



U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building**, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 6/28/2019 Return: 7/2/2019
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Briesen/Berlin Return City: Sacramento/San Fra
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Aspen Institute Germany
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Multi-day workshop that convened Members of Congress, the Russian Duma, the Russian Federation Council, the German Bundestag and the Europe Parliament which included various roundtables, presentations and working lunch and dinner discussions.
See agenda attached.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box:
 b. If not, explain: _____

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I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: Ami Bera

Date: 7/10/2019



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

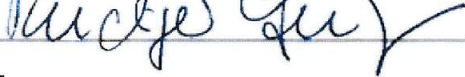
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Aspen Institute Germany, Robert Bosch Foundation of Germany
- Travel Destination(s): Briesen, Berlin
- Date of Departure: June 27, 2019 Date of Return: July 2, 2019
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Ami Bera
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.
- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	5.996,66 \$	365.39 \$	325.87 \$	394.65 \$ (conference equipment, translation)
Accompanying Family Member	-	-	-	-

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: July 15, 2019
 Name: Rüdiger Lentz Title: Executive Director

Organization: Aspen Institute Germany

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: Friedrichstrasse 60, 10117 Berlin

Telephone: +49 (0)30 804 890 0 Email: lentz@aspeninstitute.de

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

- 1. Name of Traveler: Ami Bera
- 2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Aspen Institute Germany
- 3. Travel Destination(s): Briesen/Berlin, Germany
- 4. a. Date of Departure: June 27, 2019 Date of Return: July 2, 2019
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
- 5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No If yes:
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
- 6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? Yes No
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

- 7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

- 8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
 As the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, this trip will allow for a dialogue with German and Russian parliamentarians on how international cooperation can help tackle global security challenges.

- 9. **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?** Yes No

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member Ami Bera

Date 5/22/2019



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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Aspen Institute Germany

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Robert Bosch Stiftung

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): All Invitees were selected on basis of their interest and expertise in foreign affairs as well as their respective assignments in Congress.

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: June 27, 2019 Date of Return: July 2, 2019
7.
 - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
 - b. Destination(s): Briesen/Berlin, Germany
 - c. City of return: Sacramento/San Francisco
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*

11. **Check only one of the following:**

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* **OR**

b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 see attachment

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)

b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)

c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: **OR**

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
 If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): appr. 100 \$

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Berlin enables the participation of both Russian and German parliamentarians while the secluded venue itself provides a secure environment.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Gut Klostermühle City: Briesen/Berlin Cost Per Night: appr. 150 \$

Reason(s) for Selecting: Secluded venue provides safe and secure meeting environment

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	4,000 \$	450 \$	300 \$
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	400 \$	conference expenses, rental of further meeting spaces, translation
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: OR
- b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: May 20, 2019

Name: Rüdiger Lentz

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Aspen Institute Germany

Address: Friedrichstraße 60, 10117 Berlin

Telephone: 0049 (0)30 804 890 14

Email: lentz@aspeninstitute.de / nowak@aspeninstitute.de

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392




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Non-Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Name of your organization: Robert Bosch Stiftung
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute Germany
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination): Briesen/Berlin, Germany on date: June 27 - July 2, 2019 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. Yes No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip. Yes No
5. Check only one:
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: May 20, 2019

Name: Henry Alt-Haaker Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: Robert Bosch Stiftung

Address: Französische Straße 32, 10117 Berlin

Telephone: +49 30 220025-322 Email: henry.alt-haaker@bosch-stiftung.de

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June 26, 2019

The Honorable Ami Bera
U.S. House of Representatives
1727 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Germany,¹ scheduled for June 27 to July 2, 2019, sponsored by Aspen Institute Germany, with financial support from Robert Bosch Stiftung.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant".

