



# PROGRAMME

## WILTON PARK BRITISH-GERMAN FORUM 2006:

### ***BUILDING MODERN SOCIETIES IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: INTEGRATION, IDEOLOGY AND IDENTITY***

Monday 10 – Friday 14 July 2006

#### **820th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE**

in co-operation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
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The Wilton Park British-German Forum is an annual event, sponsored by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, to bring together some 40 “high flyers” aged 25-35 from the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany. Those participating are chosen from a variety of backgrounds and are regarded as opinion formers and leaders of the future. The 2006 Forum will be the 21st event.

#### **MONDAY 10 JULY**

1300-1430 Buffet Lunch Available

1500 Introductions  
**Robin HART**  
Programme Director, Wilton Park

1530-1700 1 **BUILDING MODERN SOCIETIES: WHAT DOES AN INTEGRATED EUROPE MEAN?  
WHAT DOES EUROPE WANT?**  
**Claude MORAES**  
Member of European Parliament; Member of Justice and Home Affairs Committee,  
European Parliament, Brussels  
**Shamit SAGGAR**  
Professor of Political Science, University of Sussex; Chairman Consumer Complaints  
Board (CCB), The Law Society of England and Wales

1700 Photograph and Tea

1745-1900 2 **WHO AM I? WHO ARE WE? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE BRITISH OR GERMAN?  
AND EUROPEAN? DOES IDENTITY MATTER?**  
**Discussion in smaller groups about identities and what they mean**

1900 Reception followed by Dinner



## TUESDAY 11 JULY

- 0900-1030      3      **THE FUTURE OF MULTICULTURALISM: DOES MULTICULTURALISM WORK? HAS IT GONE TOO FAR? WHO DECIDES, AND HOW, WHAT IS CULTURALLY ACCEPTABLE IN A MODERN SOCIETY?**  
**Munira MIRZA**  
Researcher, University of Kent, Canterbury  
**Bülent TULAY**  
Director, Tulay and Kollegen PR Agency, Munich  
**Omar KHAN**  
Research Associate, The Runnymede Trust, London
- 1030                      Coffee
- 1100-1150      4      **ASSESSING MODELS OF INTEGRATION: WHAT WORKS?**  
1200-1300      **Speakers introducing the topic (10 minutes each) followed by discussion in smaller groups led by a speaker:**  
**Dorte HUNEKE**  
Freelance Journalist; Author "Is it easier to be a Turk in Berlin or a Pakistani in Bradford?"  
**Aydan ÖZOGUZ**  
SPD spokeswoman for the politics of migration, Hamburg Parliament  
**Berhanu KASSAYIE**  
Policy Manager, Praxis, London  
**Dirk HALM**  
Sociologist, Centre for Turkish Studies, Essen  
**A French Perspective:**  
**Nabila RAMDANI**  
Commentator and Researcher, Paris
- 1300                      Lunch
- 1530-1700      5      **ISLAM IN EUROPE: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?**  
**Ibrahim EL-ZAYAT**  
President, Islamic Community of Germany, Cologne
- 1700                      Tea
- 1730-1900      6      **DISCUSSION GROUPS**
- **Freedom of expression: what are the limits of free speech in the public sphere and what role should the law play in setting limits?**
  - **What does citizenship mean in the 21<sup>st</sup> century?**
  - **The role of religion in a secular society – what does a revival of religion mean for a secular Europe? How does an ostensibly secular society in Europe cope with public symbols and expressions of faith?**
  - **What does it mean to be patriotic in today's Britain and Germany?**
- 1930                      Barbecue

## WEDNESDAY 12 JULY

### *VISIT TO LONDON*

0745 Coach departs Wiston House for London

1030-1130 ***Meeting at the Houses of Parliament with Parliamentarians***  
**THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT IN BUILDING A MODERN AND TOLERANT SOCIETY**

**Chaired by Lord TRUSCOTT**, Labour Peer, Author and Political Analyst

#### ***Panellists:***

**Lord JANNER of Braunstone**, Labour Peer; Vice-President, World Jewish Congress  
**Lembit OPIK**, Liberal Democrat MP for Montgomeryshire; Member of Liberal Democrat Shadow Cabinet: Spokesperson on Wales, Northern Ireland and Young People  
**Angus ROBERTSON**, Scottish Nationalist MP for Moray; Member European Scrutiny Select Committee (British-German Forum Participant, 1999)  
**Shailesh VARA**, Conservative MP for North West Cambridgeshire; Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee (British-German Forum Participant, 2000)

1145-1245 Tour of the House of Lords

1300-1445 ***Buffet lunch at the German Embassy***  
Hosted by:  
**His Excellency Mr Wolfgang ISCHINGER**  
Ambassador, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

1600-1715 ***Meeting at the Greater London Assembly***

### **HOW CAN A MODERN SOCIETY BE A TOLERANT SOCIETY? A LONDON PERSPECTIVE**

Panel Discussion:

**John BIGGS**, London Assembly Member  
**Teresa ASKEW**, Senior Co-ordinator, Cities Against Racism, Greater London Authority  
**Roisin DONACHIE**, Head of Europe and International Relations, Commission for Racial Equality, London

c2030 Dinner at Wiston House

## THURSDAY 13 JULY

0915-1045 7 **THE IMPLICATIONS OF AN AGEING POPULATION FOR BRITAIN AND GERMANY: IS IMMIGRATION THE ANSWER?**

**Chair: Jackie NEWBURY**, Managing Director, J. L. Newbury Financial Consulting Ltd., London

#### **Macha FARRANT**

Research Fellow, Migration, Equalities and Citizenship Team, Institute for Public Policy Research, London

#### **Christoph URBAN**

Former Chief Financial Officer, Siemens; Chairman British-German Association, London

#### **Christian GEINITZ**

Head, Leipzig Office, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Leipzig

1045 Coffee

1115-1245	8	<p><b>DISCUSSION IN SMALLER GROUPS (additional or replacement topics can be suggested by the group)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Managing future migration to Britain and Germany: what works best? What are the challenges?</b></li> <li>• <b>Is Education the key to better integration? What does “Education” mean in this context?</b></li> <li>• <b>What are the economic benefits of immigration? How can business benefit?</b></li> </ul>
1300		Lunch
1530-1700	9	<p><b>ASSESSING THE CHALLENGES OF SETTING FOREIGN POLICY IN MODERN SOCIETIES: TO WHAT EXTENT ARE FOREIGN POLICIES SHAPED BY THE IDENTITIES AND IDEOLOGIES OF THEIR SOCIETIES?</b></p> <p><b>Stephen WALL</b> Former Head, European Secretariat, Cabinet Office, London; Chairman, Public Affairs (EMEA), Hill and Knowlton, London</p>
1700		Tea
1730-1900	10	<p><b>CONCLUDING DISCUSSION: HOW WILL ISSUES OF INTEGRATION, IDEOLOGY AND IDENTITY SHAPE BRITISH AND GERMAN SOCIETIES OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS?</b></p> <p><b>Discussion in smaller groups reporting conclusions back to plenary</b></p>
2000		Forum Dinner
<b>FRIDAY 14 JULY</b>		
0930		Participants depart