



Programme

British German Forum 2019

Can globalisation still work for all?

Sunday 7 – Thursday 11 July 2019 | WP1697

The aim of the Forum throughout its 34 year history has been to strengthen the bonds between the UK and Germany and promote partnership amongst future leaders, usually aged between 25 and 35, in both countries. As the UK leaves the EU, the need to build understanding and strengthen ties between Britain and Germany has become ever more important.

This year's Forum will provide a space for participants to look at how to respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by globalisation, and explore three critical questions:

- How can globalisation be made to work for all?
- What must societies in the UK and Germany do to keep pace with technological change and disruption?
- How might industrial strategies and wider government policies in UK and Germany be able to counter inequality?

The British German Forum was established by Helmut Kohl and Margaret Thatcher in 1985 and has been an annual event ever since. The Forum provides a dynamic space in which participants can network and share ideas among their peers and gain insight and inspiration from experienced professionals. Through dialogue, it aims to facilitate both increased shared understanding and the building of strong relationships between influential young Britons and Germans.

In association with the British Embassy in Berlin and with support from the Sir Heinz Koeppler Trust and Bridge International Dialogue.

(Speakers invited and themes proposed * denotes awaiting confirmation)

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Sunday 7 July

1600 Participants arrive - tea/coffee available

1630-1700 **Welcome and introduction**

Thomas Hoare

Assistant Programme Director, Wilton Park

1700-1745 **1. The forces shaping our interconnected world: what role for the UK and Germany?**

How can globalisation be made to work for all? What must societies in the UK and Germany do to keep pace with technological change and disruption? How might industrial strategies and wider government policies in UK and Germany be able to counter inequality?

Rachel King

Economic Counsellor, British Embassy, Berlin

Peter Collecott

Former Ambassador to Brazil, London

1745-1815 Paired walk

1830 Optional choral service featuring the Choir of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1915 Reception drinks and Barbecue

Monday 8 July

0645-0815 Hike to Chanctonbury Ring (optional)

0800-0845 Breakfast

0900-1030 **2. Global and domestic inequalities: challenges and responses**

Can economic growth be inclusive for all, involving the social, economic and environmental aspects of development? How do we create more stable, transparent and accountable global financial systems? What can be done to ensure better access to decent work opportunities, especially for young people, women and marginalised groups? What measures need to be taken to promote a fairer distribution of wealth and resources?

Simon Anholt

Founder, Good Country Index, Great Yarmouth

Daniel Höltgen

Director of Communications; Spokesperson for the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

1030-1115 Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1115-1245

3. Technology, government and the citizen: how has a networked world changed politics and engagement?

How has increased connectivity affected politics and engagement in the UK and Germany? How do and should citizens interact with the political process? How can governments better engage digital and emerging technologies, including for improved service provision and more meaningful forms of citizen participation?

Carl Miller

Research Director, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media (CASM), Demos, London

David Nguyen

Economist, National Institute of Economic and Social Research, London

1245-1345

Lunch

1245-1300

Briefing for world café facilitators in the Library

1445-1615

4. Global population movements: drivers, challenges and responses

By 2050 it is predicted almost 200 million people will be at risk of climate induced migration. What are the key drivers and consequences of this type of migration? How can governments establish greater rural to urban planning? How can we improve urban infrastructure and enhance the sustainability of livelihoods? What can the international community do to better address global food security challenges? What effective early warning systems and strategies need to be created at a national level?

Camilla Born

Senior Policy Adviser, E3G, London

Simon Beard

Academic Programme Manager / Senior Research Associate, Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, The University of Cambridge

1615-1645

Tea/coffee

1645-1800

5. World café: countering inequalities

How do the UK and Germany respond to the challenges of globalisation? Where can bilateral links between the two help here?

1800-1900

6. How can the UK and Germany respond?

Feedback from the world café and plenary discussion.

1900

Briefing for Working group facilitators in the Library

1930

Dinner

Tuesday 9 July in London

0700-0800

Breakfast

0800

Depart by coach from Wiston House to London

1100-1200

7.1 Can globalisation still work for all? Parliamentary perspectives

A 'Question-time' style debate at the Houses of Parliament with invited parliamentarians representing the major political parties debating questions posed by the Forum participants.

1315-1600	<p>7.2 The Foreign and Commonwealth Office: perspectives on the UK-German relationship</p> <p>Including a panel discussion of FCO officials.</p>
1630-1730	<p>7.3 Cabinet Office: Race Disparity Unit</p> <p>An introduction to the Unit's open online tool on ethnicity data.</p> <p>Hosted by Race Disparity Unit, Cabinet Office, London</p>
1800-2000	<p>7.4 Discussion at the German Ambassador's Residence</p> <p>Buffet dinner and discussion at the German Ambassador's Residence, attended by participants, alumni and invited guests.</p> <p>Hosted by Peter Wittig, Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, London</p>
2000	<p>Depart by coach for Wiston House</p>

Wednesday 10 July

0800-0845	Breakfast
0900-0915	<p>8. Reflections from discussions in London</p> <p>Paired conversations.</p>
0915-1030	<p>9. Industrial strategy: building inclusive forward-thinking growth</p> <p>What must society, government and industry do to keep pace with technological change and disruption? How well are the UK and Germany's industrial strategies framed to meet the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution? What does 'industrial strategy' mean as the service economy accounts for larger proportions of GDP? Do we think about growth in the most helpful way?</p> <p>Paul Maeser Senior Manager, Research, Industrial and Economic Policy, Federation of German Industries, Berlin</p> <p>Emily Beynon Deputy Director, Strategy and Planning, Department for Business and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), London</p> <p>Seamus Nevin Chief Economist, Make UK, London</p>
1030-1100	Tea/coffee
1100-1215	<p>10. Working groups: constructing an economy for all</p> <p>Break into small groups to discuss the key issues.</p>
1215-1300	Lunch
1300-1400	Football match, croquet and tennis (optional)

1430-1600

11. Populism, illiberal democracy and political extremes: UK and German responses

What responses can societies and governments generate to the politics of extremes? Has Brexit strengthened or weakened Anglo-German relations? What does the German political context look like with the transition to a new chancellor and ebbing support for the Grand Coalition? What new bi-lateral strategies need to be incorporated to strengthen Anglo-German collaboration in a post Brexit world? How should Britain and Germany respond to a seemingly divided Europe?

Almut Möller

Head of Berlin Office, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

Jan-Jonathan Bock

Programme Director, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor

1600-1615

Tea/coffee

1615-1715

12. Working groups: how should we respond?

Break into small groups to discuss the key issues.

1715-1730

Tea/coffee

1730-1830

13. Conclusions

Feedback from working groups and time to complete the evaluation survey

1900

Reception

1930

Forum dinner

Thursday 11 July

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915

Participants depart