



# Richard von Weizsäcker Forum

11 – 15 October 2021



# Dear Fellows of the Robert Bosch Academy,



Nearly two years into the pandemic, many people seem to have accepted life in a “new normal”. We have learned to live with the presence and mutation of the virus: its restrictions on everyday life, the remote work, social distancing, hygienic precautions, and, of course, the vaccinations. At the same time, inequalities in vaccine distribution became visible with vaccination rates at more than 80 percent in some European countries while less than 2 percent in countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. These disparities will continue to present a global challenge and variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus will undercut vaccine effectiveness. Thus, the pandemic is not over yet, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Richard von Weizsäcker Forum 2021 reflects this balance of caution and optimism with a four-part digital event series and in-person Study Tour.

We are pleased to take you on a Study Tour to the borderlands of Germany, France, and Luxembourg. Located at the heart of the Europe, the SaarLorLux region – a portmanteau of Saarland, Lorraine, and Luxembourg – invites us to reflect on identity, culture, and democracy, not only through a national lens but with a transborder perspective. In this election year, we will discuss the issues important to voters and politicians at the regional and local level on all sides of the borders. Our tour will guide us to Luxembourg and France to explore the nature of transborder cultural identities, the impact of the European Union in the daily life of citizens there, and the character of the key multilateral agreements, as well as the tensions that inevitably arise among neighbors.

During the tour, your health and safety is our greatest concern. We will all keep distancing and hygiene requirements in mind, even if we are fully vaccinated. If you have any questions or input about the rules, please do not hesitate to approach the Robert Bosch Academy staff. Please bear that the staff may occasionally remind you of those rules as we want you all safe and healthy.

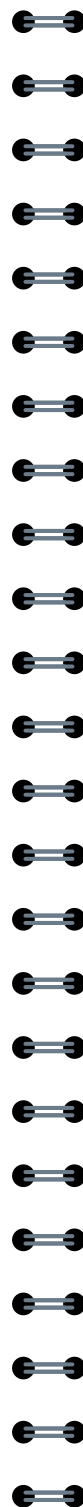
On behalf of the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the team of the Robert Bosch Academy, it is my pleasure to welcome you and wish you a fruitful trip, interesting discussions, and many new insights.

**Henry Alt-Haaker**  
Senior Vice President  
Strategic Partnerships and Robert Bosch Academy  
Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH

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# Since June 2021

Digital Event Series: German experts and decision-makers discuss implications of the 2021 Bundestag election

10<sup>th</sup> June  
2021

**Voices and Moods in Germany – 15 Weeks before the election**

**Erwin Böttinger**, Professor, Hasso Plattner Institute, University of Potsdam  
**Peter Bofinger**, Professor, University of Würzburg, former Member of German Council of Economic Experts  
**Wolfgang Ischinger**, Chairman, Munich Security Conference  
**Brigitte Knopf**, Secretary General, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change  
**Peter Matuschek**, Head of Politics and Social Research, forsa Institute for Social Research and Statistical Analysis  
facilitated by **Christiane Hoffmann**, Diplomatic Correspondent, DER SPIEGEL

1<sup>st</sup>  
September  
2021

**Germany in Heat of Election Campaigns: Party priorities and decisive topics**

**Andreas Nick**, Christian Democratic Union  
**Wiebke Esdar**, Social Democratic Party  
**Alexander Graf Lambsdorff**, Free Democratic Party  
**Stefan Liebich**, The Left  
**Konstantin von Notz**, Alliance 90/The Greens  
facilitated by **Christiane Hoffmann**, Diplomatic Correspondent, DER SPIEGEL

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**30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Election Results and Implications for Germany's Next Government**

**Christiane Hoffmann**, Diplomatic Correspondent, DER SPIEGEL  
**Peter Matuschek**, Head of Politics and Social Research, forsa  
Institute for Social Research and Statistical Analysis

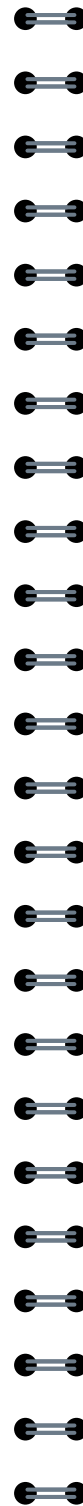
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**Priorities of Germany's New Government**

**Peter Bofinger**, Professor, University of Würzburg and Former Member, German Council of Economic Experts (tbc)  
**Wolfgang Ischinger**, Chairman, Munich Security Conference (tbc)  
**Brigitte Knopf**, Secretary General, Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (tbc)  
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# Session Information

Digital Event Series: German experts and decisionmakers discuss implications of the 2021 Bundestag election

German political commentators describe 2021 as Superwahljahr, or super election year. It started with state elections in Baden-Wuerttemberg and Rhineland-Palatinate, local elections in Hesse in March, and then state elections in Saxony-Anhalt in June. As a grand finale, numerous elections happened in September: local elections in Lower Saxony, state elections in Berlin and Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, and, of course, the federal election. The latter determined the composition of the new Bundestag and, hence, the chancellor of a post-Merkel Germany.

In a digital event series, the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum 2021 assembled a range of German experts and decisionmakers to discuss the implications of the Bundestag election on various policy fields with the fellow community. At the first event in June, fellows heard voices from a number of different sectors to gage the atmosphere in Germany 15 weeks before the vote. In September, shortly before the election, a second event offered fellows the opportunity to discuss party priorities and decisive topics of the campaigns with party representatives. After the election, fellows had the opportunity to attend a briefing on the results and their implications for Germany's next government. Finally, once a coalition agreement is reached and a new government is formed, a fourth panel will examine the priorities of the new German government.





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# Monday, 11 October

Study Tour Arrival Day

**During the day**

**Individual Arrival in the SaarLorLux Region**

Transfer to Victor's Residenz-Hotel Schloss Berg  
Schlossstraße 27 – 29, 66706 Perl-Nennig/Mosel, Germany

For early arrivals:  
Informal Lunch in Luxembourg and Walking Tour through the Old Town and Castle

**6.00 pm**

**Reception with Live Music**

Landgasthaus Die Scheune  
Victor's Residenz-Hotel Schloss Berg

**6.20 pm**

**Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

**Henry Alt-Haaker**, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships and Robert Bosch Academy, Robert Bosch Stiftung

**8.30 pm**

**End of Reception**





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# Tuesday, 12 October

Study Tour Saarbrücken and Schengen

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**8.00 am** Breakfast at Victor's Residenz-Hotel Schloss Berg

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**8.45 am** Bus Transfer to Saarbrücken

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**10.00 am** **Foreign Investments, Local Impact: How global actors shape the region's economy**

**Thomas Schuck**, Managing Director, Saar Economic Development Corporation  
Science Park Saar GmbH, Stuhlsatzenhausweg 69,  
66123 Saarbrücken, Germany

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**11.45 am** Bus Transfer

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**12.15 pm** **Is All News Local? The fourth estate in the regional democratic order**

**Martin Grasmück**, Director, Saarland Broadcasting  
Restaurant Le Schloss Halberg, Franz-Mai-Straße 1,  
66121 Saarbrücken, Germany

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**2.00 pm** Bus Transfer

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**2.30 pm** **Creating Cultural Identity in the Border Region**

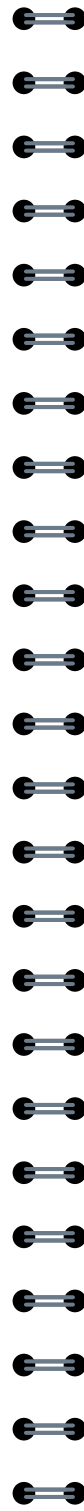
**Sylvie Hamard**, Art Director, Festival PERSPECTIVES – Franco-German Festival of Stage Arts  
Theatre Ship Maria-Helena, 66111 Saarbrücken, Germany

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**4.15 pm** Bus Transfer

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<b>5.15 pm</b>	<p><b>European Museum Schengen</b> Tour through the Exhibition and Talk</p> <p><b>Martina Kneip</b>, Director, Centre Européen Schengen 6, Rue Robert Goebbels, 5444 Schengen, Luxembourg</p>
<b>7.00 pm</b>	Bus Transfer
<b>7.15 pm</b>	<p><b>Dinner and Community Debate</b> Restaurant Pavillon Desom, 49 Esplanade, 5533 Remich, Luxembourg</p>



# Session Information and Biographies

SaarLorLux: a cultural and socio-economic lab for crossborder cooperation?

The border region of SaarLorLux is characterized by its common past in steel and coal mining, intercultural workplaces and crossborder commutes, multi-language artistic venues, and routine international encounters. Actors from arts and culture, large global corporations, and local and regional media contribute to the crossborder identities of the SaarLorLux population. This region was thus hardly a surprising choice when in 1985 the five European Community member states Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg came together to sign the seminal Schengen Agreement, a treaty that led to the creation of Europe's Schengen Area, in which internal border checks have largely been abolished.



**Foreign Investments, Local Impact: How global actors shape the region's economy**

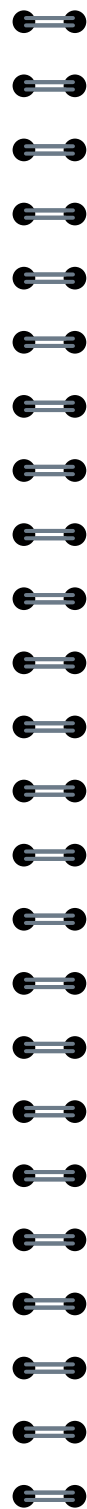
In 1960, in the German federal state of Saarland, 125,000 workers were employed in the mining and steel industry. As a result of both the coal crisis in the 1960s and the 1970s steel crisis, employment in these sectors fell by more than a half. Joblessness rose to over 15 percent. Today, the very last remnants of the regional coal and steel industry are on the verge of disappearing completely.

