



Programme

British German Forum 2016 What does the EU mean to us in Britain and Germany now?

Sunday 10 – Thursday 14 July 2016 | WP1481

Taking place just two weeks after the UK has voted to leave the European Union, this year's British German Forum will be a chance to discuss the future relationship between the two countries. What might the UK's exit from the EU look like? What kind of EU does Germany want to see in the next 10-20 years? What does it mean to be a European? How will the UK and Germany face ongoing and future challenges and what can they do together? How will European countries deal with the crises and challenges they are facing such as migration, economic stability, unstable neighbours and threats from terrorism?

The British German Forum was established by Chancellor Kohl and Margaret Thatcher in 1985 and has been an annual event ever since. 2016 marks both 30 years since the first Forum took place, and the 70th anniversary of Wilton Park. 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.

With support from Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the City of London Corporation and Bridge International Dialogue

Sunday 10 July

1700

Participants arrive and tea/coffee available

1730-1830

Welcome and introductions

Robin Hart

Director of Programmes and The Sir Heinz Koeppler Fellow, Wilton Park

Gary Wilton

Visiting Programme Director, Wilton Park and Canon of the Pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity, Brussels

1830

Drinks reception followed by dinner

With support from:



Monday 11 July

0800-0845

Breakfast

0900-1030

1. What is the future of the British relationship with the European Union?

What are the implications of the UK's vote to leave the EU, both for the UK and for the European Union? What will relations between the UK and the EU and its member states look like in the coming months and years?

Chair: Robin Hart

Director of Programmes and The Sir Heinz Koeppler Fellow, Wilton Park

Daniel Hannan

Conservative Member of the European Parliament for South East England, Brussels

Stephen Wall

Former UK Permanent Representative to the European Union; Official Government Historian, Cabinet Office, London

Quentin Peel

Mercator Senior Fellow for Europe, Chatham House, London

1030-1115

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1115-1245

2. How will Germany approach the future of the EU and membership?

What are the implications for Germany of the UK referendum result? What are the key issues for Germany about the future of the EU once the UK has left its seat at the EU table? What kind of future does Germany see for the EU? What will the impact of Brexit be on bilateral relations?

Chair: Gary Wilton

Visiting Programme Director, Wilton Park and Canon of the Pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity, Brussels

Almut Möller

Head, Berlin Office and Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), Berlin

Stephen Green

Former Minister of State for Trade and Investment, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), London

1245-1430

Lunch

1430-1600

3. European identity and Euroscepticism

Initial group activity followed by plenary.

What does European identity consist of? What are the values that underpin this? How do national and supra-national identities interrelate? Why are feelings of European identity held closer by some areas of the UK than others? What is the state of European identity in Germany? What does the UK vote say about the strands of British Euroscepticism and that of other European nations?

Isabell Hoffmann

Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh

Nina Schick

Director of Communications, Open Europe, London

1600-1630

Tea/coffee

1630-1745

4. Freedom of movement, international migration and Europe's borders

How is Germany coping with the significant influx of migrants and refugees? How will the UK's departure from the EU impact on future migration flows within and beyond Europe? How open to make the EU's internal and external borders? How can Schengen survive and thrive in the wake of the strain put on it by the migration crisis? How can Europe protect itself without betraying its values? How to solve ongoing and future international migration crises?

James Hampshire

Senior Lecturer in Politics, University of Sussex, Brighton

Andrea Berner

Counsellor and Policy Officer, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Berlin

Stefanie Bolzen

UK Correspondent, Die Welt, London

1745

Tea/coffee available

1750-1900

5. Britain, Germany and the EU: now what?

Discussion in smaller groups, reflecting on the discussions so far.

