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“The Religious Factor in  
EU-US Relations”

MODERATED BY JAMES L. GUTH,

*William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Political Science at Furman*

PANELISTS:

JOSEF BRAML, *Resident Fellow,*

*Editor-in-Chief “Jahrbuch Internationale Politik,”*

*German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)*

NILS OLE OERMANN, *D.Phil., MPA,*

*Humboldt University, Berlin*

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in a Transformed World”

JEAN-DAVID LEVITTE, *Ambassador to the U.S.*

*from the Republic of France*

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Charting Europe’s Course  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

MODERATED BY AKAN MALICI,  
*Assistant Professor of Political Science at Furman*

PANELISTS:

HANS-JOERG BRUNNER, *Consul General  
of the Federal Republic of Germany*

WŁODZIMIERZ CIMOSZEWICZ, *former Prime Minister,  
the Republic of Poland*

SUZANNE INNES-STUBB, *Associate,  
White & Case LLP, Brussels*

NILS OLE OERMANN, *D.Phil., MPA,  
Humboldt University, Berlin*

ALEXANDER STUBB, *Member,  
European Parliament, Finland*

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“The State of the European Union”

ALEXANDER STUBB, *Member,  
European Parliament, Finland*

**JOSEF BRAML** joined the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in October 2006 as editor-in-chief of the “Jahrbuch Internationale Politik.” He is also a resident fellow in the Research Program USA, Transatlantic Relations. Prior to joining DGAP, Braml was a senior research fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP), Berlin; Project Leader at the Aspen Institute Berlin; visiting scholar at the German-American Center; consultant at the World Bank; guest scholar at the Brookings Institution; congressional fellow of the American Political Science Association (APSA); and a member of the legislative staff of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Braml earned a Ph.D. in political science (2001) and a master’s in international business and cultural studies (I.B.C.S., 1997) at the University of Passau. His areas of specialization include U.S. foreign and security policy, transatlantic relations, think tanks in Germany and the United States, domestic factors of U.S. foreign policy, the American political system and governance, U.S. homeland security, civil liberties, checks-and-balances, and religion and politics/policy-making in the United States.

**NILS OLE OERMANN** is teaching systematic theology (ethics and dogmatics) at Humboldt University in Berlin, and, from 2004 to 2007, served as the personal advisor and speechwriter for Professor Horst Köhler, ninth president of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Oermann earned a M.A. in theology at the University of Leipzig (1997), a Ph.D. in modern history at Oxford University (Colonial History, 1998), a Ph.D. in theology at the University of Leipzig (Church and State Law, 1999), a master of public administration at Harvard University (2003), and a J.D. from the University of Hamburg/Hanseatic High Court (2004).

From 1999-2001, Oermann worked as a management consultant with The Boston Consulting Group in Australia/New Zealand. From 2002-2004, Oermann served as a foreign policy advisor to Wolfgang Schäuble, M.P., German Parliament, Berlin (Foreign and Defense Policy, Transatlantic Relations), and, since 2003, is an assistant minister for a Lutheran congregation in the Church of Berlin-Brandenburg.

In 2006, Oermann submitted his Habilitationsschrift (postdoctoral lecture qualification) in business ethics. The Habilitation is based on two years of postgraduate research projects and papers at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). As part of his research, Oermann has collaborated with Jeffrey Sachs,

Samuel Huntington and Noam Chomsky. In 2007, he became the adviser of the First German Islam Conference.

Oermann was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship (1996-1998) for Germany at the University of Oxford. He also was selected as scholar of the Study Foundation of the German Nation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) and a McCloy Scholar at Harvard.

## AMBASSADOR JEAN-DAVID LEVITTE

has had a distinguished and outstanding career in the French foreign service, serving on the staff of two French presidents and holding various senior positions within the foreign service.

Levitte's first postings were in Hong Kong and Beijing in the early 1970s. From 1975 to 1981, he worked on French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's staff at the Elysee Palace. He was then assigned to his first position in the United States as second counselor at the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations in New York.

Upon returning to Paris, Levitte was appointed deputy assistant secretary in the African Bureau. He was then assigned as deputy chief of staff to the foreign minister from 1986 to 1988. In 1988, he was designated to his first position as ambassador and served as the French permanent representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva from 1988 to 1990.

Returning to Paris in 1990, he held senior positions in the French Foreign Ministry, first as assistant secretary for Asia and then as undersecretary for cultural and scientific cooperation. In 1995, following the presidential elections, President Chirac asked Ambassador Levitte to be his senior diplomatic adviser, and he served in this role from 1995 to 2000.

In 2000, President Chirac appointed him as French permanent representative to the United Nations. While in New York, Ambassador Levitte successfully handled several international negotiations, including resolution 1441 on Iraq. In 2002, he was appointed French ambassador to the United States.

Born in the south of France, Ambassador Levitte earned a law degree and is a graduate of Sciences-Po (the renowned Institute for Political Science in Paris) and of the National School of Oriental Languages, where he studied Chinese and Indonesian.