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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**Dialogue with Members of the U.S. Congress,
the Russian Duma, the Russian Federation Council,
the German Bundestag, and the European Parliament**
Addressing Mutual Foreign Policy Challenges & Threats

June 29 – July 2, 2019
Hotel Gut Klostermuehle, Briesen, Germany

AGENDA

Friday, June 28

All Day American participants depart the USA

Saturday, June 29

Morning Participants arrive in Berlin, and are then transported by van on the 90-minute drive to Briesen

1:00-2:00 p.m. **Working Lunch**
Location: Finkenlounge
WHY WE NEED A LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE

Rüdiger Lentz, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany

2:00-3:45 p.m. **Future Scenario Exercise I** (*Notes at the end of page 10)
Location: Theaterforum

**WHAT RULES OF THE ROAD FOR THE NEW
INTERNATIONAL ORDER?**

It is the year 2029. The multipolar world has arrived. The Western-led multilateral order has given way to different centers of power and influence. What should be the new rules of the road for this new international order?

**Moderated by: Daniel Hamilton, Austrian Marshall Plan
Foundation Professor**

School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins
University

3:45-4:15 p.m. **Coffee Break**

Attachment to Question 12 (Primary Trip Sponsor Form)

Aspen Institute Germany

The Aspen Institute Germany is a non-partisan, non-profit convening platform that promotes values-based leadership, constructive dialog among conflicting parties, and Euro-Atlantic cooperation to support and enhance a strong open society.

To do so, Aspen Germany convenes decision-makers and experts from the fields of politics, business, academia, media, culture, and civil society. Aspen Germany organizes this year's trilateral conference as part of its policy program. In line with Aspen Germany's overarching goal, this conference offers a non-partisan, confidential platform for dialog and analysis to address regional and global challenges and to develop mutually acceptable solutions.

Aspen Germany serves as the primary trip sponsor and organizer of this trip. The invitation process, the drafting of the program, and the making of logistical arrangements are Aspen Germany's prime responsibilities.

Robert Bosch Stiftung

International understanding was of major concern to Robert Bosch. Based on his legacy, international relations have been a core element of the Foundation's portfolio since its establishment.

As a major European foundation, it is the Foundation's aspiration to initiate processes of social change and to make a relevant and effective contribution in select fields. With over 50 years of experience in strengthening international understanding, the Foundation has always adapted its activities to the requirements of the era. Hence, this year's trilateral conference is of utmost importance to the Robert Bosch Foundation as it serves as a forum for open, constructive, and transnational dialogue between parliamentarians.

Aspen Germany regularly updates the Foundation on the progress of the conference arrangements. While the Foundation has an advisory role, Aspen Germany is the prime organizer of this conference.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

FRIDAY, June 28

American participants depart the USA

SATURDAY, June 29

Participants arrive in Berlin, then transported by vehicle for the 90-minute drive to Briesen.

12 – 1:30 pm *Working Lunch*
Location: Finkenlounge

WHY WE NEED A LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE

Rüdiger Lentz, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany
Welcome Remarks by Representative of Bosch Foundation (tbd)

2:15 – 3:15 pm *Afternoon Presentation*
Location: Theaterforum

DISRUPTION VS. STABILITY: WILL GLOBAL DISORDER BECOME THE NEW NORMAL?

The world is undergoing tectonic shifts, exacerbated by the manifest danger of extremist violence, economic turbulences, and the rise of authoritarian regimes. What do these longer-term trends mean for Russia, the West and the wider world? Is a joint approach to tackling these challenges feasible in the current environment, and if so, are both sides prepared to commit to pay the high costs for it over the long term?

Coffee Break
3:15 – 3:30 pm

Scenario-Workshop (tbc)

Dan Hamilton, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Professor, SAIS, Johns Hopkins

3:30 – 5:30 pm *Afternoon Roundtable Discussion*
Location: Theaterforum

**REDUCING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS:
THE STATUS OF THE INF TREATY, THE IRAN AGREEMENT AND MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE
SPREAD OF NUCLEAR ARMS**

- What will happen to the INF Treaty and what will it mean for relations between Russia and the West?
- Is there any realistic prospect of further cooperative action between Russia and the West to reduce nuclear proliferation or even to extend or deepen the limitations imposed on U.S. and Russian arsenals under the 2011 New START agreement?
- Is nuclear deterrence between Russia and the West still relevant and effective? Are steps now being taken by both sides strengthening or weakening strategic stability?

