

53rd KÖNIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

15th-17th May 2003

*Britain and Germany in a Volatile World –
Common Challenges, Different Responses?*

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Study Groups

I *Managing American Power: Living with the Elephant*

The events of 9/11 have provoked different responses from the Americans and some Europeans. Germany and Britain appear to be at opposite ends of the spectrum in relation to the use of force in international relations. Are the Americans willing to use force because they have the capabilities and the Europeans unwilling because they do not? Is ESDP relevant? Do Britain and Germany agree on other aspects of relations with the USA including trade, aid and elements of “soft power”?

Introducers: **Dr Paul Robinson**, Department of Politics, University of Hull
Rolf Clement, Deutschlandradio

Rapporteur: **Dr Paul Cornish**, Director, Centre for Defence Studies

Chair: **Dr. Christoph Bertram**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

II *The European Union: Political Leadership and Public Opinion*

Has the time finally arrived when the European Union will define itself as a constitutional entity? Will Europe experience its “second founding” as a result of the Convention and the Intergovernmental Conference? Does the political class have the necessary will to take decisions to deal with the consequences of enlargement? Can public opinion be persuaded to agree with these decisions?

Introducers: **Dr Andrew Hurrell**, International Relations, Nuffield College Oxford
Karl Lamers, MdB a.D., ehemaliger Vorsitzender der Arbeitsgruppe
 Außenpolitik, CDU/CSU Bundestagsfraktion

Rapporteur: **Michael Stabenow**, Korrespondent, FAZ

Chair: **Gisela Stuart, MP**, Member of the European Convention

III *Economic Globalisation: the challenges of Competitiveness*

Economic globalisation presents the EU and in particular Britain and Germany with problems of competitiveness. What reforms are necessary and is there the political consensus and will to put them into effect? Can we avoid protectionism? How can new jobs be created? Is greater transparency in corporate governance a necessary precondition?

Introducers: **David Marsh**, Partner, Droege & Comp.
Andreas Hoffbauer, Handelsblatt

Rapporteur: **Dr Rebecca Harding**, Chief Economist, The Work Foundation

Chair: **Rolf Stomberg**, Vorsitzender des Aufsichtsrates, BP Deutschland

IV *Delivering structural reform in our societies: Private and Public sector responses*

Structural reform is always difficult and painful. In Britain reform of the public services is contentious. In Germany the “Reformstau” is equally contentious. Are the political systems in both countries capable of tackling these problems? Can the necessary policies be implemented? Can we learn from each other?

Introducers: **Dr David Willetts MP**, Shadow Sec. of State for Work and Pensions
Prof. Dr. Gisela Färber, Hochschule für Verwaltungswissenschaften
Speyer

Rapporteur: **Cordula Tutt**, Financial Times Deutschland

Chair: **Dierdre Hutton CBE**, Chairman, National Consumer Council

Programme

Thursday, 15th May 2003

- 08.55 Group flight BA 982 departs London Heathrow
 11.40 Arrive Berlin Tegel Airport. Coach transfer to venue
 12.45 Arrival at Harnack Haus and check-in.
 13.15 A light lunch will be served.
 14.00 Coach will depart to the city centre for sightseeing.
- 16.15 Tea / Coffee
 16.45 **Opening of the conference by Dr Hermann Frhr. von Richthofen,**
 Chairman of the Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft e.V.
 Chair: Dr. Friedbert Pflüger
- 17.00-18.30 **Panel Discussion:**
“By their friends shall you know them” – Germany and France, Britain and the US
Panellists: Gilles Andréani, Directeur du Centre d’Analyse et de Prévision, Le ministère des Affaires étrangères, Paris
Fred Kempe, Editor and Associate Publisher, Wall Street Journal
Moderation: Ulrich Wickert, ARD Tagesthemen
- 19.00 Coach transfer to:
 19.30 Reception and dinner hosted by the German Federal Foreign Office in the Kaisersaal am Potsdamer Platz, Bellevuestr. 1
 Speeches: **Staatssekretär Dr. Klaus Schariot**
Dr. Denis MacShane MP, Minister for Europe
 Chair: Antje Hermenau, MdB
- 22.30 Coach transfer to Harnack-Haus

Friday, 16th May 2003

- 8.00-8.45 Breakfast in the Bistro
- 9.00-12.00 Start of the study group sessions with introductions
- 10.00-10.15 Break – tea/coffee
- 12.15 Coach transfer to:
 13.00-14.30 **Lunch** at the invitation of the **Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie e.V. (BDI)**, in the Dorint Schweizerhof, Budapester Strasse 25, 10787 Berlin, Tel: 030-26960
Speaker: Dr. Gerhard Cromme, Chairman of the Executive Board, ThyssenKrupp AG
 Chair: Dr. Hans Bräunig, Mitglied der Hauptgeschäftsführung, BDI

- 15.00-18.30 Continuation of the **study groups**
- 16.30-17.00 Break - tea / coffee
- 19.00 Coach transfer to:
20.00 **Buffet Dinner** hosted by
Sir Paul Lever, KCMG, und Lady Lever
in the British Embassy, Wilhelmstrasse 70, Berlin-Mitte
Guest Speaker: Peter Mandelson, MP
- The participants of the 8th Young Königswinter Alumni meeting join the conference from dinner onwards.
- 22.30 Coach transfer to Harnack-Haus

Saturday, 17th May 2003

- 7.00-8.30 Breakfast in the Bistro
- 8.45-13.00 **Final Plenary Session**
Reports from the four study groups and discussion
Report from Young Königswinter Alumni Conference
Chair: Hans-Ulrich Klose
Winding-Up Address: Sir Nigel Broomfield
- 10.45-11.15 Break – tea/coffee
- 13.00 **Lunch** at the invitation of Dieter G.F. Lange, Chairman
International Group, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
- 15.00 Coach transfer to Tegel Airport
16.55 Group flight BA 985 departs Berlin Tegel
17.50 Arrive London Heathrow

The Conference languages are English and German. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in the plenary sessions and three study groups. One study group will be conducted in English.

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