1900

Bar open

1930

Barbecue

Tuesday 12 July in London

0700-0800

Breakfast

0800

Depart by coach from Wiston House to London

1100-1200

6. What does Europe mean to us in Britain now? 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.

Chair: Lord Davies of Stamford

Labour Peer, House of Lords, London

Kenneth Clarke

Conservative Member of Parliament for Rushcliffe, House of Commons, London

Dominic Grieve

Chair, Intelligence and Security Committee; Member of the Privy Council; Conservative Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield, House of Commons, London

Chris Bryant

Labour Member of Parliament for Rhondda, House of Commons, London

1200-1300

Tour of the House of Lords

1315-1445

7. Lunch and discussion: The UK – redefining its place in the world

Lunch and discussion at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1530-1630

8. Economic futures in Europe and the role of the City of London as a world leader in international finance and business

Interactive session on the role of the City as a world leader in international finance; the City's place in the UK economy; its contribution to economic prosperity; the role of a financial centre. Hosted by the City of London Corporation.

Welcome by **Alderman Sir Roger Gifford**, Representative Lord Mayor, City of London

Introduction by **Jeremy Browne**, Former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; Special Representative for the City, City of London

Miles Celic

Director, Group Strategic Communications, Prudential plc, London

Stephen Fisher

Director, Government Relations and Public Policy, Blackrock, London

Rachel Lomax

Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, HSBC Bank plc, London

1630-1730

How can Europe prosper in the global economy?

Chair: **Jeremy Browne**, Former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs; Special Representative for the City, City of London

Stefan Georg

Chairman, Delta Economics, London

Michael Mainelli

Chairman, Z/Yen, London

Andreas Utermann

Chief Executive Officer and Global Chief Investment Officer, Allianz Global Investors, London

1800-2000

Evening reception at the Guildhall Livery Hall for British German Forum participants, alumni and invited guests hosted by:

Mark Boleat

Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee, City of London Corporation, London

with introduction from:

Sir Win Bischoff

Chairman, Financial Reporting Council, London

2000

Depart by coach for Wiston House

Wednesday 13 July at Wiston House

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900-0915

Reflections from the discussions in London

Paired conversations

0915-1045

9. Europe's future relationship with its neighbours and the rest of the world

How might EU policy towards Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Partnership countries evolve without the UK as a member state? What can Europe do to stabilise its southern neighbourhood? What will future relationships be with US (post elections), China? How will the UK work with its European neighbours on foreign policy? What does the UK's withdrawal from the EU mean for climate change policy? What policy options are available to respond to the momentum of nationalist and fringe movements in European states?

Theresa Fallon

Senior Associate, European Institute for Asian Studies (EIAS), Brussels

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1230

10. Discussion groups: Europe's internal and external relationships

Participants break into small groups reflecting on the discussions in Session 9.

1230-1330

Lunch

1345-1400

Tree planting to mark Wilton Park's 70th Anniversary followed by tea and cake in the Library

1400-1500

Football match

1500-1630

11. Future direction of the EU

Is the UK's forthcoming departure a "watershed moment" for the EU? What is the future of 'ever closer union'? What measures and initiatives can now be progressed or reinvigorated? How sustainable is the current balance between political, monetary and fiscal union? How will ongoing tensions within the Eurozone countries affect European cohesion?

Will the European Union expand further? What is practicable now? Where is the EU-Turkey relationship heading?

Bernd Heinze

Minister Counsellor (Political), Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, London

Henning Meyer

Senior Associate, ATRx GmbH, London; Research Associate, London School of Economics and Political Science, London

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1800

12. What does the EU mean to us in Britain and Germany now? And what future for the bilateral relationship?

Participants break into small groups to pull together their conclusions and reflections from their discussions throughout the Forum to present in session 13.

1800-1830

13. Conclusions: what does the EU mean to us in Britain and Germany now? And what future for the bilateral relationship?

Representatives from each group to present their conclusions.

Including time to complete the eQuestionnaire

1900

Drinks followed by Forum dinner

Thursday 14 July

0800-0915

Breakfast

0915

Participants depart