



Programme

Delivering a secure and prosperous future in a fast-changing world

Monday 11 – Friday 15 July 2011 | WP1095

Shifting powers, changing environments, global threats and regional uncertainties – how can the world, as it emerges from a difficult decade, move towards a more secure, stable, just and prosperous world?

The 2011 British German Forum will explore both the threats and opportunities facing Britain and Germany and discuss their role in delivering a more secure and prosperous future in a fast-changing world.

The Forum will consider questions such as: How has the global order changed and what now are the key challenges to security and prosperity? Are these concepts the same in Britain and Germany? Should the focus be on domestic security and prosperity, or in contributing to freedom from fear and freedom from want across the globe? What are the implications of resource scarcity for Britain and Germany? How can Britain and Germany secure a path to recovery and green growth? Does the Euro secure or threaten Europe's prosperity? How do challenges such as migration, education, intergenerational justice, multiculturalism and an ageing population affect Britain and Germany's longer term prosperity and security?

Can Britain and Germany deliver security and prosperity to future generations in such an uncertain and ever-changing world?

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Monday 11 July

1300-1430 Participants arrive and buffet lunch available

1500-1545 **Welcome and introduction**

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Christian Hänel

Deputy Head, Department for International Relations for Western Europe, America, Turkey, Japan, India, Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, Stuttgart

1545-1645

1. A changing global order: where does this leave Britain and Germany?

The world has changed rapidly in recent years: the financial crisis; the rise of China and other growth economies; Islamic fundamentalism; insecurity in the Middle East and North Africa; increasing scarcity of global resources. Looking back, what have been the key milestones for Britain and Germany's security and prosperity? What implications does this changing global landscape have for Britain and Germany's future?

Simon McDonald

Ambassador, British Embassy, Berlin

1645-1730

Photograph and Tea/Coffee

1730-1900

2. Future aspirations in uncertain times: securing a prosperous world?

What do the concepts of prosperity and security mean for Britain and Germany? Do British and German young people share common aspirations for their future, and are these optimistic, pessimistic or realistic? Do young people expect a more difficult future than that faced by their parents' generation? Or do they expect a prosperous and secure future but one which puts greater value on sustainability and societal cohesion than growth and globalisation? What security and assurances can governments offer the upcoming generation, and how can expectations be managed and/or met?

Gwyn Prins

Research Professor, London School of Economics and Political Science, London

Thorsten Benner

Co-Founder and Associate Director, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin

1900

Reception drinks

1930

Dinner

Tuesday 12 July

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1030

3. Engaging with future national security challenges

What are Britain and Germany's key security challenges, and are there different perceptions between the two countries on the aspects of greatest national security concern? What are the new security challenges emerging, and how successfully are governments tackling these? How does instability and conflict overseas affect Britain and Germany at home, and how do countries decide when to act individually or collectively to safeguard national interests? In the face of growing global security challenges, how secure are we domestically?

Caroline Wyatt (by telephone)

Defence Correspondent, BBC News, London

Hans-Christian Jasch

Former National Expert and Policy Officer, Countering Terrorism and Preventing Radicalisation at Directorate General HOME, European Commission

1030-1100

Tea/Coffee

1100-1200

4. Safeguarding security overseas: military intervention or development assistance?

When should countries intervene in the wider interests of global security? How does German and British thinking differ, given their different historical perspectives and current public opinion? Should Britain and Germany be intervening at all, and with what motives? Is there a responsibility to protect? Can development assistance in fragile and conflict affected states aid the security agenda?

Maik Keller

Desk Officer, European and African Affairs; Policy Planning and Advisory Staff, Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin

Paul Rogers

Professor of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, Bradford

1200-1300

5. Working groups: future threats

Participants will divide into working groups covering different future threats:

- Conflict affected and failed states
- Insecurity/transformations in the Middle East
- Nuclear proliferation (e.g. Iran, North Korea)
- International terrorism and other non-state actors (e.g. gangs, guerrillas, drug smugglers, organised criminals, pirates)
- Cyber (in)security

Each working group will include a mix of participants from Germany and the UK, and from different professions. The working groups will explore a number of questions:

- What are the main challenges posed by these threats to a secure and prosperous future?
 - What part should Britain and Germany play in combating these threats?
 - What sort of intervention is necessary?
 - How do you balance security against freedom?
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1300-1500

Lunch

1500-1615

6. Facing the realities of resource scarcity

What are the implications for Britain and Germany's security and prosperity as countries and regions increasingly vie for the world's diminishing resources? To what extent will increasing oil prices significantly threaten our economic growth, and are there policies Britain and Germany could pursue to help mitigate this? What actions may help overcome other challenges of resource scarcity, and to what extent are Britain and Germany already tackling these issues or is progress too little and too late? If the world population rises to an estimated 9.5 billion, what will the world look like in 2050 if these problems are not addressed?

