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Agenda

Sunday, October 30, 2016

3:15 p.m.–6:30 p.m.  Alternative Sightseeing Tour of Berlin (it ends at Fame Restaurant directly)  
Meeting Point: Abba Berlin Hotel Lobby at 3:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m.  Shuttle Bus Departs for Fame Restaurant for remaining participants  
Meeting point: Abba Berlin Hotel Lobby

6:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.  Opening Reception, Dinner, and Discussion  
**The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner:**  
Angela Merkel, the Year of Elections, and Europe's Crisis Landscape  
Hosted by the Council on Foreign Relations

Welcome and Opening Remarks:  
**Volker Perthes**, Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)  
**Richard N. Haass**, President, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

Keynote Speaker:  
**Stefan Kornelius**, Foreign Editor, Süddeutsche Zeitung; and author, Angela Merkel: The Chancellor and Her World (Germany)

Moderator:  
**Volker Perthes**, Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)

Monday, October 31, 2016

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.  Registration and Coffee

9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  Session One  
**European Regional Security**

Guiding Questions: Given new geopolitical realities and security challenges from the East and South, what are the possible future scenarios for the European security architecture? How are internal political dynamics within European countries likely to affect future security cooperation, and how can different viewpoints be bridged? How should the EU-NATO-OSCE relationship evolve to promote peace and security, and what posture should these organizations take with respect to Russia?

Panelists:  
**Steven Blockmans**, Senior Research Fellow and Head of EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies (Belgium)  
**Elena Lazarou**, Assistant Professor, Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil)  
**Vivien Pertusot**, Head of the Brussels Office, French Institute of International Relations (France)
10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. **Coffee Break**

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **Session Two**

**Migration as a Challenge for Regional Security**

*Guiding Questions: What are the implications of current migration for regional security in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and the Americas? With the humanitarian regime under immense pressure to adapt to growing refugee crises, how might states find a balance in migration policy between human security and the security of destination, transit, and origin states? What are the most promising strategies for preventing, managing, or absorbing massive flows of migrants and refugees—and how can the appropriate division of labor among international and regional institutions, governments, and nongovernmental organizations in these efforts be achieved? How can negative feedback loops between insecurity and migration be avoided to enable the opportunities and positive effects of migration?*

*Panelists:*

**David Kipp,** Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)

**Christian Koch,** Director, Gulf Research Center Foundation (Saudi Arabia)

**Ümit Pamir,** Member, Global Relations Forum (Turkey)

Chair:

**Ralf Emmers,** Professor and Associate Dean, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (Singapore)

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. **Buffet Lunch**

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. **Session Three**

**Regional Conflicts with Global Implications: The Fight Against Islamist Terrorism in the Middle East**

*Guiding Questions: What role can international institutions and regional and global powers play in countering Islamist terrorism in the Middle East? What is the scope of international cooperation in the fight against Islamist terrorism in the Middle East given different national priorities and regional and geopolitical rivalries? What is the potential blowback of the current strategies being employed in fighting Islamist terrorism in the region, and how can they be addressed? Are there any promising security strategies for the Middle East that can help reduce the spread of radicalized Islamist ideology, and who needs to take the lead?*

*Panelists:*

**Abdulaziz Sager,** Chairman, Gulf Research Center (Saudi Arabia)

**Marcos Tourinho,** Assistant Professor, Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil)

**Amos Yadlin,** Director, Institute for National Security Studies (Israel)

Chair:

**Abhijit Singh,** Senior Fellow and Head of the Maritime Policy Initiative, Observer Research Foundation (India)
3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Free Time

5:30 p.m.–6:45 p.m. Semipublic Session
The U.S. Elections: What Do We Expect From the United States?

Guiding Questions: What do CoC members expect from the United States after the November elections, both globally and in their respective regions? What opportunities and challenges will the new U.S. president face? What regional priorities is the United States likely to pursue, and what will be expected from foreign partners? What implications are the elections likely to have on U.S. global leadership, including within international institutions?

Introduction:
Johannes Thimm, Deputy Head, Americas Research Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)

Panelists:
Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, Lowy Institute for International Policy (Australia)
Sergio Gómez Lora, Board Member, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations, and Chief Executive Officer, IQOM Inteligencia Comercial (Mexico)
Richard N. Haass, President, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)
Wu Chunsi, Director, Institute for International Strategic Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (China)

Chair:
Volker Perthes, Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)

7:00 p.m.
Shuttle Bus Departs in front of SWP for Haus Huth

7:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m. Reception, Dinner, and Discussion
The German G20 Presidency:
Challenges and Opportunities
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Welcoming Remarks:
Eckart von Klaeden, Vice President and Head of External Affairs, Daimler AG (Germany)

Keynote Speaker:
Lars-Hendrik Röller, Chief Economic Advisor to the Chancellor (Germany)

Moderator:
Memduh Karakullukçu, Vice Chairman and President, Global Relations Forum (Turkey)
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  
Session Four  
**Brexit: Implications for the EU and the World**

**Guiding Questions:** What are the implications of Brexit for the United Kingdom (UK), the European Union (EU), the liberal world order, and the European project? What explains the pre-referendum disconnect between UK experts and voters on matters such as globalization, immigration, and free trade, as well as economic and political integration? Should we expect more countries to leave the EU or demand a reduction in EU authorities? What does Brexit suggest about the power of national sovereignty and the perceived democratic deficit within the EU? How can the EU and other international institutions regain the public’s trust and confidence?