Sergey Rogov, Director, Institute for the US and Canada, Russian Academy of Sciences

6 – 9 pm **WELCOME BUFFET DINNER & GET-TOGETHER**

Excursion by horse carriage to the Castle Alt Madlitz

Discussion continues among members of the U.S. Congress, the Russian Duma, the German Bundestag, the European Parliament, and scholars. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas.

SUNDAY, June 30

7 – 9 am *Breakfast*
Location: Finkenlounge

Welcome Remarks by Henry Alt-Haaker, Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch Foundation

4:15-5:30 p.m.

Afternoon Roundtable Discussion

Location: Theaterforum

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Russian Academy of Sciences

Karsten Voigt, Former Coordinator of Transatlantic
Cooperation at the German Federal Foreign Office

Richard Burt, Former U.S. Ambassador to Germany

Moderated by: Gunther Hellmann, Professor of Political
Science, Goethe-University Frankfurt a M.

6:00-9:00 p.m.

WELCOME BUFFET DINNER & GET-TOGETHER

Excursion to the Castle Alt Madlitz

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Sunday, June 30

7:00-9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Finkenlounge

9:15-9:30 a.m.

WELCOMING REMARKS

Location: Theaterforum

Henry Alt-Haaker, Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch
Foundation

Eckart von Klaeden, Chair Board of Trustees, Aspen Germany

9:30-11:30 a.m. Morning Roundtable Discussion

Location: Theaterforum

TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY

ARCHITECTURE:

U.S. AND RUSSIAN INTERESTS IN EUROPE

Coffee Break

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Europe sees itself confronted by a rising Russian influence in the region. At the same time, the U.S. commitment to Europe is waning. The question arises whether the U.S. can still be considered a European guarantor power. What repercussions does this entail - a united Europe whole and free? What is the future role of the NATO-Russia Council (NRC) and how do destabilizing factors in the wider region (Ukraine and the Baltics) further affect these developments and the U.S.-Russia relationship?

Alexey Gromyko, Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences

Gunther Hellmann, Professor of Political Science, Goethe-University Frankfurt a M.

Andrew Michta, Dean, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Moderated by: Klaus Wittmann, Senior Fellow, Aspen Institute Germany

noon-1:30 p.m. Working Lunch & Presentation

Location: Finkenlounge

A EUROPEAN AND A GERMAN PERSPECTIVE ON MUTUAL FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES: OUTLOOK & ANALYSIS

Elmar Brok, Member of the European Parliament, Former Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs

Metin Hakverdi, German Bundestag, Member of the Committee on EU Affairs

Moderated by: Henry Alt-Haaker, Senior Vice President, Robert Bosch Foundation

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2:00-5:00 p.m.

Afternoon Roundtable Discussion

Location: Theaterforum

**MANAGING RISKS OF ESCALATION AMID U.S. RUSSIAN
CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

Coffee Break
3:30-4:00 p.m.

Despite deep disagreements over Ukraine, Russia and the West appear to share a common challenge in the form of Islamic extremism originating in the Middle East and spreading into Europe and beyond, including the threat of violent terror attacks against the civilian population. Indeed, the acute challenge posed by Islamism and terrorism may be a vehicle for restoring productive dialogue and cooperation between Russia and the West.

- What are the divergent views and common perspectives among German, Russian, and U.S. experts about the basic dynamics of the Middle East today?
- How central is resolving the war in Syria among competing regional and international priorities for Berlin, Moscow, and Washington?
- To what extent are Europe, the U.S., and Russia committed to establishing a sustainable long-term settlement of the Syrian conflict?
- What are the common challenges for U.S. and Russian interests in the region, and to what degree do policy options converge?

Sergey Utkin, Head of Strategic Assessment Section,
Primakov Institute of World Economy and International
Relations

Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, Deputy Member of the
Committee on EU Affairs

Moderated by: Henry Alt-Haaker, Senior Vice President,
Robert Bosch Foundation

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Dinner Program

Location: Theaterforum

DIPLOMACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Ambassador Hinrich Thölken, Special Representative for
International Digitalization Policy, German Federal Foreign
Office

Discussion continues among members of the U.S. Congress, the Russian Duma, the German Bundestag, the European Parliament, and scholars. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views.

