

20th Foreign Policy Conference

Multilateralism 2.0

In Search of new Partnerships for the German and European Foreign Policy

Public Opening Event

30 January 2020

Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin

Date and location

Thursday, January 30, 2020 – Public Opening Event, 4:00 to 7:30 pm

Beletage of the Heinrich Boell Foundation, Schumannstrasse 8, D-10117 Berlin

Conference languages are German and English.

Simultaneous interpreting will be provided during the public opening event (30 January 2020).

Livestream

The Public Opening Event will be live-streamed and will be available via <http://www.boell.de/stream>

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Background

The 20th Foreign Policy Conference of the Heinrich Boell Foundation will explore the potential of new alliances between Germany, the EU and like-minded non-European countries in different fields of global governance and multilateralism.

After Germany and France launched an *Alliance for Multilateralism* at the margins of the UN General Assembly in September 2019, the 20th Foreign Policy Conference of the Boell Foundation will explore this concept in depth and address the following overarching questions:

- **In which policy fields** should Berlin and Paris reach out for new global partners? How could new partners help advancing multilateral approaches in security, trade or climate issues?
- **Which countries** would be ideal candidates for a global *Alliance for Multilateralism*? Should Berlin focus on *like-minded countries* such as Canada and Japan, or reach out also to *similar-minded countries* in Latin America, Africa or Asia?
- **Which repercussions** are to be expected for the EU and NATO? Would an *Alliance for Multilateralism* divert too much attention from the transatlantic and European project and lead to a devaluation of the EU and NATO?

Day 1, Thursday, 30 January 2020 – Public Opening

- 15.30 *Registration*
- 16.00 **Lame duck or multilateral activist – Is Berlin ready for new global partnerships?**
- Welcome Address:
 Ellen Ueberschär, Co-President of the Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin
- Key Note:
 Annalena Baerbock, Chairwoman of Alliance 90 / the Greens, Berlin
- Panel discussion with
 Antje Leendertse, State Secretary, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin [tbc]
 Omid Nouripour, Foreign Policy Spokesperson, Alliance 90 / the Greens, Berlin
 Daniela Schwarzer, Director, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin
- Moderation
 Jan Techau, Director of the European Program, German Marshall Fund, Berlin
- 17.30 *Short Break*
- 18.00 **Which future for multilateral world politics? What do international partners expect from Germany and Europe in the context of a new multilateralism?**
- Key Note:
 Federica Mogherini, former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy [tbc]
- Panel discussion with
 Manuel Lafont Rapnouil, Director of the Centre d'Analyse, de Prévision et de Stratégie, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris
 Sithembile Mbete, Lecturer, University of Pretoria
 Stéphane Dion, Ambassador of Canada to Germany and Special Envoy of the Prime Minister to the European Union and Europe [tbc]
 Izabella Teixeira, former Brazilian Minister of the Environment, Co-Chair International Resource Panel, UN Environment Program
- Moderation
 Michael Thumann, die ZEIT, Berlin
- 19.30 *End of opening event*