

Public Opening Event
17th Annual Foreign Policy Conference

Europe in a world without peace

The EU and the hot conflict zones of international politics

Foreign and security policy has once again become a central issue for policymakers and societies in Europe. Attempts at imperial restoration, violent conflicts and civil wars in Europe's neighborhood, continuing migration pressure and violent extremism link Europe's security to the crises in the Arab world. The European Union will need to address these current challenges and other geopolitical power shifts with its own global strategy, which poses fundamental questions: How does Europe analyze this new security situation and what answers does the EU need? How much hard power does Europe need? What role does Germany play as a country at the center of the European Union, and what are the expectations of Germany's neighbors?

Program Thursday, June 16, 2016

3:30 pm *Registration*

4:00 pm **The European Union in an unstable and dangerous neighborhood**

Welcome and introduction:

Ralf Fücks, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Keynote: Are the USA and Europe still in the same world – particularly in light of Russia's foreign policy?

Dr. Angela Stent, Professor and Director, Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC

Comment:

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Munich

A view from the outside: The EU and conflicts in other worlds

Dr. C. Raja Mohan, Director, Carnegie India, New Delhi

5:15 pm *Short break*

5:45 pm **The European Union's answers to a world without peace**

Discussion and Question & Answer:

Dr. Angela Stent, Professor, Georgetown University, Washington DC

Tom Koenigs, MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

Wolfgang Ischinger, Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Munich

Ralf Fücks, Co-President, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

Moderation:

Almut Möller, Office Head and Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

7:30 pm *Informal conclusion*