Monday, July 1

7:00-9:30 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Finkenlounge

**9:30 a.m.-
12:30 p.m.**

Morning Roundtable Discussion

Location: Theaterforum

**LONG TERM PROSPECTS FOR MULTILATERAL
RELATIONS AMONG THE U.S., RUSSIA, CHINA, AND THE
EU**

Coffee Break
11:00-11:30 a.m.

U.S.-Russian relations have been described as “cyclical” throughout the post-Cold War era, alternating between periods of optimism and effective cooperation and periods of greater discord and confrontation. Relations have deteriorated since President Trump took office. The rise of China economically as well as strategically has increased uncertainty about the stability of the international order. The question is whether the principles that have governed relations for more than a quarter century, including the desire by all sides to remain connected economically and diplomatically and to avoid escalation of limited regional conflicts into direct military conflict, are still in place and valid?

- Is the “cyclical” character of relations inescapable? Does it depend particularly on individual political leaders or are there deeper underlying factors?
- Do the current downturns point to further deterioration in the future, or is a recovery towards cooperation reasonably likely within the next few years?
- If cooperation is possible, what are the areas in which it might be productive and how could they be managed given the deep distrust on all sides?

Andrew Michta, Dean, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

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

Jie Yu, Senior Research Fellow on China, Chatham House

Feodor Voitlovsky, Director, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations

Moderated by Rüdiger Lentz, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Working Lunch

Location: Finkenlounge

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2:15-4:00 p.m. **Future Scenario Exercise II** (*Notes at the end of page 10)

Location: Theaterforum

**NEW DEAL? WILL COMMON THREATS BRING US
TOGETHER OR DRIVE US APART?**

It is the year 2029. A series of common threats have prompted Russia and the West to again seek common ground, but strong differences remain. Can we ever achieve a New Deal? Or are we simply going to go our separate ways?

Daniel Hamilton, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Professor,
SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Government representatives meet individually to explore topics covered during the conference. Space for bilateral meetings is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas.

Scholars are available to meet individually with members of the U.S. Congress, the Russian Duma and Federation Council, European Parliament, and Bundestag for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning and luncheon sessions.

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Farewell Dinner and Concluding Remarks at lake side

Location: Seeterrasse

Tuesday, July 2

All day

Return travel

Notes: Future Scenario Workshop I+II

*During two different sessions we will be conducting interactive "futures scenarios," so it is important that you participate fully in a scenario, rather than come in the middle or leave early during a particular scenario. For each scenario participants will be presented with a plausible "future" 10 years from now, and will be asked to engage on a crisis scenario that has developed in this "future." At the conference you will receive the appropriate briefing memos to prepare you for that situation. We are not asking for speeches or presentations; we will all be participants role-playing the interactive scenario.

The best preparation for the scenario exercises is simply to come with an open mind and a willingness to engage freely and in good faith in the scenario. Everyone is participating in their own personal capacity; no attribution is made to any affiliation or institution.

The scenarios are not efforts to "predict" the future; instead, we have taken many different trends apparent today and combined them in ways to chart potential implications of decisions and drivers of current developments. This exercise is intended to help decision-makers reflect on how their actions could potentially relate to deep currents of change, and to anticipate better the consequences of such decisions. These scenarios have been conducted successfully with decision-makers in Moscow, Berlin, Brussels, Warsaw, and Washington. We believe they will spark good conversations related to relations among our different countries.

9 – 9:30 am *Presentation*
Location: Theaterforum
A GERMAN PERSPECTIVE ON MUTUAL FOREIGN POLICY CHALLENGES: OUTLOOK & ANALYSIS

Elmar Brok, Member of the European Parliament, Former Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs (tbc)

9:30 – 11:30 am *Morning Roundtable Discussion*

Location: Theaterforum

Coffee Break

10:30 – 10:45 am

TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY ARCHITECTURE:

U.S. AND RUSSIAN INTERESTS IN EUROPE

Europe sees itself confronted with a rising Russian influence in the region. At the same time, U.S. commitment is waning. The question arises whether the U.S. can still be considered a European guarantor power. What repercussions does this entail – a united Europe whole and free? What is the future role of the NATO-Russia Council (NRC) and how do destabilizing factors in the wider region (Ukraine and the Baltics) further affect these developments and the U.S.-Russia relationship?

