



## Programme

### **British German Forum 2017**

### **Securing the future in a changing world to 2020 and beyond**

Sunday 9 – Thursday 13 July 2017 | WP1549

Taking place against the backdrop of a changing international order, in the run-up to the German Federal Election and in the midst of the Brexit negotiations this year's British German Forum (BGF) will explore the way forward for the UK and Germany to 2020 and beyond. What are the shared and individual challenges and how will both countries respond?

Discussion will focus on three core topics and their implications for the UK and Germany:

- the 'shifting sands' of the regional and international order;
- the future for business in a changing global economic landscape; and
- social and political disruption and innovation.

The British German Forum was established by Chancellor Kohl and Margaret Thatcher in 1985 and has been an annual event ever since. 2017 marks 32 years since the first Forum took place. 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 Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the British Embassy in Berlin and with support from the Sir Heinz Koeppler Trust and Bridge International Dialogue**

## Sunday 9 July

1600

Participants arrive - tea/coffee available

1630-1700

### **Welcome and introduction**

**Robin Hart**

Senior Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

**Alison Hilliard**

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

**With support from:**



1700-1745

## 1. Where are we now? What the next three years mean for the UK and Germany

The UK and Germany stand at a critical juncture. The next three years will shape Germany's role in Europe, the UK's ties to its European neighbours, and the makeup of the next German government. What will be the critical moments that determine the near future for each country?

### **Sebastian Wood**

British Ambassador to Germany, British Embassy, Berlin

1745-1815

Looking forward to 2020, participants will take part in an interactive exercise to identify the top four issues they think will shape the course of the next three years

1830

Optional evensong in St Mary's Church, Wiston featuring the Choir of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1915

Reception followed by dinner

## Monday 10 July

0800-0900

Breakfast

0900-1045

## 2. Navigating Brexit: what does the future hold for the UK and Germany?

A session reflecting on recent developments in both countries. As Britain takes up its place on the opposite side of the negotiating table with the EU, what issues will define the course of talks? What do the possible outcomes from the Brexit negotiations mean for Germany? How will different sections of British and German societies respond to the process of negotiation?

### **Jill Rutter**

Programme Director, Institute for Government, London

### **Martin Heipertz**

Head, European Policy Division, Federal Ministry of Finance, Berlin

### **Kirsty Hughes**

Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations, Edinburgh

### **Katharina Gnath**

Senior Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh

### **Quentin Peel**

Associate Fellow, Royal Institute of International Affairs, (Chatham House), London

1045-1115

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1115-1300

## 3. Future economies: what next for globalisation and trade?

With a growing appetite within and between countries for greater protectionism, how might international trade change over the next 15 years? What might a new trade deal between the UK and the EU look like? What are the challenges facing the UK and the EU as they seek to establish and strengthen ties with emerging economies and markets? Which sectors are at the cutting edge of innovation and driving growth in the British and German economies?

### **Sebastian Dullien**

Professor, University of Applied Sciences; Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

**Owen Tudor**

Head, European Union and International Relations, Trades Union Congress (TUC), London

**Jan Stern**

Policy Advisor, German Trade Union Confederation, Berlin

**James Sproule**

Former Chief Economist and Director of Policy, Institute of Directors, London

1300-1430

Lunch

1500-1615

**4. New realities: data, technology and climate change**

How will the tools provided by technology and data shape our lives and those of future generations? What solutions does technology offer? Are there risks associated with its importance? What does this mean for the world of work and employment? What pressures will global climate change create within and outside the UK and Germany's borders? Where do joint opportunities to tackle climate change lie?

**Camilla Born**

Senior Policy Advisor, Third Generation Environmentalism (E3G), London

**Antonia Dickman**

Research Director, Head of Energy and Environment Research, Ipsos MORI, London

**Andreas Winiarski**

Managing Partner, Early Bird Venture Capital, Berlin

1615-1645

Tea/coffee

1645-1800

**5. New realities: populism, activism and communications in the age of social media**

How are attitudes evolving and influencing our societies? What do recent political events indicate about the survival of a liberal political agenda? What about the future? What role is social media playing in how we communicate, interact and view reality? Will younger generations bring further shifts in societal attitudes? How are young people influencing the agenda and what role is there for intergenerational co-operation to shape the future of both countries?

