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Transatlantic Relations:

Reset, Rebalance, and Renewal?

2018 saw a mix of progress and new tensions for the Euroatlantic community. Allies reached important decisions on NATO enlargement and command structure reform as well as sanctions on Russia even as they disagreed on other issues such as trade and the nuclear agreement with Iran. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo framed this as part of a necessary “reset” of relations for the 21st century in an interview with the Wall Street Journal, while German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas applied the term “rebalance” in a major speech on European unity.

Ahead of events such as European Parliament elections and NATO’s 70th anniversary in 2019, this seminar offers an opportunity for officials and experts from both sides of the Atlantic to take stock, exchange perspectives, and consider policy ways ahead.

24-25 January 2019

Hotel Palace Berlin
Budapester Strasse 45
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Thursday 24 January

1600 - 1615 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Andrew Michta, Dean, GCMC

Mr. Wolfgang Rudischhauser, Vice-President, BAKS

1615 - 1730 **Panel One: Transatlantic Relations: Perspectives on Renewal**

Points for discussion:

- What can historical perspective tell us about present ties and tensions?
- What are potential new fields for cooperation?
- What long-term trends will shape relations' future?

Ms. Rachel Ellehuus, Deputy Director, Europe Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Mr. Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, Director, German Marshall Fund Berlin

Moderator: Dr. Andrew Michta, Dean, GCMC

1730 - 1800 Coffee Break

1800 - 1930 **Panel Two: NATO at 70: What Next for the Alliance?**

Points for Discussion:

- How has NATO evolved in the past two years?
- How effectively is it meeting its core tasks?
- Does it need a new Strategic Concept?
- What is the impact of the end of INF?

Dr. Kęstutis Paulauskas, NATO Defense Policy and Capabilities Directorate

Dr. Brooke A. Smith-Windsor, Senior Research Fellow, RAND Europe

COL John Neal, U.S. Army Fellow, GCMC

COL Martin Krüger, Head of NATO Policy, German Ministry of Defense

Moderator: Dr. Beata Górká-Winter, Director, WIIS Poland

2000 - 2200 **Dinner**

Speech: "Washington After the Midterms"

Mr. Derek Chollet, Executive Vice-President, German Marshall Fund



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Friday 25 January

0900 - 0905 **Day 2 Opening**

0905 - 1030 **Panel Three:**

A European Army? - Security and Defense within the EU

Points for Discussion:

- What do President Macron, Chancellor Merkel, and other leaders mean by a “genuine European army?”
- What are its prospects?
- How would it relate to NATO and initiatives such as PESCO and EII?
- Is there a role for the UK?

Dr. Thierry Tardy, Head of Research Division, NATO Defense College

Mr. Wolfgang Rudischhauser, Vice-President, BAKS

Dr. Julian Lindley-French, Director, Europa Analytica

COL Walter Richter, Branch Chief, US European Command

Moderator: Dr. Ralf Roloff, Deputy Dean, GCMC

1030 - 1100 Coffee Break

1100 - 1230 **Panel Four: “New Europe” 2.0? - The Role of the Eastern Flank**

Points for Discussion:

- What are Central Europe’s distinctive roles within the Euroatlantic Community?
- How does the region shape the broader transatlantic agenda?
- How do countries balance ties with the United States, other European partners, and powers such as Russia and China?

Amb. Tomáš Valášek, Director, Carnegie Europe

Amb. Dr. Stanislav Raščan, Head of Department for Strategic Studies and Analyses, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

Dr. Shalva Dzebisashvili, Head of Department for Strategic Planning, Ministry of Defence of Georgia

CAPT(N) Hans Jörg Detlefsen, Head of Military Aspects - Security Policy Division, German Federal Chancellery

Moderator: Valbona Zeneli, Strategic Initiatives Head, GCMC



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1230 - 1300 **Seminar Conclusions**

- What are the main take-aways from this seminar?
- What policy recommendations should follow?

Dr. Henning Riecke, Head of Transatlantic Relations Program,
German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

Dr. Julia De Clerck-Sachsse, Senior Advisor for Strategic Planning,
European External Action Service

Moderator: Dr. Matthew Rhodes, Area Studies Chair, GCMC

1300 - 1400 Lunch