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EU-Quo Vadis? - International Conference

The Treaties of Rome sixty years on

## **Moving Forward with Europe!**

The liberal democracy crisis and the future of the EU

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2.15 – 8.00 p.m. (public event)

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 9.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. (closed to the public)

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, Berlin, Germany

### Liberal Europe under pressure

The British referendum vote against the EU, Donald Trump's victory in the USA, right-wing national governments in Hungary and Poland, strong right-wing populist and also left-wing populist movements across Europe: an increasing number of citizens are deciding against established politics and against Europe - at least against the European Union as we know it today.

Whilst left-wing globalization critics denounce the EU as a "neoliberal cartel", right-wing populists are standing up to the transfer of sovereignty from the national to the European level. They swear by the national community and challenge the liberal canon of values for which the EU stands: checks and balances, minority rights and universalist human rights.

Europe's cohesion and ability to act are under threat. The European Union is divided on many issues. By not bravely tackling the major challenges, such as unemployment and economic stagnation, the financial crisis or refugee policy, it is further stoking its crisis of legitimacy.

### Why do we need a common Europe?

Sixty years after the signing of the Treaties of Rome, Europe must once again pull together, turn the crisis into an opportunity and defend its liberal democracy model. There is much to lose: peace and security, the freedom of movement and political freedoms, for which Europeans have fought for centuries.

The European Union must provide credible responses – in areas where Europe can achieve more through a common stance: a strong value-based foreign and security policy, a sustainable economic and infrastructure policy, an innovation-friendly climate and energy policy, a refugee and asylum policy that measures up to the current challenges. The EU must, in future, continue to be a guarantor for prosperity, peace and freedom.

Through this conference, we want to examine the question of how Europe can defend its liberal values, reach a new fundamental consensus, revitalize the spirit of cooperation and solidarity, and strengthen its ability to act.

## Program

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1.30 Registration

2.15 Welcome address and introduction

**Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

**Lucile Schmid**, Co-President, Green European Foundation, Paris

2.30 Keynote I

### **One Europe – Why? – How do we need to redefine the European project?**

- Why do we need a common Europe?
- What fundamental consensus is holding Europe together today and tomorrow?  
What are the identity forming motifs and unifying interests in a united Europe?

**Andrew Moravcsik**, Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University, USA

Keynote II

### **After sixty years, is the era of European integration drawing to a close?**

- Liberal democracy under pressure: causes and implications
- Is the crisis in Europe a crisis of the EU institutions or a crisis of the democracies of nation states? Is the EU a part of the problem or a part of the solution?
- What shape should an EU take for it to assert itself against US supremacy?

**Jan Zielonka**, Professor of European Politics, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, Oxford

Discussion involving the two keynote speakers and

**Ralf Fücks**, President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Chair: **Sylke Tempel**, Editor-in-Chief, Berlin Policy Journal, Berlin

4.00 Break

4.30 Debate

### **How should Europe defend its values?**

- What are the anti-democratic challenges facing us from within and from the outside?
- How can Europe be more successful at warding off opponents of an open society?  
What European responses do we have to the anti-liberal, right-wing populist challenge?

**Ulrich K. Preuß**, Professor Emeritus of Public Law, Politics and Theories of the State, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

**Annalena Baerbock**, German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

**Thierry Chopin\***, Research Director, Robert Schuman Foundation, Paris

**Barbara Nowacka**, Politician, Feminist and Founder of Inicjatywa Polska, Warsaw

6.00	Break
6.30	<p>Debate</p> <p><b>How can Europe become a successful model again?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the EU regain its legitimacy and ability to act?</li> <li>• What should the response to the crisis be: expand the EU into a European federation or return to nation state democracies? Or is it better to strike new ground and look beyond these alternatives?</li> </ul> <p><b>Ivan Krastev</b>, Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia  <b>Shada Islam</b>, Director of Policy, Friends of Europe, Brussels  <b>Ska Keller</b>, MEP, President, the Greens/EFA, Brussels</p>
8.00	End

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## Expert conference

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

9.00 Registration

9.30 Welcome

Opening debate

### **More capability to act through flexibility?**

- How much coherence does the EU need; how much flexibility can it stand?  
What are the pros and cons of a “flexible EU”? Which member states want a flexible EU, which reject it, and why?
- For which policy areas and which specific policy projects do we need flexibility?