Ambassador Levitte is married to Marie-Cécile Jonas and has two daughters.

**HANS-JOERG BRUNNER** assumed his functions as consul general of the Federal Republic of Germany on January 10, 2003, in Atlanta.

Brunner studied French and English at Regensburg University and the Sorbonne in Paris. In 1982, he joined the German Diplomatic Service and attended two years of Diplomatic School.

He was first assigned to the German Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, from 1984 – 1987, during the Iran-Iraq war. He served as the head of the Legal and Consular Section of the embassy and, as part of his duties, was in charge of all crisis management measures for the German community.

Brunner worked as consul for press affairs and public relations at the German Consulate General in Boston from 1987-1989. He was then called to the Protocol Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn, section “official and state visits” from 1989-1992, followed by service as the deputy ambassador in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, from 1992-1997, where he was in charge of the Economic Section and Aid to Development.

From 1997-2003, Brunner directed the “Internal Service” of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn and Berlin, where he was in charge of the entire technical and logistical infrastructure of the ministry, real estate, construction works, the diplomatic courier service, conference facilities and security. In this capacity, Brunner also coordinated all construction works for the new premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Berlin and subsequently organized the move of the foreign ministry from Bonn to Berlin in 1999.

**WLODZIMIERZ CIMOSZEWICZ** served as the Prime Minister of Poland (1996-1997), the Foreign Minister of Poland in the governments of Leszek Miller (2001-2004), Marek Belka (2004-2005) and the speaker of the Sejm (lower chamber of the Polish parliament in 2005). Cimoszewicz has been a member of Parliament since 1989.

In 1990, he ran in Poland’s first presidential election and, in 1991, having chaired the parliamentary Club of the Democratic Left Alliance from 1990-1991, he founded the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD). He also founded the ‘Poland in Europe’ Foundation of Social Initiatives.

After graduating from the Law Department of Warsaw University in 1972, he worked as an assistant and then lecturer at the university’s Institute of International Law until 1985. He was awarded his doctorate in legal sciences, specializing in international public law, in 1978. Cimoszewicz’s academic interests include the preferential treatment granted to developing countries in international trade and a possible revision of the United Nations Charter.

A Fulbright Foundation Fellow at Columbia University, New York from 1980 to 1981, Cimoszewicz is also the recipient of honorary doctor's degrees from Appalachian University (1998) and the University of South Carolina (1997).

Cimoszewicz was born in Warsaw; he is married with two children.

**SUZANNE INNES-STUBB** is on the staff of White & Case, LLP, in Brussels. She has practiced European Union (EU) law in Brussels since 1999 and advises clients primarily on EU and UK competition, merger and data protection/privacy law.

She gives European Commission (EC) competition law advice to companies in a broad range of industries on licensing and distribution agreements, compliance programs, cartels and investigations by the European Commission. Additionally, Innes-Stubb has been involved in obtaining EU regulatory clearance in numerous merger cases, including UGC's acquisition of Noos, the largest French cable operator, Abbott's acquisition of BASF's pharmaceutical business, the setting up of a joint venture by Toshiba and Samsung Electronics Co. and the acquisition by Celestica of the electronic manufacturing services company MSL.

In the UK, Innes-Stubb has advised on merger law requirements and notifications in a number of cases, including the sale by 3M of its distribution business for asthma devices to IVAX and the acquisition by UBS of ABN-AMRO's global futures and options trading business.

She also advises on EU and UK data protection law, including the development of compliance programs, employment issues, cross-border transfers, e-mail marketing, the use of subscriber data, the implementation of whistle-blowing hotlines and the implications of mergers and acquisitions.

Innes-Stubb has experience advising clients in the fields of communications, pharmaceuticals, electronics manufacturing, publishing and consumer goods. A regular speaker on data protection issues, she has published articles on data protection, the exhaustion of trademarks in the EU and competition law cases in the UK.

Prior to joining White & Case, LLP, Innes-Stubb was a lawyer for the UK Government. She earned a B.Sc. from the University of Surrey (1992), a legal practice diploma from the College of Law in London (1994) and an LL.M. from the College of Europe (Bruges, 1995).

**ALEXANDER STUBB** was elected to the European Parliament in June 2004. Previously, he has been a counsellor on institutional affairs at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels. He also has been an adviser to the president of the European Commission, Romano Prodi.

Stubb was a member of the Finnish negotiating team for the IGC 2000, which led to the Nice Treaty. While at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki, he was involved in negotiating the Amsterdam Treaty, first as an adviser to the Finnish Member in the Reflection Group (1995) and later as a member of the IGC team (1996-97).

He is also a professor at the College of Europe, Bruges. Stubb received his Ph.D from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1999), a master's in European studies from the College of Europe (1995) and a bachelor's in political science from Furman University in 1993. He is the author of eight EU books and has written articles on flexible integration, institutional questions, intergovernmental conferences and integration theories.

He is married to Suzanne Innes-Stubb, who is a lawyer for White & Case, LLP in Brussels. They have two children. They live in Genval, outside Brussels.



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