**Panelists:**
- **Riccardo Alcaro**, Senior Fellow, Transatlantic Program, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)
- **Sarah Raine**, Consulting Senior Fellow for Geoeconomics and Strategy, International Institute for Strategic Studies (United Kingdom)
- **Samir Saran**, Senior Fellow and Vice President, Observer Research Foundation (India)
- **Nicolai von Ondarza**, Deputy Head, EU/Europe Research Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)

**Chair:**  
**Thomas Gomart**, Director, French Institute of International Relations (France)

10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.  
Coffee Break

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Session Five  
**Populism as a Challenge to Political Stability and Globalization**

**Guiding Questions:** What explains the surge of populism, and how does this political phenomenon vary across countries and regions? What challenges does populism present for international order, including for multilateral cooperation in areas ranging from trade to migration and security? What steps can international institutions and forums—such as the G20, IMF, World Bank, and WTO—take to address the backlash against globalization? What role can policy institutes play in helping elected officials better understand and respond to this discontent?

**Panelists:**
- **Kai-Olaf Lang**, Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)
- **Sook Jong Lee**, President, East Asia Institute (South Korea)
- **Quentin Peel**, Associate Fellow, Europe Program, Chatham House (United Kingdom)
- **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (South Africa)

**Chair:**  
**Iván Petrella**, Secretary of Federal Integration and International Cooperation, Argentine Ministry of Culture (Argentina)
12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.  **Closing Remarks and Wrap Up**

*Speakers:*

**Volker Perthes**, Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Germany)
**Stewart M. Patrick**, Senior Fellow and Director of the International Institutions and Global Governance Program, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.  **Lunch and Departure of Participants**
Participant Biographies
**Riccardo Alcaro**

Riccardo Alcaro is a senior fellow in the Transatlantic program of the Institute of International Affairs. He is also a fellow at the European Foreign and Security Policy Studies, an initiative jointly organized by the Compagnia di San Paolo, the Volkswagen Stiftung, and the Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. He previously served as coordinator of the Transworld project, a European Union Seventh Framework Program–funded initiative on transatlantic relations and global governance. Alcaro was also a visiting fellow at the Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC, and a contributor to the Economist Intelligence Unit’s quarterly publication on the EU, the *European Policy Analyst*.

**Steven Blockmans**

Steven Blockmans is the head of EU foreign policy at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and professor of EU external relations law at the University of Amsterdam. At CEPS, he has served as the leading author of the task force on more union in European defense, chaired by Javier Solana, and as co-rapporteur of the high-level group on EU institutional reform, chaired by Danuta Hübner. For almost twenty years, he has carried out numerous research and technical assistance projects in Europe and Asia for EU institutions and governments and other countries. Blockmans is the author of *Tough Love: The EU’s Relations With the Western Balkans* and coeditor of fifteen volumes, including *EU-Iran Relations After the Nuclear Deal*, *Differentiated Integration in the EU: From the Inside Looking Out*, and *The EU’s Role in Global Governance*. Blockmans holds a PhD in international law from Leiden University.

**Ralf Emmers**

Ralf Emmers is professor of international relations and associate dean at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) in Singapore. He is concurrently head of the Center for Multilateralism Studies at RSIS. His research interests cover security studies, international institutions in the Asia Pacific, and the security and international politics of Southeast Asia. Emmers is the author and editor of eleven books and monographs. His latest books include *Geopolitics and Maritime Territorial Disputes in East Asia* and *Resource Management and Contested Territories in East Asia*. He has published articles in peer-reviewed journals such as the *Pacific Review, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific, Asian Survey, Australian Journal of International Affairs, Asian Security, Contemporary Southeast Asia, Contemporary Politics*, and numerous book chapters in edited volumes. Emmers completed his MSc and PhD in international relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**Michael Fullilove**

Michael Fullilove is the executive director of the Lowy Institute for International Policy. He has been associated with the Lowy Institute since its establishment in 2003. He wrote the feasibility study for the Lowy Institute in 2002 and served as the director of its global issues program from 2003 to 2012. He has also been a visiting fellow in foreign policy at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC; an advisor to Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia; and a lawyer. Fullilove remains a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. Fullilove writes widely on Australian foreign policy, U.S. foreign policy, and global issues in publications including the *New York Times, Financial Times, Washington Post, Foreign Policy, National Interest, Foreign Affairs*, and the Australian press. He is a sought-after speaker and commentator in Australia and abroad and has appeared on programs such as *Radio National Breakfast, ABC’s 7.30*, and the *Charlie Rose Show*. He graduated in arts and law from the Universities of Sydney and New South Wales, with dual university medals. He studied as a Rhodes scholar at Oxford University, where he received an MA and PhD in international relations.
Thomas Gomart