As for automotive manufacturing, it surged in the 1970s and for decades thereafter. In 1970, Ford opened a plant in the city of Saarlouis, and subsequently many suppliers such as Bosch, Michelin, and the company ZF settled in Saarland. Yet today large parts of the classic automotive industry are ever more obsolete, which has hit the region hard again. The commitment to maintaining the region's international competitiveness however is strong. In addition to new foreign investors, economic development initiatives of the SaarLorLux region's businesses play a major role in its sustainable economic development.



**Thomas Schuck**, who holds a degree in industrial engineering, is Managing Director of SHS Strukturholding Saar GmbH and gwSaar Economic Promotion Corporation (SHS/gwSaar). There, he is responsible for cooperation with international investors in Saarland. gwSaar is a state-owned corporation for the promotion of the economy and offers services for investors, such as relocation management, business development, and support on real estate. One of the major recent projects of SHS/gwSaar is the successful cooperation with SVOLT,

a Chinese developer and producer of lithiumion batteries and battery systems for electric vehicles and energy storage systems.




**Is All News Local? The fourth estate in the regional democratic order**

A free press is fundamental for a functional democracy. Only on the basis of information that is not regulated by the state can citizens make independent decisions on political issues. This session will discuss how this applies to regional news organizations, especially in a border area that is characterized by a transborder community and strong regional identification.



**Martin Grasmück** is a journalist and since May 2021 director general of the Saarland public broadcasting service Saarländischer Rundfunk (SR). After having studied English, information science and political science at Saarbrücken University, he began his career at SR in 1999, first as a journalistic trainee in radio and TV, later as radio presenter, reporter and editor at SR 3 Saarlandwelle. Since 2008, he has had various leadership and administrative roles at SR. Before he was elected to be the service's director general, he was

deputy program director. He is an advocate for the importance of regional news and entered the job with a strong commitment to combat the chronic financial problems at SR, one of the smallest public broadcasting services in Germany. In a recent interview, he said on this issue: "There is a special strength in being rooted in the region. The SR is a piece of home, the SR creates identity, the SR is a bridge to France. We are one of the most popular institutions in the Bundesland".

 SRKommunikation

### Creating Cultural Identity in the Border Region

PERSPECTIVES is the only French-German cultural festival that provides a stage to French- and German-language theater productions. Originally devised as an experiment in 1978, it is now a 40-year success story of cross-cultural collaborations and encounters in the SaarLorLux region. It takes place in Saarbrücken, ideally located at the intersection of Germany, France, and Luxembourg, and attracts an audience of up to 30,000 people every year. The focus on French- and German-language content makes the festival a symbol of the *amitié franco-allemande*. This session will examine how arts and culture contribute to a transborder, cross-cultural identity among the people of the SaarLorLux.



**Sylvie Hamard** is the artistic director of the Festival PERSPECTIVES. She has held this position since 2007, when the festival was about to lose its main financial support due to a lack of public interest. Under her leadership and vision, which focused on opening the festival up to everyone, the audience numbers grew quickly, from 3,500 in 2006 to 12,000 in 2009 and to the record number of 40,000 in 2015. Apart from her position at PERSPECTIVES, Sylvie Hamard is a musical program producer at Château de Versailles

Spectacles, where the program includes opera, theater ballet and other events. She has worked at theaters in Paris, Berlin and the SaarLorLux region. Before her career in the arts, Sylvie Hamard studied biology. In 1991, she moved to Saarbrücken for her studies, and ended up living there for eleven years. She began working in arts and culture through an internship at PERSPECTIVES.

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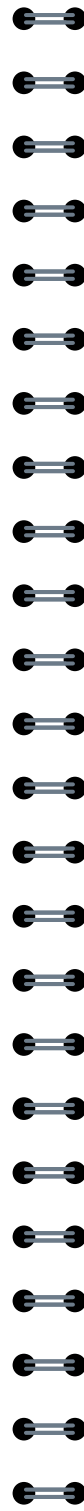
### European Museum Schengen

More than 30 years after the famous agreement was signed, “Schengen” today stands as a symbol for the freedom of movement and the abolition of border checks in large parts of Europe. Citizens of the 26-country Schengen area and holders of a Schengen Visa may cross borders between most EU states, and even some non-EU member states, like Switzerland, without passports. This administrative act proved the cornerstone for a Europe of open borders and a catalyst for European integration. In the SaarLorLux border region alone, hundreds of thousands of commuters, school-children, and public service providers cross the border every day. How closely the neighboring countries became connected became clear when, in the wake of the pandemic, the borders suddenly closed and large parts of life in the region came to a standstill. This session highlights the relevance of the Schengen Agreement to modern Europe and shows how much lies behind the appellation.



**Martina Kneip** has been the Director of the Centre Européen Schengen since 2007. She coordinates and executes educational activities and tours. She is a tourism professional, who graduated from university with a diploma as a tourism business economist. She worked as managing director of the tourist information in Breitnau and as a marketing assistant on the Irish tourist board. Before starting at the Centre Européen Schengen, she was the coordinator of the Industry and Railway park of Fond-de-Gras, which, until 1955, was one of the most important mining centers in Luxembourg and now is an open-air museum.

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**Notes for Reflection**

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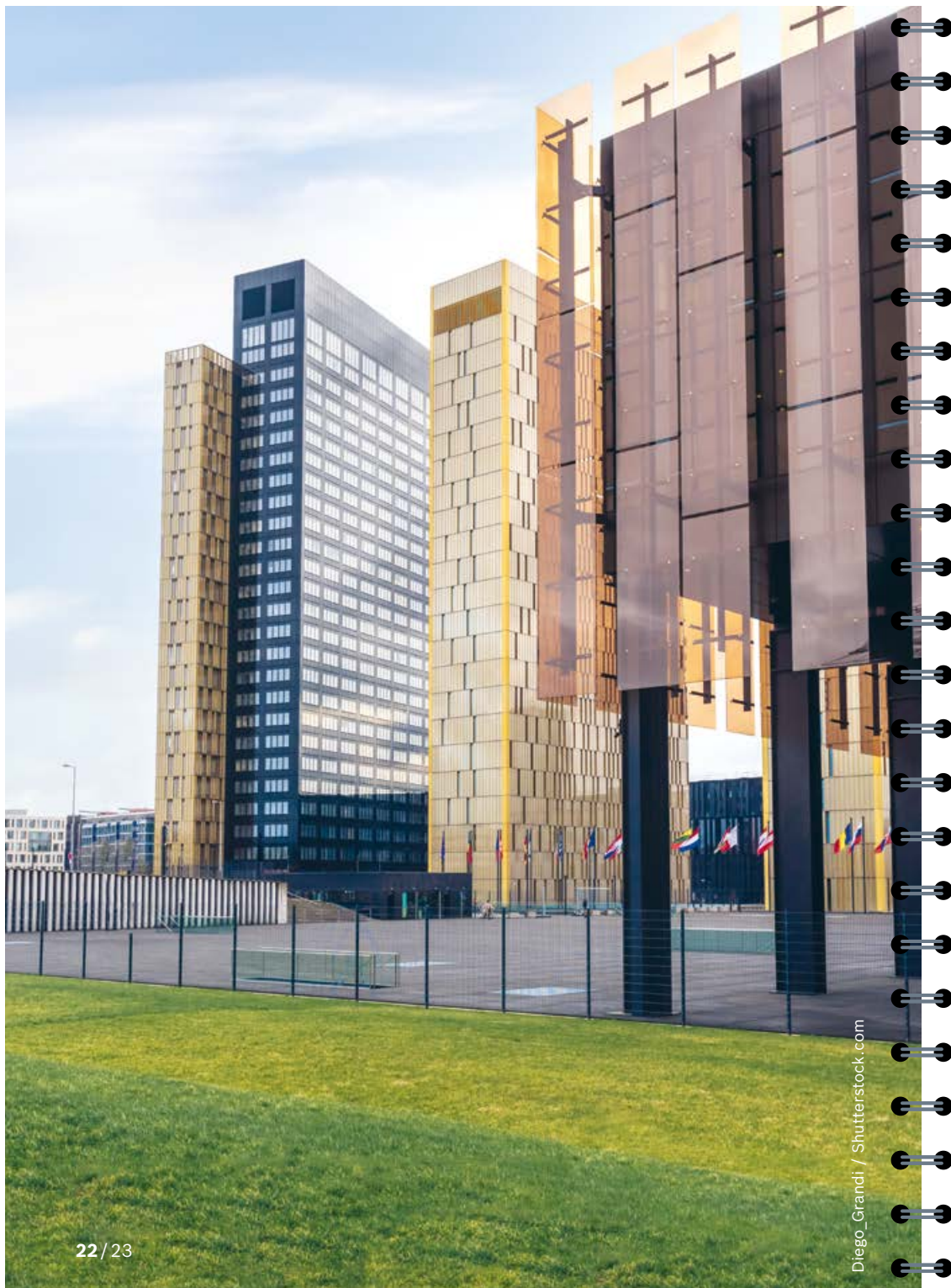
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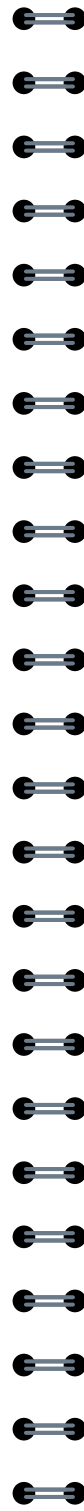
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# Wednesday, 13 October

