

June 19, 2008

**4<sup>th</sup> Alumni Conference  
of the Round Table USA**

**“Societies in Transition –  
Adjusting to Changing Global Environments”**

in cooperation with the

**Forum on Contemporary Europe, Freeman Spogli Institute for  
International Studies, Stanford University,**

**Goethe Institute San Francisco,**

and the

**Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany,  
San Francisco**

**Stanford, CA, USA, June 26-29, 2008**

Conference Venue:

Stanford University  
Bechtel Conference Center at Encina Hall  
616 Serra Street  
Stanford, CA 94305-6055  
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## Round Table USA

The Round Table USA was established in 1998 in Germany to enable a regular dialogue among German institutions and organizations that are actively engaged in transatlantic exchange cooperation. Today more than 25 organizations and institutions from the public and private sector are members of the Round Table USA. They convene regularly to exchange their experiences and to evaluate their programs in order to facilitate the planning of new concepts and joint initiatives. Another core mission of the Round Table is to strengthen the ties to their alumni in Germany and in the United States and to jointly organize events with and through their alumni on both sides on the Atlantic. The goal of these joint conferences is to foster and shape the transatlantic dialogue, to explore new ideas and topics that are relevant for the future of the German and U.S. societies, and thus to strengthen the network among the alumni of the members of the Round Table.

The Round Table has in the past conducted three symposia with their alumni in Chicago (1999), Washington (2003), and in Berlin, Ankara and Istanbul (2005) as well as a study trip for journalists to Berlin and Warsaw in 2002. Topics range widely and address issues such as integration, social change, global responsibility, the EU enlargement, and the role of Germany and the USA in a larger global context. The Round Table is administered by its founding member Robert Bosch Foundation and the German-American Fulbright Commission in Berlin. For more information please visit our website at [www.runder-tisch-usa.de](http://www.runder-tisch-usa.de) or write an e-mail to [fo@fulbright.de](mailto:fo@fulbright.de).

The conference in Stanford was jointly organized by the Dräger Foundation and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

## Thursday, June 26

### Opening Reception

6:00 pm Departure by bus to San Francisco  
from the **Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel**

625 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301

7:00 pm Reception and Garden Party at the  
**Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany**

1960 Jackson Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

### Welcome

#### **Rolf Schütte**

Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, San Francisco, CA, USA

approx. 9:30 pm Bus transfer back to the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel

## Friday, June 27

### Morning Session

Bechtel Conference Center at Encina Hall  
616 Serra Street, Stanford, CA 94305-6055

8:00 - 8:30 am Registration at the Bechtel Conference Center

8:30 - 11:00 am **Plenary Session**

8:30 am **Welcome**

#### **Professor Norman M. Naimark**

Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor of East European Studies,  
Professor of History, and Senior Fellow by courtesy at Freeman Spogli  
Institute for International Studies (FSI), Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

#### **Dr. Peter Theiner**

Head of Department International Relations Western Europe, America,  
Turkey, Japan, India, Robert Bosch Stiftung; Chairman, Round Table USA,  
Stuttgart, Germany

#### **Dr. Rolf Hoffmann**

Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Chairman, Round Table USA,  
Berlin, Germany

## Keynotes

9:00 am

### **Professor Helmut K. Anheier**

Academic Director, Center for Social Investment, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany;  
Director, Center for Globalization and Policy Research, School of Public Affairs, University of California Los Angeles, CA, USA

#### *Global Change and Civil Societies*

Moderator

### **Dr. Rolf Hoffmann**

Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Chairman, Round Table USA, Berlin, Germany

Possible Topics & Questions:

- Global changes and the need for adjustment;
- Which actors are driving change and adjustment processes?
- What are their aims and how do they gain legitimacy?
- Changes under the constraints of time and chaos in transitional societies;
- To what extent do civil society organizations bridge deficiencies of the state?

9:30 am

### **Professor Russell A. Berman**

Walter A. Haas Professor in the Humanities, Department of German Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

#### *The Value of Values: Pluralist Societies and a Common Canon of Values – A Contradiction?*

Moderator

### **Professor Klaus L. Berghahn** (DAAD-Fellow)

Professor for German and Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA

Possible Topics & Questions:

- What are the sources and the legitimacy of values?
- Changes and differences in values;
- The importance of cultures, norms and values for change and adjustment;
- What is the glue that holds societies together?
- Individualism versus community/public spirit;
- The influence of family, education and demographic changes

10:00 am

### **Professor Roger O. Friedland**

Professor of Religious Studies and Sociology, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara, CA, USA

#### *The Constitution of Religious Violence*

### **Professor Detlef Pollack**

Chair of Cultural Sociology, Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, Europa University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany

#### *Religion and Society: The Impact of the Growing Cultural and Religious Diversity on Germany*

Moderator

**Professor Wolfgang G. Natter** (DAAD-Fellow)

Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech; Director, ASPECT (Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical and Cultural Thought), Blacksburg, VA, USA

Possible Topics & Questions:

- Religion and rationalism as mediators of values
- Science and the 'knowledge society' versus Creationism and Intelligent Design
- Religious fundamentalism;
- How are we dealing with growing cultural and religious diversity?
- The impact of religion on political decisions