**Stefan Lehne**, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

**Yves Bertoncini**, Director, Jacques Delors Institute, Paris

**Krzysztof Blusz**, Vice-President, WiseEuropa, Warsaw

**Reinhard Bütikofer**, MEP, Chair, European Green Party, Brussels

Chair: **Christine Pütz**, Head of the EU Department, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

11.00 Break

11.30 Parallel expert groups

### **New projects for Europe?**

- For which challenges do we need collective European action? With which political action Europe could renew its legitimacy?
- Which projects with added European value can the community of states tackle collectively; in what areas should a Coalition of the Willing advance?

### **Expert Group 1: Social Europe/ Green New Deal**

**Cinzia Alcidi**, Head of Economic Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels

**Ondřej Liška**, Czech Republic Country Director, Ashoka Austria, Vienna

**Arnaud Lechevalier**, Maître de Conférences, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Associated Researcher at Centre March Bloch, Paris

**Annamaria Simonazzi**, Professor of Economics, Sapienza University, Rome

**Monika Hjeds Löfmark\***, Senior Researcher in Economics, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, Stockholm

**Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn**, German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

### **Expert Group 2: Common Foreign and Security Policy**

**Ulrich Speck**, Senior Research Fellow, Elcano Royal Institute's Office, Brussels

**Francisco de Borja Lasheras**, Head of ECFR Madrid Office and Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), Madrid

**Catherine Hoeffler**, Maîtresse de Conférences, ESPOL, Lille Catholic University, Lille

**Wojciech Przybylski**, Editor-in-Chief, Visegrad Insight, Warsaw

**Jana Puglierin**, Head of Program, Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

**Omid Nouripour**, German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

### **Expert Group 3: European Energy Policy**

**Nick Mabey**, Chief Executive and Co-Founding Director E3G, Third Generation Environmentalism, London

**Severin Fischer**, Senior Researcher, Center for Security Studies, Zurich

**Nikos Chrysogelos**, President, Wind of Renewal, Athens

**Krzysztof M. Księżopolski**, President, Institute for Security, Energy and Climate Studies and Associate Professor, Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw

**Andreas Rüdinger**, Associate Researcher, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Paris

**Annalena Baerbock**, German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

### **Expert Group 4: European Refugee and Asylum Policy**

**Jan Schneider**, Head of Research Unit, Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration, Berlin

**Dia Anagnostou**, Assistant Professor of Politics and Research Fellow, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Athens

**Corinne Balleix\***, Political analyst, Institut d'études politiques d'Aix-en-Provence

**Giulia Laganà**, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society European Policy Institute, Brussels

**Zuzana Števelová**, Chair, Human Rights League, Slovakia

**Luise Amtsberg**, German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

1.00	Lunch
2.00	Continuation of expert groups <b>Expert Group 1: Social Europe/ Green New Deal</b> <b>Expert Group 2: Common Foreign and Security Policy</b> <b>Expert Group 3: European Energy Policy</b> <b>Expert Group 4: European Refugee and Asylum Policy</b>
3.30	Break
4.00	<b>Concluding debate</b> Report of spokespersons from each expert group
5.00	End of Conference

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Bus 147 Deutsches Theater

S-Bahn S1, 2, 25, 5, 7, 75, 9 Friedrichstraße

U-Bahn U6, Oranienburger Tor

Tram M1, M6, 12 Oranienburger Tor

from central station (DB), Bus 147 > Ostbahnhof bis Deutsches Theater

### Conference languages

The conference will be translated simultaneously German/English.

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