Study Tour France & Luxembourg

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- 7.30 am** Breakfast at Victor's Residenz-Hotel Schloss Berg
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- 8.15 am** Bus Transfer
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- 9.00 am** **Centre d'Information du Public**  
Exhibition and Information Center at the Cattenom Power Plant  
57570 Cattenom, France
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- 9.45 am** **Diverging Nuclear Policies and Civil Society Protest:  
The Cattenom nuclear power plant as stress test for  
the border region**
- Roger Spautz**, Nuclear Campaigner, Greenpeace France & Luxembourg  
**Günter Heinrich**, Vice-President of the Saarland State Parliament  
**Jérôme Le Saint**, Director, Cattenom Nuclear Power Plant
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- 11.30 am** Bus Transfer
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- 12.30 pm** **A Europe of the Regions? SaarLorLux as a role model for  
crossborder cooperation in the European Union**
- Jean-Louis Thill**, Director for European Affairs and International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Luxembourg  
Restaurant Clairefontaine, 9 Place de Clairefontaine, 1341 Luxembourg
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- 1.50 pm** Bus Transfer
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<b>2.45 pm</b>	<p><b>More than a Community of Nations: How the European Court of Justice watches over Europe's community of law</b></p> <p><b>Juliane Kokott</b>, Advocate General, Court of Justice of the European Union</p> <p>rue du Fort Niedergrünewald, 2925 Luxembourg</p>
<b>4.15 pm</b>	Bus Transfer
<b>4.40 pm</b>	Arrival and Check-in Luxembourg Airport
<b>5.30 pm</b>	<p>Light Dinner</p> <p>The Lounge by Luxair, Luxembourg Airport</p>
<b>6.40 pm</b>	Flight Luxair LG9473 to Berlin
<b>8.10 pm</b>	<p>Arrival in Berlin</p> <p>Check-in at Hotel The Regent Charlottenstraße 49, 10117 Berlin</p>



# Session Information and Biographies

EU regions, EU law, and EU tensions:  
Principles of the EU and a nuclear stress test

The EU is built on many principles: one of them is as a “community of law” with its own judiciary and the Luxembourg-based Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) at its core. The CJEU ensures the application of EU law. Another central EU principle is subsidiarity, which maintains that policy and governance affairs will only be addressed on the EU level when member states lack sufficient capacities to deal with them.

As a transnational region, SaarLorLux has been supported by the EU’s Europe of the Regions framework to improve social and economic coherence among the region’s citizens. Naturally, even though crossborder cooperation between Germany, France, Belgium, and Luxembourg has been increasing for decades, there are matters that sow conflict, such as nuclear energy. Stress tests occur wherever national approaches drift so far apart that they seem barely compatible – and nuclear policy is just one example.

**Diverging Nuclear Policies and Civil Society Protest:  
The Cattenom nuclear power plant as stress test for the border region**

The Cattenom nuclear power plant is located in northeastern France on the Moselle River, just 22 km from the city of Luxembourg and 48 km from Trier. The world’s eighth-biggest nuclear power station has been operational since 1986 – and since then a source of contention. While Germany and Belgium are phasing out of their nuclear power programs (Luxembourg doesn’t have one), France is still heavily dependent on nuclear power. In April 2021, Luxembourg and the German states of Saarland and Rhineland-Palatinate renewed their calls for France to close the Cattenom plant. As it sits on the border between the three countries, Luxembourg and Germany would be impacted directly and immediately by an accident releasing nuclear discharge. Currently, the French government is reviewing its nuclear policy. This session will discuss how the Cattenom plant has developed into a real stress test for the borderlands.



**Roger Spautz** is the co-founder of Greenpeace Luxembourg and has been a campaigner for Greenpeace since 1987, especially on nuclear issues. He was part of a Greenpeace activity in 2017 in which 15 environmentalists gained access to the Cattenom plant site and set off fireworks directly in front of the plant’s spent fuel pool. The aim was to demonstrate how easy it is to enter a nuclear power plant and approach the storage of fuel elements. As a consequence, in 2018, Spautz was barred from participating in official inspections of the power plant.

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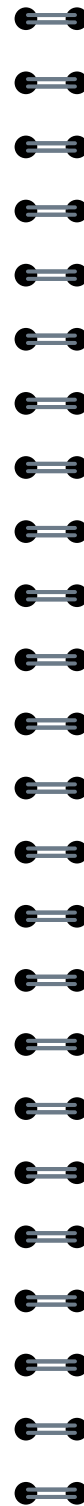
**Günter Heinrich** is a German politician of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and Vice-President of the Saarland State Parliament. He has been an active member of the CDU since his youth and has held leading roles in local chapters of the party since 1974. Before being elected to be a member of the Saarland Landtag in 1999, he worked in the civil service of the city of Saarlouis for two decades. During that time he studied at the Saarland Academy of Administration and Economics and received a degree in 1989.

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**Jérôme Le Saint** has been director at the Cattenom nuclear power plant since October 2020. Prior to that, he had been head of the production department at the site in Lorraine since 2017. Le Saint started his career in the automotive sector at Groupe PSA before moving to the French electricity group EdF in 2008. Le Saint has already worked for the company at several locations, including the Paris headquarters and the Chooz nuclear power plant in the Ardennes.

Jerome\_Le\_Saint





**A Europe of the Regions? SaarLorLux as a role model for crossborder cooperation in the European Union**

Subsidiarity is more than just the determination of the order at which governance level policy is conducted. Government and political action that takes local and regional perspectives into account generates acceptance and ownership by the local population. Thus, the preservation of subsidiarity is not only an interest in maintaining democracy close to the people, but also an important tool for coherence in border regions of the EU.



**Jean-Louis Thill** serves as Director for European Affairs and International Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs Luxembourg. He is a Luxembourgish diplomat and was, among other things, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the Republic of Serbia.

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**More than a Community of Nations: How the European Court of Justice watches over Europe's community of law**

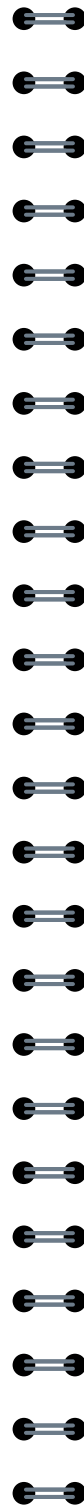
The EU as a community of law faces difficult challenges. Not only is the rule of law under threat in Poland and Hungary, national judicial bodies such as the German Federal Constitutional Court, which recently declared an EUCJ ruling on the permissibility of ECB bond purchases to be incompatible with the German Basic Law, challenge the sovereignty of the European judiciary. The EU is fighting back with the means at its disposal. The European Commission is initiating infringement procedures against member states in the east, supported by the Court of Justice as the core of the EU's judicial branch. This session discusses perspectives of the European judiciary and sets the framework of current challenges for Europe's community of law.



**Juliane Kokott** is one of eight Advocates General at the Court of Justice of the European Union. In this position she has been assisting the judges with her opinions in the interpretation of European law since 2003. Before that, she was a professor and head of the Institute for European Law, Public International Law and international business law at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. She has also taught at the Universities of Heidelberg, Mannheim, Augsburg and Düsseldorf, has been a visiting professor for the Law

of the European Communities at the University of California in Berkeley and worked at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. She studied law in Bonn, Geneva, and Washington D.C.

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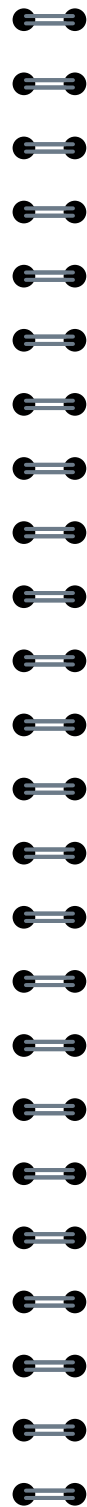
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# Thursday, 14 October

## Study Tour Berlin

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- 8.00 am** Breakfast at Hotel The Regent
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- 8.30 am** Bus Transfer
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- 9.30 am** **Conversation with Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier**  
Bellevue Palace, Spreeweg 1, 10557 Berlin
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- 10.45 am** Bus Transfer
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- 11.00 am** **Group Picture**
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- 11.45 am** **Lunch**  
CARL & SOPHIE Spree Restaurant, Alt-Moabit 99, 10559 Berlin
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- 1.00 pm** Bus Transfer
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- 1.30 pm** **Entering the post-Merkel Era: What to expect from Germany on the world stage**  
**Soli Özel**, Senior Lecturer, Kadir Has University  
**Sylvie Kauffmann**, former Editor-in-Chief, Le Monde  
**Walter Russell Mead**, Global View Columnist, The Wall Street Journal  
facilitated by Christiane Hoffmann, Diplomatic Correspondent, DER SPIEGEL  
Robert Bosch Stiftung Berlin Office, Französische Straße 32, 10117 Berlin
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- 3.00 pm** Coffee Break
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- 4.00 pm** **Beyond Politics: Fostering dialogue and understanding among nations with the language of music**  
**Daniel Barenboim**, General Music Director, Staatsoper Unter den Linden  
Barenboim-Said Akademie, Französische Straße 33 D, 10117 Berlin
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**5.00 pm****Chamber Concert**

with Musicians of the Barenboim-Said Akademie

Barenboim-Said Akademie, Französische Straße 33 D,  
10117 Berlin**6.00 pm****Wrap-up and Evaluation**Robert Bosch Stiftung Berlin Office, Französische Straße 32,  
10117 Berlin**7.00 pm****Reception and Farewell Dinner**Robert Bosch Stiftung Berlin Office, Französische Straße 32,  
10117 Berlin**9.00 pm****End of the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum 2021**Return to Hotel The Regent  
Charlottenstraße 49, 10117 Berlin

# Session Information and Biographies

## Politics, Reflection, and Music

In Berlin, the recent federal election and Angela Merkel's imminent departure loom large. For the past 16 years, Chancellor Merkel has been a figure of stability in international politics. But what, and who, will come next? On this last day of the study tour, fellows will have the opportunity to discuss among themselves, as well as reflect on their insights gained during the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum 2021 with Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal President of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The theme of borders will be taken up in a conversation with Daniel Barenboim, looking at the significance of cultural cooperation across borders.