Alexey Gromyko, Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences

Gunther Hellmann, Professor of Political Science, Goethe-University Frankfurt

Matthew Rojansky, Director, The Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center

noon – 1:30 pm *Working Lunch*

Location: Finkenlounge

Discussion continues among members of the U.S. Congress, the Russian Duma, the German Bundestag, the European Parliament, and scholars. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas.

2 – 5 pm

Afternoon Roundtable Discussion

Location: Theaterforum

CONFRONTING TERRORISM, COMBATting ISIS, AND MIDDLE EAST CHALLENGES

Despite deep disagreements over Ukraine, Russia and the West appear to share a common challenge in the form of Islamic extremism originating in the Middle East and spreading into Europe and beyond, including the threat of violent terror attacks against the civilian population. Indeed, the acute challenge posed by Islamism and terrorism may be a vehicle for restoring productive dialogue and cooperation between Russia and the West.

Coffee Break

3:30 – 4 pm

- What are the divergent views and common perspectives among German, Russian and U.S. experts about the basic dynamics of the Middle East today?
- How central is resolving the war in Syria among competing regional and international priorities for Berlin, Moscow and Washington?
- To what extent are Europe, the U.S. and Russia committed to establishing a sustainable long-term settlement of the Syrian conflict?
- What are the common challenges for U.S. and Russian interests in the region, and to what degree do policy options converge?

Individual Scholars tbd

7 – 9 pm

Dinner Program

Location: Theaterforum

Discussion continues among members of the U.S. Congress, the Russian Duma, the German Bundestag, the European Parliament, and scholars. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas.

MONDAY, July 1:

7 am – 9:30 am *Breakfast*

Location: Finkenlounge

9:30 – 12:30 pm *Morning Roundtable Discussion*

Location: Theaterforum

LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR MULTILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US, RUSSIA, CHINA AND THE EU

U.S.-Russia relations have been described as “cyclical” throughout the post-Cold War era, alternating between periods of optimism and effective cooperation and periods of greater discord and confrontation. The relations have even deteriorated since president Trump took office. And the rise of China economically as well as strategically has put additional uncertainty on the stability of the international order. The question is if the principles which have governed relations for more than a quarter century, including the desire by all sides to remain connected economically and diplomatically and to avoid escalation of limited regional conflicts to direct military conflict, are still in place and valid?

Coffee Break
11 – 11:30 am

- Is the “cyclical” character of relations inescapable? Does it depend more on individual political leaders or are there deeper factors?
- Do the current downturns promise further deterioration in the future, or is a recovery towards cooperation reasonably likely within the next few years?
- If cooperation is possible, what are the areas in which it might be productive and how could that be managed given the deep distrust on all sides?

Julie Smith, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Transatlantic Security Program, Center for a New American Security

1 – 2:30 pm

Working Lunch

Location: Finkenlounge

Discussion continues among members of the U.S. Congress, the Russian Duma, the German Bundestag, the European Parliament, and scholars. **The luncheon addresses how AI and CYBER will shape the future of politics and diplomacy.**

Individual Scholars tbd

2:30 – 6:30 pm

Parliamentarians meet individually to explore topics covered in the conference. Space for bilateral meetings is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars are available to meet individually with members of Congress, the Russian Duma and Federation Council, European Parliament, and Bundestag for in-depth discussion of ideas raised in the morning and luncheon sessions.

7 – 9 pm

Dinner Program

Location: Theaterforum

AN AMERICAN AND A RUSSIAN PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE OF GLOBAL SECURITY

For the US: Ambassador Richard Burt

For Russia: Alexey Gromyko, Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences

TUESDAY, July 2

Return travel

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First Name	Last Name	Political Party	Positions
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Robert B.	Aderhoit	R-AL	Committee on Appropriations (Member), Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe – Helsinki Commission
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