Andreas Klasen

Partner, Head of Export and Investment Finance, PricewaterhouseCoopers AG WPG, Hamburg

Cho Khong

Chief Political Analyst, Shell International, The Hague

Volker Hoff

Vice President, Government Relations, Adam Opel AG, Rüsselsheim

1615-1700

7. Working groups: managing the world's resources

Participants will divide into working groups covering different future vulnerabilities:

- Energy shortages
- Food insecurity
- Water insecurity
- Climate change

The working groups will explore a number of questions:

- Is growth (and resulting competition for resources) inseparable from the exacerbation of these problems?
- How can you turn threat into opportunity?
- In what ways can we adapt to ensure prosperity and wellbeing?
- What implications are there for security?
- How different are Britain and Germany's national approaches to these challenges?
- How can Britain and Germany work together to combat these challenges?

1700-1730

Tea/Coffee

1730-1800

8. Feedback from working groups from Session 5

1800-1830

9. Feedback from working groups from Session 7

1830

Bar open for pre-barbecue drinks

1900

Barbecue hosted by **Richard Burge, Chief Executive, Wilton Park**

Wednesday 13 July LONDON

0700

Breakfast

0740

Coach departs for London

1030-1130

Meeting at the House of Commons to be held in Committee Room 5

Delivering Britain and Germany a secure and prosperous future: the view of parliamentarians

How can government in Britain and Germany help deliver a secure and prosperous future for its citizens?

Chair:

Paul Farrelly

Member of Parliament, House of Commons, London

Panel discussion with:

Lord Chidgey

Liberal Democrats, Lords Spokesman, House of Lords, London

Angus Robertson

Member of Parliament, House of Commons, London

John Glen

Member of Parliament, House of Commons, London

Mark Hendrick

Member of Parliament, House of Commons, London

1245-1445

Lunch at the German Embassy (Ambassador's Residence)

Hosted by **HE Mr Georg Boomgaarden**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, London

1530-1630

Meeting at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The FCO: addressing its security and prosperity priorities

The FCO tasks itself to “safeguard Britain’s national security by countering terrorism and weapons proliferation, and working to reduce conflict” and to “build Britain’s prosperity by increasing exports and investments, opening markets, ensuring access to resources and promoting sustainable economic growth”. A year into this government, how is progress on meeting these priorities, and what are the key challenges ahead? How will the new European External Action Service contribute to Britain and Germany’s security and prosperity?

Panel discussion with:

James Kariuki

Head, Europe External Policy Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Richard Crowder

Head, Economics Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

Conrad Bailey

Head, Conflict Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

1645-1730

Tour of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

1930

Coach arrives Wiston House

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Buffet dinner

Thursday 14 July

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1000

10. Introduction and group task

Participants will divide into a UK group and a German group and spend 10 minutes brainstorming and prioritising the main domestic challenges on security and prosperity facing their respective countries. There will then be a 20 minute discussion to compare and contrast findings.

1000-1100

11. Confronting domestic challenges to prosperity and security

Following introductory speakers, participants will split into working groups in session 12 to examine the key domestic challenges facing Britain and Germany. Each working group topic will depend on the outcome of the morning group task. The formation of the working groups could include themes such as migration, education, economic reform, intergenerational justice, multiculturalism and integration, or an ageing society. The aim of each working group is to consider how Britain and Germany should approach these problems in the near future in order to deliver a secure, stable, just, free, and prosperous world.

Almut Möller

Head, Alfred von Oppenheim Centre for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

Angus Robertson

Member of Parliament, House of Commons, London

Jan Techau

Director, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

Rachel Briggs

Research and Policy Director, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, London

1100-1130	Tea/Coffee
1130-1240	12. Working groups
1240-1300	13. Feedback from working groups
1300	Lunch
1345-1445	Football match (optional)
1515-1630	<p>14. Britain and Germany: promoting economic growth and trade</p> <p>How do different British and German business models compare under the stress of the continuing financial crisis? Does the Euro secure or threaten Europe's prosperity? As Europe's largest economy, what role should Germany play as the financial crisis continues to reverberate in Euro-member countries? And what role should Britain play given its role outside the Eurozone? How can we avert threats to the flows of trade at a time of economic difficulty? Can 'green' technology and the emerging economies drive growth? Can Britain and Germany remain key economic players on a global scale?</p> <p>Stephan Finsterbusch Journalist/Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ), Frankfurt</p> <p>Mats Persson Director, Open Europe, London</p>
1630-1700	Tea/Coffee
1700-1830	<p>15. Conclusions and key messages</p> <p>How can Britain and Germany deliver a secure and prosperous future in a fast-changing world?</p> <p>Discussions in smaller groups followed by Presentations by the groups to the plenary</p>
1900	Reception drinks
1930	Forum dinner
Friday 15 July	
0815-0930	Breakfast
0930	Participants depart