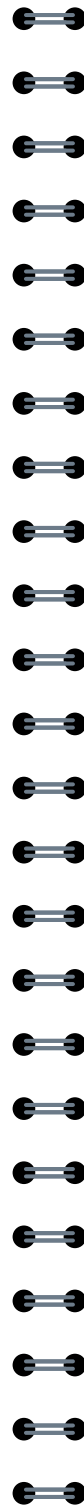
**Conversation with Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier**

At this year’s Richard von Weizsäcker Forum, fellows of the Robert Bosch Academy explored the implications of the 2021 federal and state elections on selected topics such as foreign policy, climate policy, the economy, and public opinion. Some of the topics addressed societal changes due to polarization and Germany’s role in the changing international order. Fellows had the opportunity to discuss election programs and the impact of a future coalition agreement with representatives of political parties and journalists. During the tour to the SaarLorLux region, the fellows participated in a number of sessions dealing with the challenges facing the border region in the heart of Europe. Scheduled at the end of the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum 2021, this session will offer the opportunity to reflect on the insights gained over the course of the forum with Frank-Walter Steinmeier.



**Frank-Walter Steinmeier** is the twelfth President of the Federal Republic of Germany. His political career on the federal level started in 1998 when he was appointed State Secretary at the Federal Chancellery and Federal Government Commissioner for the Federal Intelligence Services under Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. He also served as Head of the Federal Chancellery from 1999. Under Chancellor Angela Merkel, Frank-Walter Steinmeier was appointed Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2005 and was also

Deputy Chancellor from 2007. In 2009, he won a directly elected seat in a constituency in Land Brandenburg and became a Member of the German Bundestag. The parliamentary group of the Social Democratic Party of Germany in the German Bundestag elected him as chairperson. Four years later, he became Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs for the second time, and served in this role until January 2017. On 12 February 2017, Frank-Walter Steinmeier was elected as the twelfth President of the Federal Republic of Germany. As such, his functions as head of state traditionally include (1) representing the Federal Republic of Germany both at home and abroad (through public appearances at state, social and cultural events, speeches, visits to different Länder and communities in Germany, state visits abroad and as host to foreign dignitaries and state guests); and (2) representing the Federal Republic of Germany for the purposes of international law, concluding treaties with foreign states, accrediting (appointing) German envoys and receiving (receiving the letters of credence of) foreign envoys.




**Entering the Post-Merkel Era: What to expect from Germany on the world stage**

In 2005, the likes of Jacques Chirac, Wen Jiabao, Silvio Berlusconi, George W. Bush, Manmohan Singh, Fidel Castro, Ariel Sharon, Tony Blair, and Néstor Kirchner were the names of heads of state and government around the world. This was the world stage of international politics when Angela Merkel was elected to be chancellor of Germany for the first time. Now, 16 years later, she has outlasted those politicians and many more. Her successor enters a foreign policy arena that is, compared to 2005, not only dramatically different in terms of personnel, but also holds the greatest global challenges of our time. This session will discuss the outcome of the September 2021 election, the coalition talks, and their implications for the next German government on the world stage.



**Soli Özel** is a professor of International Relations at Kadir Has University in Istanbul and a columnist at Habertürk daily newspaper. He also advises the Turkish Industrialists’ and Businessmen’s Association (TÜSIAD) on foreign policy issues. He has guest lectured at Georgetown, Harvard, Tufts and other US universities and has taught at UC Santa Cruz, SAIS, the University of Washington and the Hebrew University. He has spent time as a fellow of St. Anthony’s College, Oxford and was a visiting senior scholar at the EU Institute

for Security Studies in Paris. He has been a Fisher Family Fellow of the “Future of Diplomacy Program” at the Belfer Center of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. In 2013, he was a Keyman fellow and a visiting lecturer at Northwestern University.

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**Sylvie Kauffmann** is Editorial Director, Leader Writer, and Columnist for Le Monde, writing a weekly column on global affairs. She is also a Contributing Writer for the international edition of the New York Times. Previously, she was the first female Editor-in-Chief of Le Monde, including during the Wikileaks collaboration with El País, the Guardian and the New York Times. She has reported from Asia, Eastern Europe, and the United States, where she wrote a prize-winning series of articles about life in the US following the 9/11 attacks.

Kauffmann graduated from the Institut d’Études Politiques Aix-en-Provence and the faculty of law at the University of Provence Aix-Marseille.

 SylvieKauffmann



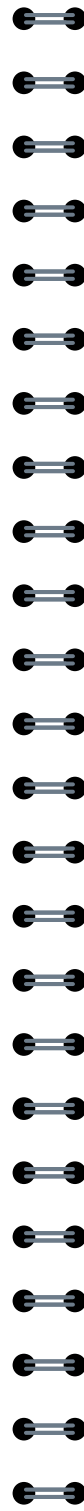
**Walter Russell Mead** is the Ravenel B. Curry III Distinguished Fellow in Strategy and Statesmanship at Hudson Institute, the Global View Columnist at The Wall Street Journal and the James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College in New York. He is also a member of Aspen Institute Italy and board member of Aspenia. Before joining Hudson, Walter Russell Mead was a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations as the Henry A. Kissinger Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy. He has authored numerous books, including the widely-recognized *Special Providence: American Foreign Policy and How It Changed the World* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2004). Mr. Mead's next book is entitled *The Arc of A Covenant: The United States, Israel, and the Future of the Jewish People*.

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**Christiane Hoffmann** is the Diplomatic Correspondent of German News Magazine SPIEGEL. She is a specialist on Foreign and Security Policy. From 2013 to 2018 she was the deputy Head of SPIEGEL's Berlin office and responsible for the opinion pages. Before joining SPIEGEL she was with Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, among other postings she was a correspondent to Moscow (1996 – 1999), Tehran (1999 – 2004) and Berlin (2009 – 2012). Hoffmann is a frequent guest at political talk shows and the author of a book on Iran „Hinter den Schleiern Irans“.

 HoffmannSpiegel




**Beyond Politics: Fostering dialogue and understanding among nations with the language of music**


For 20 years, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra has been a significant presence in the music world. In 1999, Daniel Barenboim and the late Palestinian literary scholar Edward W. Said created a workshop for young musicians to promote coexistence and intercultural dialogue. They named the orchestra and workshop after Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's collection of poems *West-Eastern Divan*, a central work for the development of the concept of world culture. An equal number of Israeli and Arab musicians form the base of the ensemble, together with members from Turkey, Iran, and Spain. In a continuation of the orchestra's spirit and mission, in 2015 the Barenboim-Said Akademie in Berlin opened. This session will discuss the potential of music and art to convene people across nations and borders.



**Daniel Barenboim** is a pianist, conductor and citizen of Argentina, Israel, Palestine, and Spain. Currently, he is the general music director of the Berlin State Opera and the Staatskapelle Berlin. In addition, he is the president of the Barenboim-Said Akademie in Berlin, a state-accredited music conservatory offering Bachelor of Music degrees and Artist Diplomas. Previously, he served as Music Director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre de Paris and La Scala in Milan. A resolute critic of the Israeli occupation of

Palestinian territories, Barenboim co-founded the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, a Seville-based orchestra of young Arab and Israeli musicians together with Edward Said, the Palestinian-American pioneer of postcolonial studies. He has received many awards and prizes, including seven Grammy awards, an honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, France's Légion d'honneur both as a Commander and Grand Officier, and the German Grand Federal Cross of Merit with Star and Shoulder Ribbon.