**Daniele Albertazzi**

Senior Lecturer in European Politics, University of Birmingham

**Alex Krasodomski-Jones**

Researcher, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media (CASM), DEMOS, London

**Zander Woollcombe**

Campaign Strategist and Trustee, Global Citizen Festival, London

1800-1900

**6. New realities: changing societies, to 2020 and beyond**

Participants will break into four smaller groups to reflect on the key issues identified in the day's sessions and examine the forces that will shape the political, social and economic landscapes of the UK and Germany. Where will we need to adapt, innovate and collaborate to keep step with social and technological transformation?

1900

Bar open

1930

Barbecue

## Tuesday 11 July in London

0700-0800

Breakfast

0800

Depart by coach from Wiston House to London

1100-1200

### 7. What does a good deal for Britain and Europe look like? 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: Paul Farrelly**

Labour Party Member of Parliament for Newcastle-under-Lyme, House of Commons, London

**Lindsay Northover**

Liberal Democrats Principal Parliamentary Spokesperson on International Development, House of Lords, London

**Stephen Gethins**

Scottish National Party Member of Parliament for North East Fife, House of Commons, London

**Rushanara Ali**

Labour Party Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Bow, House of Commons, London

**William Cash**

Conservative Party Member for Stone House of Commons; Chair, European Scrutiny Committee, London

1200-1330

Tour of the Houses of Parliament followed by lunch

1430-1700

### 8. How can the UK and Europe's financial sectors adapt to the challenges ahead?

What will the long term impact of Brexit be on the UK and Germany's financial sectors? What are the ingredients for success in an increasingly competitive global environment? How can financial centres incubate innovation and keep pace with changes in business and society? Hosted by the City of London Corporation.

**Chair: Jeremy Browne**

Special Representative for the City of London to the European Union, City of London Corporation

**Simon Jowers**

Head, Governmental Affairs EU, UBS AG, London

**Gerard Lyons**

Chief Economic Strategist, Netwealth, London

**Michael Mainelli**

Executive Chairman, Z/Yen Group, London

1800-2000

Buffet dinner and discussion at the German Ambassador's Residence, attended by participants, alumni and invited guests.

Hosted by **Tania Freiin von Uslar-Gleichen**, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, London

2000

Depart by coach for Wiston House

## Wednesday 12 July

0800-0900	Breakfast
0900-0915	<b>9. Reflections from discussions in London</b> Paired conversations.
0915-1045	<b>10. The shifting sands of the international order</b> Old certainties, like the integrity of NATO, strong transatlantic relationship, domestic security and common identity have become increasingly contested. How can the UK, Germany and their closest partners work together to adapt to the new international terrain? Is a new era of unilateral action replacing the rules based international system? How can European countries work together in the face of an increasingly hostile neighbourhood and home-grown threats? What shape will foreign policy take in the years to 2020 and beyond? <b>Julia De Clerck-Sachsse</b> Adviser, Strategic Planning, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels <b>Theresa Fallon</b> Director, Centre for Russia, Europe, Asia Studies (CREAS), Brussels <b>Kevin Massy</b> Manager, Strategy Advisory Council, Statoil (UK) Ltd, London
1045-1115	Tea/coffee
1115-1230	<b>11. Britain and Germany: shared vision, common challenges</b> Participants break into small groups reflecting on the discussions during Session 10.
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1430	Football match, croquet and tennis (optional)
1445-1600	<b>12. Beyond negotiations: the future of UK-EU cooperation</b> What will the end of negotiations mean for Britain's relationship with Germany and Europe? Where next for the EU 27? Will Europe's future be defined by language of 'cooperation' or 'integration'? What are the issues which will provide the opportunity for close cooperation between the UK and the EU27? <b>Stephen Wall</b> Former UK Permanent Representative to the European Union; Official Government Historian, Cabinet Office, London
1600-1615	Tea/ coffee
1615-1715	<b>13. What is the way forward for the UK and Germany?</b> Participants break into four groups to pull together their conclusions and reflections from their discussions throughout the Forum to present in Session 14.
1715-1730	Tea/ coffee
1730-1830	<b>14. Conclusions: what does the future hold for Britain and Germany? How do we best navigate the uncertainties and challenges to 2020?</b> Representatives from each breakout group to present their conclusions. Including time to complete the evaluation survey

**1900**

Drinks followed by Forum dinner

## **Thursday 13 July**

**0800-0915**

Breakfast

**0915**

Participants depart