11:00 - 11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 am  
- 1:00 pm

## **Parallel Working Groups 1-4**

### **Working Group 1**

*Cultural and Personal Values in the USA and in Germany –  
Common Ground and Divergence*

Chair

**Elizabeth Covington** (DAAD-Fellow)

Executive Director, European Studies Alliance (ESA), University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA

Kick-off Speakers

**Professor Thomas J. Brislin** (RIAS-Fellow)

Professor & Chair, Academy for Creative Media, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, USA

**Matthias Störmer** (RIAS-Fellow)

News Cast, Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk, Halle, Germany

**Professor Manfred Wolfram** (DAAD-Fellow)

Professor of Electronic Media, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA

Rapporteur

**Professor Mary Boldt** (DAAD-Fellow)

Associate Professor of German, York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA, USA

### **Working Group 2**

*The Rationale of Values and Value Conflicts – Decision Makers,  
Mediators and the Role of Societal Groups*

Chair

**Yascha Mounk** (DAAD-Fellow)

PhD Candidate, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

Kick-off Speakers

**Benjamin Lorch** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)

Head of Communications, Berlin School of Creative Leadership, Berlin, Germany

**Professor Craig A. Parsons** (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)  
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR,  
USA

Rapporteur

**Dr. Bernhard Speyer** (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)  
Head of Department, Banking, Financial Markets, Regulation, Deutsche Bank  
Research, Frankfurt, Germany

### **Working Group 3**

*Religious Groups in the USA and in Germany and Their  
Influence on Science, Education, Business, and Politics*

Chair

**Professor Catherine Plum** (DAAD-Fellow)  
Assistant Professor for History, Western New England College, Springfield,  
MA, USA

Kick-off Speakers

**Dr. Josef Braml**

Program Officer, Transatlantic Relations, German Council on Foreign  
Relations (DGAP), Berlin, Germany

**Dr. Robert J. Devine** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)

President, CEISA Research Group, Fort Worth, TX, USA

**Dr. Christian A. Eberhart** (K. Adenauer Foundation-Fellow)

Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, Lutheran Theological  
Seminary, Saskatoon, Canada

Rapporteur

**Karsten Lemm** (Arthur F. Burns-Fellow)  
Correspondent, Stern, San Francisco, CA, USA

### **Working Group 4**

*Social Conflicts, Social Cohesion – Adjusting to Rising  
Inequalities*

Chair

**Dr. Marsha Vande Berg** (Atlantik-Brücke-Fellow)  
CEO, Pacific Pension Institute, San Francisco, CA, USA

Kick-off Speakers

**Professor David Grusky**

Director, Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University,  
Stanford, CA, USA

**Professor Katja Guenther** (DAAD-Fellow)

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Riverside, CA, USA

**Katharina Kugler** (Fulbright-Fellow)

International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution, Columbia  
University, New York, NY, USA

Rapporteur

**Phillip Bastian** (Fulbright-Fellow)  
Economist, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington, D.C., USA

1:00 - 2:30 pm Lunch

### **Afternoon Session**

2:30 - 3:30 pm **Working Group discussions continue**

3:30 - 4:00 pm Coffee break

4:00 - 5:30 pm **Plenary Session**

#### **Panel Discussion**

*Mobility in Times of Global Change – How Does Migration Change Our Societies?*

#### Speakers

##### **Tamar Jacoby**

Senior Fellow, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, Inc., New York, NY, USA

##### **Dr. Zachary Shore**

Research Scholar, Institute for European Studies, University of California Berkeley, CA, USA

##### **Peter Laufer** (Körber Foundation-Fellow)

Journalist and Author, Bodega Bay, CA, USA

#### Moderator

##### **Dr. Michael Werz** (FES-Fellow)

Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

7:00 pm Dinner at the **California Café**

Stanford Barn, 700 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA 94304

#### **Professor Charles A. Kupchan**

Professor of International Relations, School of Foreign Service and Government Department, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA

*Unstable Multipolarity – Adjusting to Shifts in the Global Power Equation*

#### Moderator

##### **Rolf-Dieter Schnelle**

Ambassador, Director for Education and Science, Directorate-General for Culture and Communication, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany

## Saturday, June 28

### Morning Session

Bechtel Conference Center at Encina Hall  
616 Serra Street, Stanford, CA 94305-6055

#### 9:30 - 10:30 am **Plenary Session**

Moderator

**John R. Holmes** (Fulbright-Fellow)

Sustainability Evaluator, Institute for Ecological Economic Research, Berlin, Germany

#### **Keynote**

**Professor Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**

Dean, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, University of California Santa Barbara, CA, USA

*Transnational Politics and Global Responsibility*

#### 10:30 - 11:00 am Coffee Break

#### 11:00 am **Parallel Working Groups 5-8** - 12:30 pm

##### **Working Group 5**

*(Re)Imagining the Nation: Multicultural Societies, National Identity and Integration Policies in the USA and in Germany*

Chair

**Dr. Michael Werz** (FES-Fellow)

Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington, D.C., USA

Kick-off Speakers

**Dr. Sebnem Koser Akcapar** (FES-Fellow)

Institute for the Study of International Migration, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., USA