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 DivanOrchestra

### Notes for Reflection

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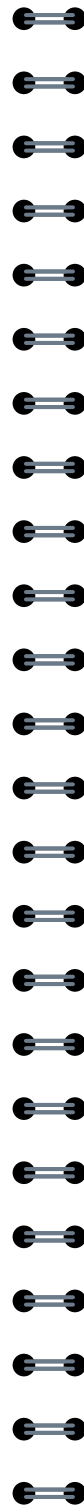
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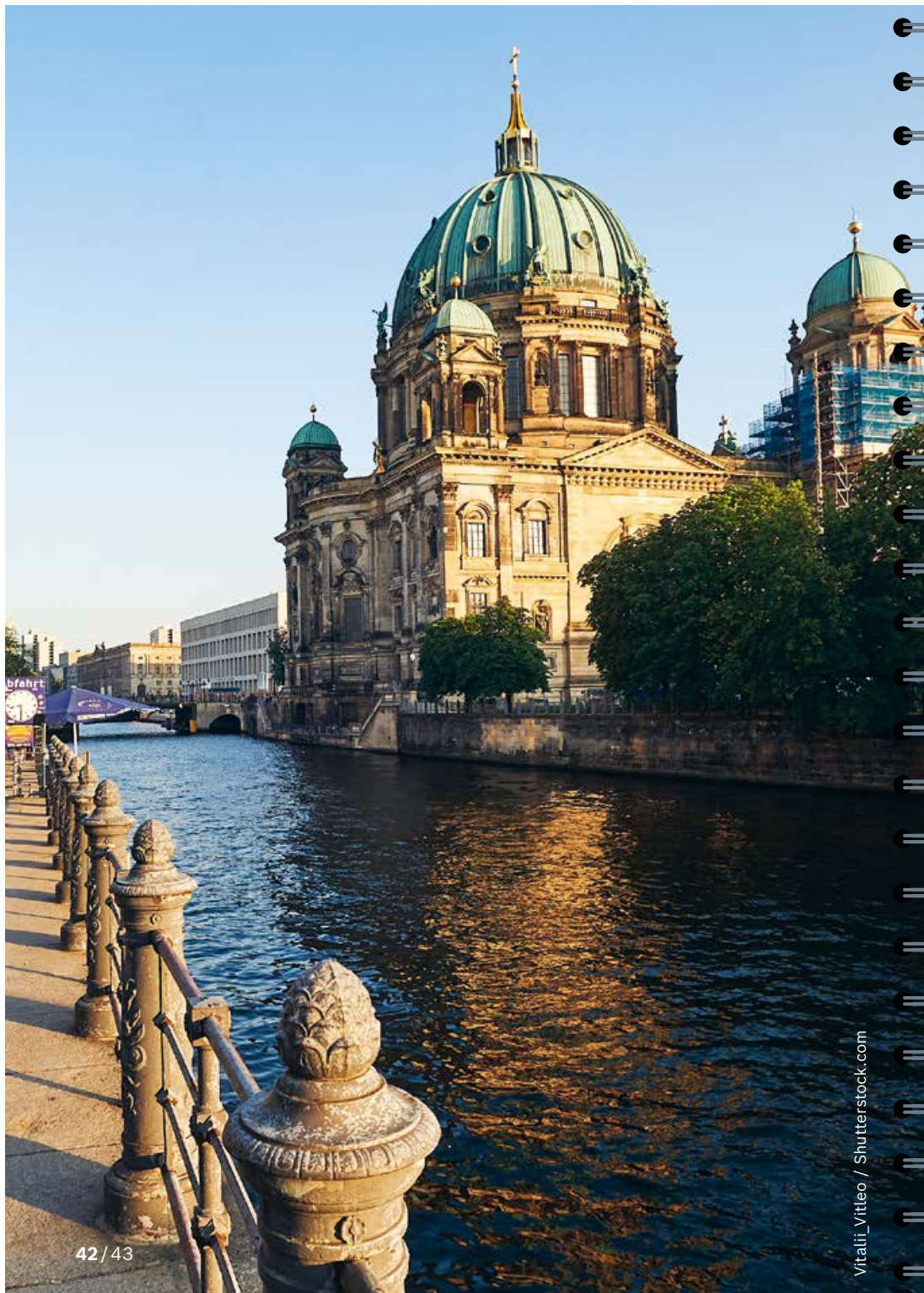
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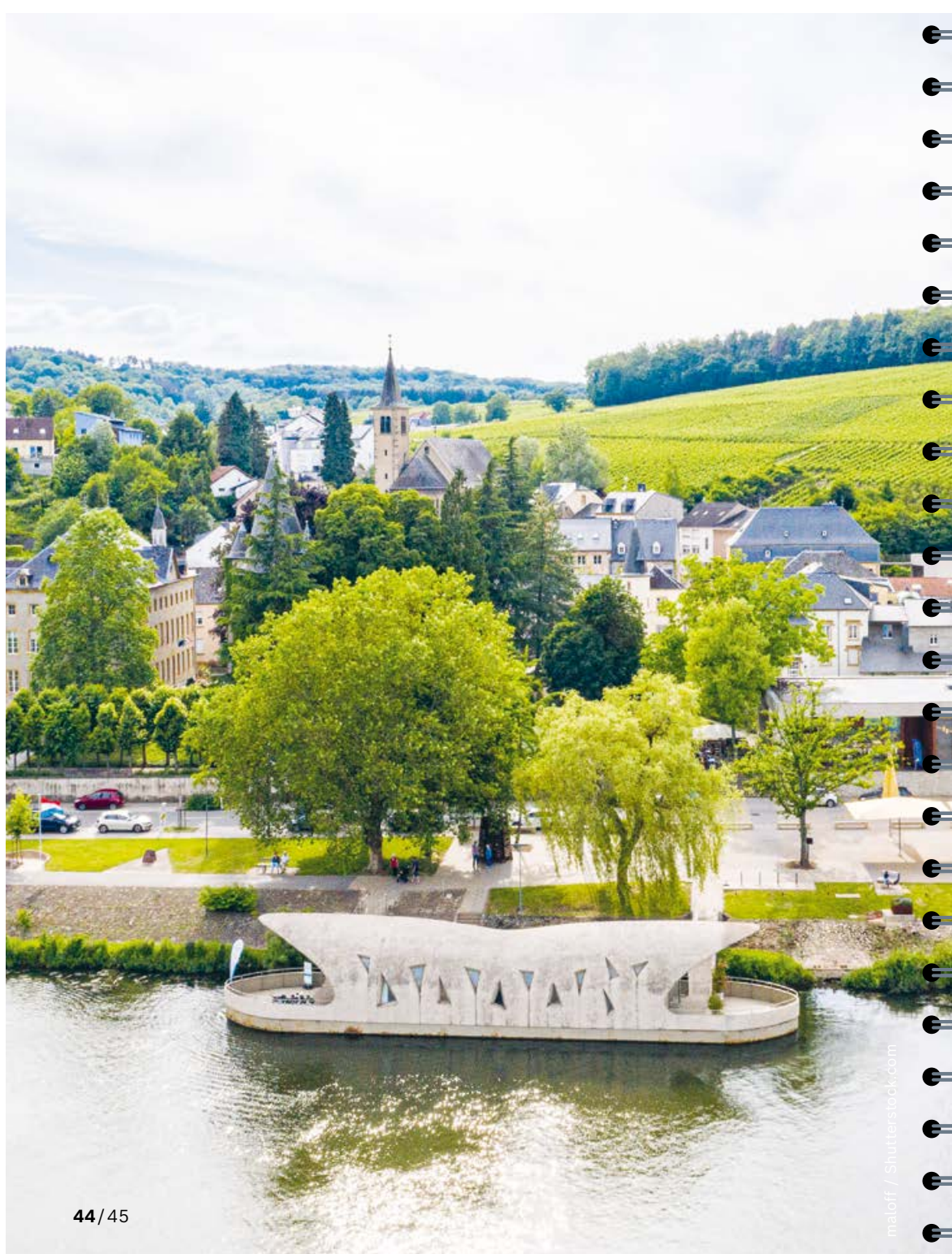
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Breakfast and Check-out

Hotel The Regent  
Charlottenstraße 49, 10117 Berlin

Transfers to Airport, Individual Departure





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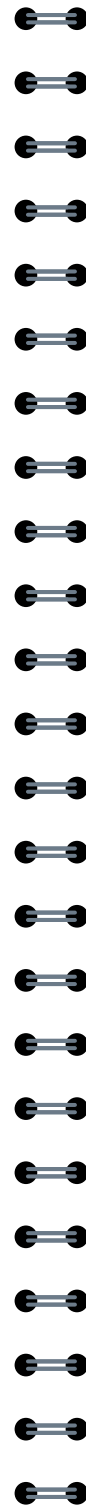
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# SaarLorLux: Laboratory for transborder cooperation in the heart of Europe

Tucked between Belgium, France, Germany, and Luxembourg is a small but unique region often described as a laboratory for economic and social cooperation within the EU. Since the original members are the German state of Saarland, the French Lorraine region, and the state of Luxembourg, it is to this day often referred to as SaarLorLux. This term was coined as a shorthand in 1969 by Hubertus Rolshoven, founding president of the Institut Régional Intra-communautaire and president of Saarberg, the former organization of coal mines in the Saarland. The term “Greater Region” is also commonly used as the geographical range of today’s institutionalized crossborder cooperation includes not only the three original core regions, but also the German state Rhineland-Palatine and the Belgian region of Wallonia, the latter which is home to the French and German-speaking communities of Belgium.

The Greater Region covers 65,401 square kilometers in the heart of Western Europe and has around 11.6 million inhabitants. Saarbrücken, the capital of the Saarland, is the Greater Region’s largest city with approximately 180,000 inhabitants, and center of a thriving, transborder metropolitan area. One of the Greater Region’s characteristics is the high mobility of commuters: a quarter of a million of the region’s inhabitants commute across a national border every day. A total of 197,000 people commute into Luxembourg alone, the smallest of the regions with 630,000 inhabitants. The Greater Region is therefore home to the highest number of transnational commuters anywhere in the EU.

