

The ‘European Dream’ and the financial and social crisis

- Can Europe regain strength in unity or will it fall apart?
- How to deal with a multi-speed Europe and growing social divide?
- Does Europe need a new social contract?
- Will the UK opt out, and if yes, what would be the consequences for Britain and for the EU?
- Croatia (member no. 28 of the EU) and Latvia (member no. 17 of the Euro zone) – additional burden or benefit? Can the EU and the Euro zone cope with enlargements at this time?
- All eyes on Germany – can Europe’s most wealthy and least crisis-ridden country fix it?

Speakers:

Indermit Gill, Chief Economist Europe and Central Asia, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Bartłomiej Nowak, Fellow, Transatlantic Academy, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Anna Visvizi, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute of East-Central Europe, Lublin, Poland; Associate Professor, The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece (YL)

Moderator:

Matthew Kaminski, Member, Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal, New York, NY, USA

2:15 – 4:00 pm Session 3

Poland, a success story in the midst of the EU crisis?

- **What did Poland do right? An economic and social evaluation**
- **Can Poland provide lessons for other European countries?**
- **Can Poland avoid to be drawn into the whirlpool of the economic downswing in Europe?**
- **Poland's role in transatlantic relations**
- **Poland and Germany: Common interest or rivalry – What is prevailing in their relations with the US? Did the crisis change anything?**

Speakers:

Artur Kluz, Partner, Metropolitan Capital Solutions, Warsaw, Poland (YL)

Andrew Nagorski, Director of Public Policy and Senior Fellow, EastWest Institute, New York, NY, USA

Sebastian Stolorz, Advisor to Executive Director, The World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Małgorzata Bonikowska, President, Center for International Relations, Warsaw, Poland

Commentator/Moderator:

Wess Mitchell, President, Center for European Policy Analysis, Washington, D.C., USA

7:00 pm Dinner

Dinner speaker:

Ambassador Robert M. Kimmitt, Chairman, American Council on Germany, New York, NY, USA; Senior International Counsel, WilmerHale; former U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; former Ambassador of the U.S. to Germany

From Throw-weight to Interest Rates: The New Transatlantic Relationship

Introduction and moderation:

Sarah Marie Lenti, CEO & Founder, SML Advisory Partners, Washington, D.C. & Denver, CO, USA (YL)

Thursday, October 17, 2013

9:00 – 11:00 am Session 4

The Economic and Political Future of the Transatlantic Partnership

- Are Europe and the US still attractive partners for each other or are other countries starting to take over?
- What is the glue that keeps Europe and the US together
- Subjects of dispute in EU-US economic relations for many years: IPR, uniform industrial standards, trade-related barriers – what is to be expected of the TTIP (an impact assessment)
- What might a transatlantic common market mean for EU unity?
- TTIP versus PRISM : Hopes versus fears – what will prevail?

Speakers:

Adeline Hinderer Sayers, Counselor, Trade and Agriculture Section, Delegation of the European Union to the United States of America, Washington, D.C., USA

Peter Fischer, Head of the Economic Department, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Washington, D.C., USA

The Hon. Jim Kolbe, former Member of Congress for Arizona's 8th Congressional District; Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

Commentator/Moderator:

Malgorzata Krusiewicz, Policy Coordinator, Directorate General for Internal Market and Services, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium (YL)

11:15 – 1:15 pm Session 5

Dealing with the global financial crisis – a never-ending story?

- How to protect the financial system from future economic troubles?
- Lessons from the Euro crisis – towards a more resilient financial system: approaches from Europe, the US and others
- Can the US avoid a European-style debt crisis?
- The policy of 'cheap money' in the US and Europe – where will it lead us?

- **Any striking effects to be expected from the EU's Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for 2014-2020?**

Speakers:

Dr. Ralf Retter, Advisor, Federal Chancellery, Berlin, Germany (YL)

Jan Schildbach, Senior Economist, Banking, Financial Markets, Regulation, Deutsche Bank Research, Frankfurt am Main, Germany (YL)

Stephan Richter, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief, theglobalist.com; President, The Globalist Research Center, Washington, D.C., USA

Commentator/Moderator:

Richard Hornik, Director, Overseas Partnership Programs for News Literacy, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, USA

2:15 – 4:15 pm Session 6 (Working Paper)

Foreign and Security Affairs in Transatlantic Relations

- **Europe's economic downswing and implications of defence budget cuts for foreign and security relations**
- **NATO in the age of austerity: how will shrinking budgets and 21st century threats affect the transatlantic partnership?**
- **Cyber security/PRISM**
- **Will the US remain the chief guarantor of freedom, security and stability for Europe; what will Europe have to do in order to protect European interests?**
- **The Western alliance in a new world order – with special reference to North Africa**

Speakers:

The Hon. Glenn Nye, former Member of Congress for the 2nd District of Virginia; Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

Captain Brian J. Hensarling, UH-1Y Helicopter Pilot, United States Marine Corps, San Diego, USA; former Olmsted Scholar, Brussels, Belgium (YL)

Barry Pavel, Vice President and Director, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C., USA

Dr. Marco Overhaus, Research Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany (YL)

Commentator/Moderator:

Professor Stephen F. Szabo, Executive Director, Transatlantic Academy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

7:00 pm

Dinner

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Ambassador Kurt Volker, Executive Director, The McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University, Washington, D.C., USA

The Global Competition: Is Western Democracy Losing?**Introduction and moderation:**

Captain Thomas A. Walsh, U.S. Air Force; Olmsted Scholar, Ljubljana, Slovenia (YL)

Friday, October 18, 2013

9:00 – 11:00 am **Session 7****Major global trends – what will be the key forces driving the global economy and the transatlantic partnership?**

- **What are the future sources of global growth?**
- **What about the future of global financing?**
- **Which countries will dominate the global economic and political arena?**
- **The future role of the BRIC countries – are their high times over?**
- **Which role will Central and Eastern Europe play in the transatlantic partnership?**
- **Do we need institutional changes and a new international agenda?**

Speakers:

Bruce Stokes, Director, Global Economic Program, Pew Research Global Attitudes Project, Washington, D.C., USA

Richard Hornik, Director, Overseas Partnership Programs for News Literacy, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, USA

Rafał Wiśniewski, PhD Student, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland (YL)

Moderator:

Ignacy Morawski, Chief Economist, FM Bank PBP, Warsaw, Poland (YL)

11:30 – 12:30 pm Session 8

Wrap up: conclusions, recommendations and farewell

Moderators:

Sebastian Litta, Associate Partner, schumacher & baumanns GmbH, Hamburg, Germany (YL)

Dr. David Rossbach, Assistant Professor of Political Science Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA (YL)

12:30 – 2:30 pm Farewell Lunch at the GMF