**Adam Hunter** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)

Policy Analyst, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington, D.C., USA

**Sylvia Burian** (RIAS-Fellow)

Political Economist, Tagesschau, ARD, Hamburg, Germany

**Anjana Shrivastava** (FES-Fellow)

Writer and Journalist, Die WELT, Berlin, Germany

Rapporteur

**Professor Kathrin Zippel** (DAAD-Fellow)

Associate Professor for Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, USA



## **Working Group 6**

### *Demographic Change: Chances and Challenges of Aging Societies*

Chair

**Dr. Julian zu Putlitz** (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)

Partner, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Berlin, Germany

Kick-off Speakers

**Bradley Schurman**

Policy Manager, AARP (American Association of Retired Persons),  
Washington, D.C., USA

**Sebastian Gallander** (Körber Foundation-Fellow)

Consultant, Scholz & Friends, Berlin, Germany

**Eckart Graeve** (DAAD-Fellow)

Architect, The Metropolitan Exchange, Brooklyn, NY, USA

Rapporteur

**Ralph Lewin** (Körber Foundation-Fellow)

Council for the Humanities, San Francisco, CA, USA

## **Working Group 7**

### *Energy and Climate: Adjusting to Changing Global Environments*

Chair

**Dr. Irene Quaile-Kersken**

Environment Editor, Deutsche Welle Radio, Bonn, Germany

Kick-off Speakers

**Professor Margarita Balmaceda** (DAAD-Fellow)

Associate Professor, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ; and Associate,  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

**Dr. Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)

Lecturer in Migration Studies, University of Kent, Brussels, Belgium

**Fred Pieretti** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)

Executive Speechwriter, Siemens AG, Munich, Germany

**W. Spencer Reeder** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)

Lead Policy Strategist for Climate Change, Washington State Department of  
Ecology, Olympia, WA, USA

Rapporteur

**Olof Hansen** (DAAD-Fellow)

Environmental Protection Specialist, EPA Pacific Southwest, San Francisco,  
CA, USA

## **Working Group 8**

### *International Terrorism: Security versus Civil Rights?*

Chair

**LtCol (sel) Scott E. Pierce** (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)  
United States Marine Corps, Olmsted Scholar & Fletcher School Fellow,  
Istanbul, Turkey

Kick-off Speakers

**Dr. Bastian Giegerich** (Dräger Foundation-Fellow)  
The International Institute for Strategic Studies, London, UK

**William H. Houston IV** (Bosch Foundation-Fellow)  
Security Affairs Specialist, Executive Branch, U.S. Government, Garrett Park,  
MD, USA

**Professor Ingrid Wuerth** (Humboldt Foundation-Fellow)  
Professor of Law, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, USA

Rapporteur

**Ellen Fisher** (Fulbright-Fellow)  
Research Associate, Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School  
of Law, New York, NY, USA

12:30 - 2:00 pm      Lunch

### **Afternoon Session**

2:00 - 3:30 pm      **Working Group discussions continue**

3:30 - 4:00 pm      Coffee break

4:00 - 5:00 pm      **Plenary Session**

### *Presentation of Working Group Results and Discussion*

Moderator

**Peter Kerrigan**  
Deputy Director, DAAD Regional Office for the U.S. & Canada, New York, NY,  
USA

Rapporteurs General

**Professor Crister S. Garrett**  
Professor for American, Transatlantic and International Studies, Institute for  
American Studies, University of Leipzig, Germany

**Professor Claus Leggewie**  
Director, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities (KWI), Essen,  
Germany

Final remarks and farewell

**Kristina von Taube**

Program Director German American Relations, Department International Relations Western Europe, USA, Turkey, Japan, India, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Stuttgart, Germany

**Petra Pissulla**

Director, Dräger Foundation, Lübeck, Germany

**Dr. Rolf Hoffmann**

Executive Director, Fulbright Commission; Chairman, Round Table USA, Berlin, Germany

- 6:00 pm Departure by bus to **Nicholson Vineyards**  
2800 Pleasant Valley Road, Aptos, CA 95003  
Phone: +1 831 724 7071  
from the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel
- 7:00 pm Farewell Dinner with Panel Discussion on invitation of  
the **Bertelsmann Foundation**
- 7:00 pm Reception and Wine Tasting
- 7:30 - 8:30 pm Panel Discussion

*Future Media and Civic Involvement*

Speakers

**Michael J. Balaoing, Esq.** (Bertelsmann Foundation-Fellow)  
Senior Vice President, Entertainment Industry Foundation, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Professor Henry Farrell** (Bertelsmann Foundation-Fellow)  
Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University,  
Washington, D.C., USA

**Dr. Gregor Peter Schmitz** (Bertelsmann Foundation-Fellow)  
U.S. Correspondent, Spiegel Magazine/Spiegel Online, Washington, D.C., USA

Moderator

**Annette Heuser**

Executive Director, Bertelsmann Foundation North America, Washington, D.C., USA

- 8:30 pm Buffet Dinner
- 10:00 pm End of conference and bus transfer back to Palo Alto