For the Greater Region, the EU framework in which it is embedded is highly significant. Borders are open and almost unnoticeable, which facilitates everyday life and, of course, economic exchange. After the introduction of the Euro as a common currency in 1999/2002, monetary transactions between the four countries of the Greater Region became much easier. The Greater Region has also benefitted from the EU program INTERREG, through which projects promoting transborder economic and social cooperation in the region have received funding since 2007. And as Luxembourg is one of the EU’s three institutional seats, the EU is also physically represented, and a significant pull-factor, in the Greater Region.



The Greater Region’s economy used to be characterized by coalmines and steelworks, which is at the root of the common regional identity. In fact, the crisis of the coal and steel industries in the late 1960s marked the beginning of formal regional cooperation. In 1971, the governments of France, Germany, and Luxembourg established a regional commission to deal with the particular challenges of the SaarLorLux region. This commission was put on a legal foundation with the intergovernmental agreement on transnational cooperation (which included Rhineland-Palatine as a partner) in 1980. After European integration took a big step forward with the adoption of the Treaty of Maastricht in 1992, a high-level, recurring summit of the regional political executives was established to coordinate economic and social integration efforts in the now-called Greater Region. In 2005, the full membership of Wallonia with the French and German-speaking communities of Belgium was recognized.

Historically, in the 19th and 20th centuries, the region had been the center of border disputes and shifts Germany, for example, annexed Lorraine (and the neighboring region of Alsace) after the French-German war of 1870/1871. A second example is that, after World War II, the Saarland was occupied by France and later given constitutional autonomy. It was only politically reincorporated into West Germany in 1957 after 67 percent of the Saarland population voted for reunification with the Federal Republic.

Today, there are several bodies and organizations that structure and coordinate transborder cooperation. A summit of the executive leaders of all regions meets at least every two years and decides on strategic guidelines for cooperation. Despite the long history of cooperation, the population along the borders is not homogeneous. In addition to obvious differences in language, demographic divergences challenge the coherence of the border region. In 2019, the Greater Region had about 11.6 million inhabitants, most of them living in Rhineland-Palatinate (four million), Wallonia (3.6 million) and Lorraine (2.3 million). In contrast, Saarland (one million) and Luxembourg (630,000) make up only a small part of the population. In terms of demographic development, Luxembourg, Rhineland-Palatinate, and Wallonia have experienced above-average growth in the recent decades. Luxembourg, for example, has grown by 42 percent since 2000. Meanwhile, Lorraine’s population numbers have stagnated; the Saarland’s citizenry has been shrinking.

In 2019, the Greater Region’s GDP was €416 billion (about three percent of EU GDP), and the unemployment rate was at 5.2 percent, which is lower than the European average, namely 6.3 percent. Again, there are regional divergences: Lorraine had an unemployment rate of 8.1 percent, while Rhineland-Palatinate had an unemployment rate of only 2.7 percent. In 2020, just like in many other places, the Greater Region’s economy took a hit from the Covid-19 pandemic as GDP dropped by €400 billion.

However, it wasn't the economic losses that impacted the region the most but rather the international travel restrictions, which had immediate regional repercussions.

From March to May 2020, border traffic between the four countries of the Greater Region was more limited than it had been for decades. Higher infection rates in the neighboring regions prompted German decisionmakers on the federal level to close the borders. Even though this unilateral decision was heavily criticized, cooperation in other areas continued: for example, hospitals on the German side of the border took in Covid patients from overwhelmed French hospitals. The pandemic has thus cast a stark light on the challenges of everyday life, governance, and crossborder cooperation in the Greater Region. It has also emphasized how closely Lorraine, the Saarland, Wallonia, Rhineland-Palatinate, and Luxembourg have grown together and how important their common organization is to their success today – and in the future. It serves as laboratory of socio-economic and political cooperation within the EU, and showcases a regional identity among citizens, beyond the national or local.

# Biographies Fellows



Leila Alieva

**Profession**

Academic, Area Studies Expert

**Organization**

Russian and East European Studies, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford

**Relevant positions**

Director and Founder of two Baku-based think tanks, former fellow at Harvard, UC Berkeley, NATO Defense College

**Expertise**

Russia and Eurasia, EU Integration, Conflict and Security, Democratization

**My fellowship**

will help me in my research and writing, in establishing new contacts and networks, deepen my understanding of German and European politics and society, and help to promote knowledge about Russia, Azerbaijan and Eurasia region.

**Question/Topic**

Factors which shaped and defined the Western policies in Russia and Eurasia region in the post-Cold War period.

 leilaaieva





## Roberto Bertollini

### Profession

Senior Advisor to the Minister of Health

### Organization

Qatar Ministry of Public Health

### Relevant positions

WHO Representative to the EU, Chief Scientist,  
WHO Regional Office, Brussels

### Expertise

Public Health Policy. Climate Change and Health

### My fellowship

helped me developing the outline and first content of a book on climate change and health which I just published (in Italian).

### Question/Topic

Different scientific questions related to the understanding of immunity, effectiveness of vaccination and other health management questions of Covid 19.

A second edition of the book on climate change and health and its translation in different languages

 BertolliniR



## Brahma Chellaney

### Profession

Professor

### Organization

Center for Policy Research

### Relevant positions

Adviser to India's National Security Council; Appointments at Harvard University, the Brookings Institution, the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and the Australian National University

### Expertise

International Security

### Question/Topic

Global Geopolitics

 Chellaney



## Galip Dalay

### Profession

Fellow, Center for Applied Turkey Studies

### Organization

The German Institute for International and Security Affairs

### Relevant positions

Associate Fellow, Chatham House; Non-Resident Fellow at Brookings Doha Center

### Expertise

Middle East, Europe – the question of order and order transition

### My fellowship

has been a gate for me into understanding dynamics of German politics and of German thinking on international affairs, with an emphasis on the Middle East

### Question/Topic

Post – imperial forms of internationalism

 GalipDalay



## Mohammad Darawshe

### Profession

Director, Equality and Shared Society

### Organization

Givat Haviva

### Relevant positions

Executive Director, Abraham Fund Initiatives;  
Campaign Manager Democratic Arab Party, Political Analyst

### Expertise


National Minorities, Israeli politics, Conflict management and Peace Education.

### My fellowship

Was one of the most enriching experiences, learning about European national minorities, and German and European political, and social trends.

### Question/Topic

Israeli government policies towards Arab citizens

 mdarawshe



## Anna Diamantopoulou

### Profession

President

### Organization

DIKTIO – Network for Reforms in Greece and Europe

### Relevant positions

Former EU Commissioner, Former Minister of Greek Government

### Expertise


European Union Affairs

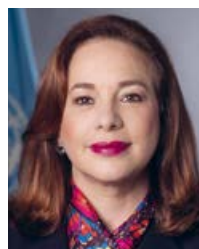
### My fellowship

helped me see Greece through the eyes of the world and the world through the eyes of Greece.

### Question/Topic

Why aid fails in Africa and how the EU can contribute to the development of the Continent

 adiamantopoulou



## María Fernanda Espinosa

### Profession

Academic, Diplomat and Politician

### Organization

Lancet COVID-19 Commission; Advisory Council of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations; Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean

### Relevant positions

President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly; Ecuador's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and; Minister of Cultural and Natural Heritage; Minister of Defense; Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations in New York and Geneva

### Expertise

Peace and Human Rights, Health, International Relations, Environment and Climate Change

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## Erin Ganju

### Profession

Managing Director

### Organization

Echidna Giving

### Relevant positions

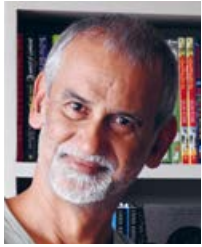
Co-Founder, Room to Read

### Expertise

Literacy and Girls' Education.

 EchidnaGiving





## Mike van Graan

### Profession

Cultural Policy, Arts Administrator and Playwright

### Relevant positions

Secretary General: Arterial Network; UNESCO Expert Technical Facility on the 2005 Convention on the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

### Organization

Sustaining Theatre and Dance (STAND) Foundation

### Expertise


Culture in relation to human rights, development, inequality, climate change

### My fellowship

took place over 6 months from 2016–2017, and was an important time for reflection, consolidating writings and thinking through topics relevant to my work, being stimulated by colleagues working in other disciplines, and building networks and friendships that continue to this day.

### Question/Topic

The impact of COVID-19 on the arts locally and on international cultural collaboration as a precursor to the potential impact of climate change, and how to mitigate this impact.

 [mikevangraan](#)



## Samantha Gross

### Profession

Director, Energy Security and Climate Initiative

### Organization

Brookings Institution

### Relevant positions

US Department of Energy, Director of Office of International Climate and Clean Energy, Other consulting and Government positions

### Expertise

Energy & Climate Change

### My fellowship

was entirely during lockdown! But nonetheless, I made a ton of (virtual) connections and deepened my knowledge of German and EU policy and attitudes toward climate change.

### Question/Topic

How will the US and EU work together to deal with climate change, with very different politics and policies?

 [SamanthaEnergy](#)



## Pierre Hazan

### Profession

Senior Advisor on Transitional Justice

### Organization

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

### Relevant positions

Professor at Neuchâtel University, Journalist

### Expertise


Peacemaking, Transitional Justice, Human Rights

### My fellowship

is a great chance to be in such a stimulating intellectual environment and to develop and share ideas and initiatives.