Thomas Gomart is director of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI). He was the director of IFRI’s Russia/NIS Center from 2004 to 2013 and IFRI’s vice president for strategic development from 2010 to 2015. His academic and professional background has been closely related to post-Soviet space and on wider international issues that include security, energy, and digital governance. Before joining IFRI, Gomart acquired international experience as a Lavoisier fellow at the Moscow State Institute for International Relations, visiting fellow at the European Union Institute for Security Studies in Paris, and Marie Curie fellow at the department of war studies at King’s College in London. Gomart’s current research focuses on Russia, digital governance, country risk, and think tanks. He recently published “La politique étrangère française est-elle Charlie?”, “The Return of Geopolitical Risk: Russia, China and the United States”; and “Les ressorts de l’intervention russe en Syrie”. Gomart holds an EMBA from Hautes Etudes Commerciales de Paris (HEC) and a PhD in history from Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

Sergio Gómez Lora

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Richard N. Haass

Richard Haass is in his fourteenth year as the president of the Council on Foreign Relations, the preeminent independent, nonpartisan organization in the United States devoted to issues of foreign policy and international relations. He has served as the senior Middle East advisor to President George H.W. Bush and as a principal advisor to Secretary of State Colin Powell. He was also U.S. coordinator for policy toward the future of Afghanistan and the U.S. envoy to both the Cyprus and Northern Ireland peace talks. A recipient of the U.S. State Department’s Distinguished Honor Award, the Presidential Citizens Medal, and the Tipperary International Peace Award, Haass is the author or editor of twelve books on U.S. foreign policy and one book on management. His next book, A World in Disarray: American Foreign Policy and the Crisis of the Old Order, will be published in January 2017 by Penguin Press. A Rhodes scholar, he holds master’s and doctor of philosophy degrees from Oxford University.

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Memduh Karakullukçu is the vice chairman and president of Global Relations Forum (GRF). His recent policy work at GRF includes global energy dynamics, European energy security, global economic and financial governance, and the economic prospects of the Middle East and North Africa region. He is the founding partner of the Turkish online legal informatics initiative, Kanunum.com. Previously, he served as the senior advisor to the chairwoman of the Turkish Industry and Business Association and as the
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Christian Koch

Christian Koch is the director of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) Foundation in Geneva, Switzerland. Previously, he served as director of international studies at the GRC in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Prior to joining the GRC, he worked as head of strategic studies at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi. Koch’s work at the GRC combines the analysis of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states on pertinent foreign and security issues, with a particular interest in GCC-EU relations. He is particularly interested in better understanding the dynamics driving regional security issues in the Gulf region and promoting aspects of cooperative security among regional and international actors. Koch is the editor of eight books; author of Politische Entwicklung in einem arabischen Golfstaat: Die Rolle von Interessengruppen im Emirat Kuwait, as well as numerous chapter contributions and journal articles; and coauthor of “Establishing a Regional Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Gulf Region.” He regularly writes for the international media on Gulf issues, including in the Financial Times, Handelsblatt, Süddeutsche Zeitung, and Jane’s Sentinel publications, and has appeared on the BBC, Deutsche Welle, and Al Arabiya television. Koch received his PhD from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg.

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Ümit Pamir

Ümit Pamir is a retired career diplomat and currently a member of the Global Relations Forum, Global Policy Trends Center, Wise Men Center of Strategic Studies, and the Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies. After graduating from the faculty of political sciences at Ankara University, he joined Turkey’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1965. Early in his career, he served in Turkish embassies in London, Rome, and Budapest, and at the Turkish permanent delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Pamir also served in several posts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as director of the Middle East and Africa department and of the policy planning department. Subsequently, he served as Turkey’s ambassador to the permanent mission to the International Civil Aviation Organization from 1990 to 1991, to Algeria from 1991 to 1995, and to Greece from 1995 to 1997. From 1997 to 2000, Pamir was chief advisor on foreign policy to Turkish Prime Ministers Bülent Ecevit and Mesut Yılmaz. Before his retirement, Pamir served as Turkey’s permanent representative to the United Nations from 2000 to 2004 and to NATO from 2004 to 2007. Pamir was also a member of the Group of Wise Men selected by the secretary-general of NATO to draft the new strategic concept of the alliance.
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Volker Perthes

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Sarah Raine is consulting senior fellow for geopolitics and strategy at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). Raine is an established contributor for IISS’s Asian and European security programs. Raine is also concurrently a nonresident transatlantic fellow in the Asia program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Berlin. Prior to moving to Berlin, Raine worked for three years at IISS’ Asia office in Singapore. She previously worked as a director of Barchester, a UK-based strategic and corporate financial advisory company. She also worked for eight years as a diplomat in the UK’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office, including a posting to the British embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Raine is the author of two Adelphi books, *China’s African Challenges* and *Regional Disorder: The South China Sea Disputes*. She is currently working on her third book on the future of European security policy.

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