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20th Foreign Policy Conference

Multilateralism 2.0

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

Expert Conference

31 January 2020

Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin

Date and location

Friday, January 31, 2020 – Expert Conference (by invitation only), 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Beletage of the Heinrich Boell Foundation, Schumannstrasse 8, D-10117 Berlin

Conference language is English.

Simultaneous interpreting will not be provided during the expert conference.

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 2, Friday, 31 January 2020 – Expert Conference (invitation only)

8.30 *Registration*

9.00 Opening and Introduction

Ellen Ueberschär, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin

9.15 Round 1 (Plenary Debate):

Multilateralism and World Order

Beyond the feel-good formula: What a new multilateralism could mean in practice

- International trade, climate and global security under an *Alliance for Multilateralism*
- What world order is this alliance of middle-powers envisioning?
- Where is the green entry point into the debate?
- How does the concept of an *Alliance for Multilateralism* resonate in the Global South?
- Is the proposed new multilateralism just a procedural aspect of global governance or a blueprint for a new substantive agenda of world affairs?

Key Note: Reaching out for new partners to save the rules-based order

Sebastian Groth, Policy Planning, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

With further contributions by:

Hanns W. Maull, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Sithembile Mbete, University of Pretoria, South Africa

Franziska Brantner, German Parliament, Alliance 90 / the Greens, Berlin

Moderation:

Ronja Scheler, Körber Foundation, Berlin

11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.30 Round 2 (Break-out Sessions)

Middle Powers as Rule Makers in Global Governance? Testing the New Multilateralism in Different Fields

Breakout 1: Trade Policy	Breakout 2: Climate Policy	Breakout 3: Global Security
<p>Inputs by:</p> <p>Amrita Narlikar, German Institute of Global Area Studies, Hamburg Anna Cavazzini, European Parliament, Alliance 90 / the Greens, Brussels Meredith Lilly, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada</p> <p><u>Facilitation:</u> Lena Exner</p>	<p>Inputs by:</p> <p>Lisa Badum, Parliament, Alliance 90 / the Greens, Berlin Karthik Nachiappan, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore Izabella Teixeira, International Resource Panel, UN Environment Program, Brazil Susanne Dröge, SWP, Berlin</p> <p><u>Facilitation:</u> Caspar Kolster</p>	<p>Inputs by:</p> <p>Lynn Kuok, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Singapore [tbc] Deborah Sanders, Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, King's College London, UK Agnieszka Brugger, German Parliament, Alliance 90 / the Greens, Berlin Jan Techau, European Program, German Marshall Fund, Berlin</p> <p><u>Facilitation:</u> Chiara Rosselli</p>

13.00 *Lunch Break*

14.00 Round 3 (Plenary Debate):

The Role of the US in the Current Multilateralism Debate

Bystander, saboteur, or soon-to-be homecomer?

- NATO, WTO, Paris Accord: What are the roots for Washington's growing alienation towards multilateral institutions?
- Is Washington's disinterest for multilateral politics just a temporary phenomenon?
- What would it take for the US to (re-)join an alliance of liberal middle-powers?
- What future for the transatlantic relations?

Key Note: NATO, the US and Europe: Is it all over?

James Goldgeier, School of International Service, American University, Brookings Institution, Washington

With further contributions by:

Danielle Pletka, American Enterprise Institute, Washington

Sergey Lagodinsky, European Parliament, Alliance 90 / the Greens, Brussels

Rachel Rizzo, Center for a New American Security, Fellow Robert-Bosch-Foundation, Washington / Berlin

Moderation:

Bastian Hermisson, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Washington

15.30 Wrap-up Session and Closing Remarks

Ulrich Speck, German Marshall Fund, Berlin

Giorgio Franceschini and **Ellen Ueberschär**, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin

16.00 *End of Expert Conference*