### Question/Topic

on the development of private diplomacy in peacemaking in a time marked by the resurgence of geopolitical tension and the erosion of global norms

 Pierre\_hazan



## François Heisbourg

### Profession

Senior Adviser for Europe

### Organization

The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

### Relevant positions

Chairman, International Institute for Strategic Studies;  
Special Adviser, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique

### Expertise

European security policy

### My fellowship

in 2015 – 2017 focused on European security issues, notably counterterrorism

### Question/Topic

The impact of the rise of China for European security

 FHeisbourg



## Saran Kaba Jones

### Profession

Founder and CEO

### Relevant positions

FACE Africa

### Organization

Sustaining Theatre and Dance (STAND) Foundation

### Expertise


Water Infrastructure, Development Policy,  
Social Entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa

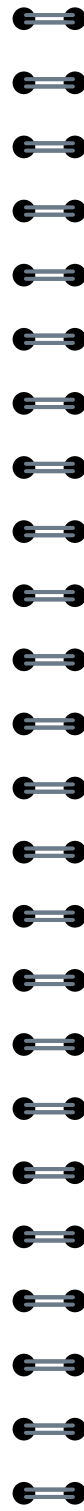
### My fellowship

Allowed me to critically analyzed German development cooperation with Africa and new initiatives such as the Marshall Plan with Africa aimed at shifting development assistance by encouraging private investment on the continent.

### Question/Topic

Exploring Africa's development trajectory that is failing it's young people and the perspectives and personal experiences of some of these individuals who migrated through irregular routes from Africa to Europe.

 sarankjones







## Aboubakr Jamaï Berraoui

### Profession

Professor

### Organization

American College of the Mediterranean

### Relevant positions

Former Publisher Editor of the Weekly magazine Le Journal Hebdomadaire/Morocco

### Expertise

Media, Democratization, Middle East and North Africa

### My fellowship

was highly beneficial for my understanding of my issues of interest thanks to the intellectual and material resources the Foundation provides.

### Question/Topic

Aftermath of the Arab Spring.

 aboubakrj



## Michael Th. Johnson

### Profession

Chairperson, Board of Directors

### Organization

Institute for Justice Sector Development

### Relevant positions

International prosecutor and senior advisor to governments in fragile and post conflict regions

### Expertise

Public Administration and Criminal Justice – Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe

### My fellowship

was truly remarkable.

### Question/Topic

supporting the establishment of a center of excellence in public governance of digital and cyber security at the University Botswana.



## Sylvie Kauffmann

### Profession

Journalist, Columnist

### Organization

Le Monde

### Relevant positions

former Editor-in-Chief, Le Monde

### Expertise

Foreign Policy & Geopolitics

### My fellowship

will start next year

### Question/Topic

The future of European integration.

 SylvieKauffmann



## Sándor Köles

**Profession**

Sociologist

**Organization**

Carpathian Foundation

**Relevant positions**

President

**Expertise**

Crossborder cooperation, democratic transition, Central-East Europe

**My fellowship**

has contributed to deepen and diversify my knowledge on global issues and to develop good personal relationships with fellows with different backgrounds

**Question/Topic**

why most crossborder cooperation has failed in Central Europe?  
Imagine the Carpathians



## Walter Russell Mead

**Profession**

Professor, Columnist

**Organization**

Hudson Institute; Bard College; Wall Street Journal

**Expertise**

United States Foreign Policy

**My fellowship**

gives me an opportunity to learn more about the transatlantic relationship.

**Question/Topic**

the history of this US-Israel relationship



## Harsh Mander

**Profession**

Human Rights and Peace Worker; Writer

**Organization**

Centre for Equity Studies, Delhi

**Relevant positions**

Former Civil Servant, Member Prime Minister's National Advisory Council, Chair Advisory Board of HRI OSF, Special Commissioner Supreme Court

**Expertise**

Human & Social Rights, Peace, Minority Rights, Labor Rights, Homelessness

**My fellowship**

is an opportunity to reflect and learn from German academia & activists on peace-building, fighting inequality & upholding human rights.

**Question/Topic**

How countries like India & Germany can best deal with troubled legacies of hate politics & sectarian violence, & build societies of real freedom, equality & fraternity

 [harsh\\_mander](#)





## Kumi Naidoo

### Profession

Environmentalist and Writer, Global Ambassador Africans  
Rising for Justice, Peace and Dignity

### Relevant positions

Secretary General, Amnesty International; Executive Director,  
Greenpeace International

### Expertise


Climate Change, Human Rights, Social Justice

### My fellowship

is something I am looking forward to with great energy,  
inspiration and anticipation.

### Question/Topic

The "failures" of activism.

 kuminaidoo



## Natalie Nougayrède

### Profession

Editorial Board Member, Columnist

### Organization

The Guardian

### Relevant positions

Executive Editor, Le Monde

### Expertise


Europe, Human Rights, International Security, Media, Digital

### My fellowship

is centred on researching a new Pan-European Media.

### Question/Topic

Europe's public space; European societies

 kuminaidoo



## Soli Özel

### Profession

Professor for International Relations

### Organization

Kadir Has University

### Relevant positions

Georgetown, Harvard, Tufts and other US universities

### Expertise

International Relations, Migration

### My fellowship

is an opportunity to reflect and learn from German academia & activists  
on peace-building, fighting inequality & upholding human rights.

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## Marco Parlange

### Profession

Consultant and Columnist

### Organization

marcoparlange.com

### Relevant positions

CEO Fondazione Monte Dei Paschi Di Siena, Italy;  
Chairman European Foundation Centre, Brussels

### Expertise

Economics, Finance, Politics (Italy)

### My fellowship

Focused on teaching stage at Hertie School of Governance,  
paper publications, workshops and debates

### Question/Topic

Financial education, economic and financial issues either EU or  
Worldwide; Italy and Europe

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## Benedict Phillips

### Profession

Senior Advisor to the Executive Director

### Organization

United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

### Relevant positions

Author, How to Fight Inequality; Co-Founder, Fight Inequality Alliance; Campaigns and Policy Director, ActionAid; Campaigns and Policy Director, Oxfam

### Expertise


Social Policy, Development, International Relations, Civil Society, Campaigning

### My fellowship

will look at how narratives and political frames rooted in ideas of love can provide a basis for a popular resurgence of a transformational progressive politics

### Question/Topic

How to build and connect the political constituency internationally for more equal societies

 benphillips76



## Theodore Piccone

### Profession

Research and Executive Management

### Organization

World Justice Project

### Expertise

International Relations, Peace and Human Rights

### My fellowship

opened my mind to the complexities and richness of Germany history, politics and culture and its unique role as a leading social democracy in European and world affairs.

### Question/Topic

The effects of COVID19 on the rule of law, human rights, and accountable governance and how to build back in a way that tackles underlying and longstanding weaknesses of liberal democracies

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## Steven Pifer

### Profession

Research Fellow

### Organization

Center for International Security and Cooperation,  
Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies,  
Stanford University

### Relevant positions

Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution (2008–2017);  
US Foreign Service officer (1978–2004), including US  
ambassador to Ukraine (1998–2000)

### Expertise


Arms Control, Ukraine, Russia and European Security

### My fellowship

gave me a terrific opportunity to explore German attitudes  
on issues such as US-German relations post-Trump, nuclear arms  
control, nuclear-sharing, the Ukraine-Russia conflict and how to  
deal with Russia.

### Question/Topic

Nuclear arms control and related issues such as missile defense  
as Washington prepares for strategic stability talks and new nuclear  
arms negotiations with Russia.

 [steven\\_pifer](#)



## Douglas Saunders

### Profession

Journalist

### Organization

The Globe and Mail

### Expertise


International Affairs, Migration, Population, Urban Affairs

### My fellowship

has provided me with time, resources and a supportive community  
of international thinkers to support the development of my ideas  
in a fruitful environment.

### Question/Topic

The way in which global social, economic and epidemiological  
trends manifest themselves disproportionately specific local  
neighbourhoods, turning these districts into important locations  
for policy intervention.

 [dougsaunders](#)



## Sławomir Sierakowski

### Profession

Sociologist

### Organization

DGAP, Krytyka Polityczna

### Expertise

Foreign Affairs, CEE, Atlantic Relations

### My fellowship

should be repeated.

### Question/Topic

Political polarization between metropolitan and rural areas.

 [krytyka](#)



## J.P. Singh

### Profession

Professor of International Commerce and Policy

### Organization

Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University

### Relevant positions

University of Edinburgh; Georgetown University

### Expertise


Global Economy, Culture, Technology And Innovation, Diplomacy, Negotiations

### My fellowship

has provided the most relevant community of fellows and staff at the academy, and the resources to study German innovation and foreign economic policy.

### Question/Topic

The underlying political economy and culture of German innovation.

 Prof\_JPSingh



## Zsuzsanna Szelényi

### Profession

Former Hungarian Politician, Research Fellow

### Organization

Central European University Democracy Institute

### Relevant positions

Former MP, Hungarian Parliament

### Expertise


European Union, European Foreign Policy, Democracy and Autocratization

### My fellowship

Offered me an opportunity to observe German politics in a critical period of change and helped me to broaden my political and professional network.

### Question/Topic

How the wave of autocratization changes Europe

 ZSzelenyi



## Vesna Teršelič

### Profession

Human Rights Advocate

### Organization

Documenta – Center for Dealing with the Past

### Relevant positions

Coordinator, Antiwar Campaign Croatia; Director, Center for Peace Studies

### Expertise

Victims's centered approach to Dealing with the Past, promotion of Human Rights and Developing Culture of Remembrance

### My fellowship

Contributed to networking on dealing with the Past and strengthened cooperation between European Remembrance actors



## Tecla Namachanja Wanjala

### Profession

Founder

### Organization

Shalom Centre for Counselling and Development

### Relevant positions

Vice Chairperson, Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission Kenya

### Expertise

Social Healing, Restorative Justice and Conflict Transformation

### My fellowship

enables me to refocus my efforts to supporting victims of violent conflicts through creating spaces for social healing and reconciliation.

### Question/Topic

The need and challenges of healing providing healing spaces for perpetrators



## Karolina Wigura

### Profession

Sociologist

### Organization

Kultura Liberalna Foundation

### Relevant positions

Assistant Professor, Warsaw University; ECFR Member; 2016 – 2018 Co-Director, “Knowledge Bridges” Programme, University of Oxford.

### Expertise


Democracy, Illiberal Populism, Political Philosophy, History of Emotions

### My fellowship

is an exceptional opportunity to work on practical continuation of my theoretical and practical interests in democracy, illiberalism, and emotions.

### Question/Topic

The post-pandemic emotions in a global perspective. I called them “post-pandemic”, not because the coronavirus is behind us. Rather it is to stress that the presence of the covid-19 microbe has already produced a fundamental change in our collective life. The emotions which have been created and strengthened throughout the past year and a half will stay with us for long. We need to grasp what is really going on, describe the strongest collective emotions shaping our social and political reality, and look into the possible future scenarios. Most importantly, we need to ask how politics is to be done in the new post-pandemic reality.

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# Impressions from the Robert Bosch Academy



# Biographies

## Robert Bosch Academy



**Sandra Breka** is CEO of the Robert Bosch Stiftung. Since joining the Board of Management, she spearheaded the foundation's strategic realignment. Her portfolio includes the foundation's work on Global Issues with a focus on Climate Change, Democracy, Immigration Society, Inequality, Migration and Peace as well as Strategic Partnerships and the Robert Bosch Academy.

Before joining the foundation in 2001, Sandra Breka served as Program Director at the Aspen Institute Berlin after an assignment with the American Council on Germany in New York. After studies in Germany, France and the United States, she obtained her M.A. at Columbia University in New York. She was a Yale World Fellow in 2008.

Sandra Breka is a Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations as well as the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the European Endowment for Democracy. She serves on the Munich Security Conference Board of Trustees, the Board of the Mercator Institute for China Studies, the Board of the Berghof Foundation, the Executive Committee of the Stiftung Neue Verantwortung and the European Foundation Center Governing Council.

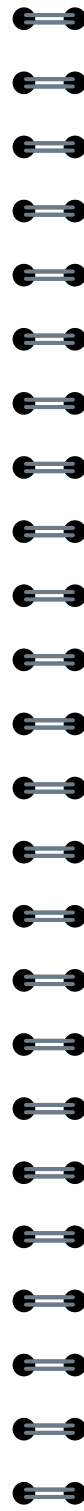


In his role as senior vice president **Henry Alt-Haaker** heads the department "Strategic Partnerships and Robert Bosch Academy" since January 2020. It includes the Foundation's programs addressing political decision makers, its think tank partnerships, its portfolio "science in society" and the Robert Bosch Academy. As such, the department contributes to the Foundation's activities in all its thematic areas. Henry joined the Foundation in August 2013 as program officer and later served as a senior project manager.

Before joining the foundation, Henry Alt-Haaker headed the parliamentary office of German Minister of Justice Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger as chief clerk, served as a political officer at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin and worked for the international NGO Humanity in Action on human and minority rights. His expertise includes migration and integration, German politics as well as European and transatlantic affairs. He is an alumnus of several German foundations, including the German National Academic Foundation. After having studied German literature and philosophy at Humboldt University in Berlin, Sorbonne University in Paris and Washington University in St. Louis, he obtained a Master in Public Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.



**Bilal Bağ** has been a Project Manager at the Berlin Office of the Robert Bosch Stiftung since January 2020. He works on the Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship Program and the communication of the Robert Bosch Academy. Prior to joining the foundation, he worked for a think tank on foreign and security policy issues as well as for a Berlin-based PR agency. He studied Politics and Public Administration in Konstanz and Aix-en-Provence and graduated from the Conflict, Security and Development master's program at the King's College London.







**Antonio Mori Monteiro** has been with the Robert Bosch Stiftung since 2017. As Project Manager at the Robert Bosch Academy his portfolio includes the administration of the Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship Program as well as internal processes and the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum. Before joining the Robert Bosch Academy, he worked at the Brussels Office of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs and gained experience in various government institutions on federal and state level. Antonio Mori Monteiro studied Public Administration at the Berlin School for

Economics and Law, University of Ghent and University of North Carolina. He also holds a master's degree in European Studies with a focus on Common Foreign and Security Policy from European University Viadrina.



**Julia Propp** has been with the Robert Bosch Stiftung since 2019. She is a Senior Project Manager at the Robert Bosch Academy, overseeing the Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship Program and the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum. Before joining the foundation, she worked as a Strategy Consultant and a Social Impact Analyst at the German think tank PHINEO gAG. She is alumna of several German foundations, including the Hertie Foundation and the German National Academic Foundation.

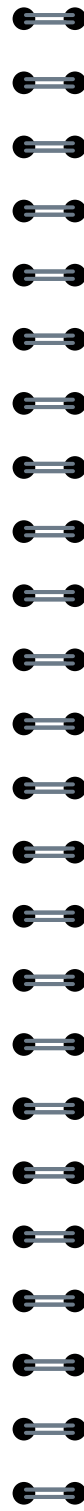
After having studied Economics and Social Sciences at Humboldt University and New York University, she completed her Master in Management and Economics at Humboldt University and UC Berkeley.



**Leonie Schaefer-Osthues** has joined the Robert Bosch Stiftung in October 2021. As a Senior Project Manager at the Robert Bosch Academy she oversees the Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship Program, among others. Prior to her new position at the foundation she has worked for Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung (German Foundation for World Population), a non-governmental organization where she coordinated development cooperation projects and programs. Leonie Schaefer-Osthues studied European Studies at the Universities of Maastricht as well as the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux and completed her Master's degree in Security Studies at the University of Warwick.



**Madeleine Schneider** has been Team Assistant at the Robert Bosch Stiftung since March 2015. In this capacity, she is working for the Robert Bosch Academy with a focus on the organization of the Fellows' stays. Before joining the Robert Bosch Academy, she worked in several travel companies. She acquired work experiences in the fields of package holidays, cruises, flights and hotel purchases and she was involved in a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary project of the Social Democratic Party of Germany in August 2013.



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## Attire

Please be advised that the dress code for the SaarLorLux part of our study tour is business casual. Comfortable footwear is recommended for the exhibitions at the European Museum Schengen on Tuesday, October 12. We recommend classic Business attire for the Berlin part of our program.

## Meals & Other Services

All official meals and drinks during the program are covered by the Robert Bosch Stiftung. Additional services such as spa services, room service, drinks at the hotel bar, newspapers, laundry, etc. will be at your own expense.

## Hotels

### SaarLorLux

Victor's Residenz-Hotel Schloss Berg

Schloßstraße 27 – 29

66706 Perl-Nennig/Mosel

+49 (0) 6866 79-0

### Berlin

The Regent Berlin

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10117 Berlin

+49 (0) 30 2033 8

# SARS-CoV-2



Keep a physical distance of 1,5 meters



Wear a mask to cover your mouth and nose, especially whilst using public transport



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly for around 30 seconds



Use hand sanitizer frequently and whenever washing your hands is not possible



Sneeze into your elbows



Download the official Corona-Warn-App. Integrate your digital COVID certificate (EU citizens only)



Have your proof of vaccination, recovery or negative test result at hand at all times

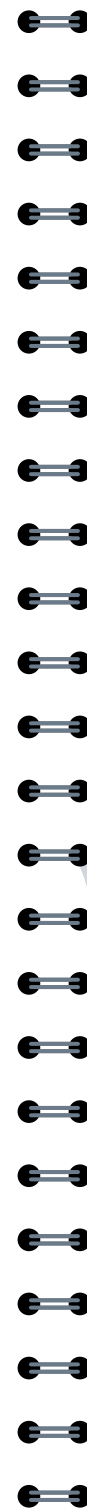


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# Map









2. Did you feel well informed and prepared for the Forum? Is there anything you wish you had known beforehand?

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3. Do you have recommendations for next year's agenda?

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4. Do you have any further comments?

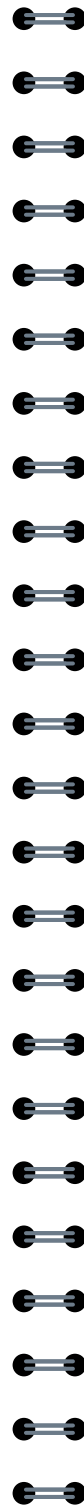
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**What were your three personal highlights of the Richard von Weizsäcker Forum 2021**

Answers will be shared with the community on the last day during the wrap-up and evaluation session

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**What aspects would you like to change in the next Richard von Weizsäcker Forum?**

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**What do you wish for the Community of Fellows in the coming year?**

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