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Curricula vitae

- **Carl Bildt** (ECFR co-chair) has served as both Prime Minister (1991-1994) and Foreign Minister (2006-2014) of Sweden. During the first period his government initiated major liberal economic reforms, as well as it negotiated and signed a membership agreement with the European Union. The reform period in the early and mid-1990s is generally seen as having paved the way for the successful growth decades that followed. Subsequently he served in international positions with the EU and UN, primarily related to the conflicts in the Balkans. He was co-chairman of the Dayton peace talks on Bosnia and became the first High Representative to the country. Later, he was the Special Envoy of UN Secretary General Kofi Annan to the region. Returning as Foreign Minister of Sweden in 2006, he comes to be seen as one of the most prominent and vocal of European foreign ministers during those years.
- **Marieluise Beck, MP.** Member and Spokesperson of the Alliance 90/The Greens Parliamentary Group, Committee on Foreign Affairs, German Bundestag, Berlin; Substitute Member, Committee on the Affairs of the European Union, German Bundestag, Berlin; Member, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg; Substitute Member, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Vienna; Member, Society for Threatened Peoples (GfBV), Göttingen; Member, League for the Environment and Nature Conservation (BUND), Berlin; Chair, Bridge of Hope, Bremen; Member, German Executive Board, Petersburg Dialogue, Berlin.
- **Francisco de Borja Lasheras** joined the European Council on Foreign Relations in late 2013 as Associate Director of the Madrid Office and Policy Fellow. Previously he served at the Spanish Permanent Representation to the OSCE and spent several years in the Western Balkans, as Seconded National Expert to the OSCE Missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as human rights officer, and Albania, at the Head Office. Between 2007 and 2009 he worked for the Fundación Alternativas' Observatory of Spanish Foreign Policy (Opex), as Coordinator on Security and Defence Policy, and taught comparative European politics at the George Washington University Madrid Study Center. At ECFR he mostly focuses on the crisis of Ukraine, European diplomacy (including strengthening synergies between Eastern and Southern EU countries), Spanish foreign policy and the Western Balkans.
- **Ambassador John B. Emerson** was confirmed by the United States Senate on August 1, 2013 as U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and presented his credentials to German President Joachim Gauck on August 26, 2013. Mr. Emerson was the President of

Capital Group Private Client Services from 1997 to July 2013. Previously, Mr. Emerson served on President Clinton's senior staff, from 1993-1997. He served as Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel, and subsequently as Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, where he was the President's liaison to the nation's governors. Mr. Emerson also coordinated the Economic Conference of the Clinton-Gore transition team and led the Administration's efforts to obtain congressional approval of the GATT Uruguay Round Agreement in 1994, and the extension of China's MFN trading status in 1996. In 2010, President Obama appointed Mr. Emerson to serve on the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

■ **Ralf Fücks** joined the Green Party in 1982. In 1985 he was elected to the Bremen state parliament. He served as Co-President for the national Green Party in 1989/90. He returned to regional politics in Bremen in 1991, serving as Deputy Mayor and as Senator for Urban Development and Environmental Protection. Ralf Fücks has been a member of the executive board of the Heinrich Böll Foundation since 1996. Together with his colleagues, he rebuilt the foundation completely, moving its headquarters to Berlin. In November 2011, he was re-elected for a fourth term. The primary focus of his work is on sustainable development, reshaping the welfare state, migration, the future of European integration, and on foreign policy. He is responsible for the divisions of domestic political education, Europe and North America, German-Israeli-Relations as well as for the foundation's scholarship program.

■ **Gustav Gressel**, joined the ECFR Berlin Office as a Visiting Fellow on the Wider Europe Programme. Before joining the ECFR he worked as desk officer for international security policy and strategy in the Bureau for Security Policy in the Austrian Ministry of Defence from 2006 to 2014 and as a research fellow of the Commissioner for Strategic Studies in the Austrian MoD from 2003 to 2006. He also was committed as research fellow in the International Institute for Liberal Politics in Vienna. Before his academic career he served five years in the Austrian Armed Forces. Gustav Gressel earned a Master Degree in political science at Salzburg University and a PhD in Strategic Studies at the Faculty of Military Sciences at the National University of Public Service, Budapest. He is author of numerous publications regarding security policy and strategic affairs. Areas of Expertise: armed conflict and military affairs, defence policy, missile defence, missile proliferation, Eastern Europe, Russia.

■ **Ambassador John Herbst**, Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council. Ambassador John E. Herbst is the Director of the Atlantic Council's Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center. Ambassador Herbst served for thirty-one years as a Foreign Service Officer in the US Department of State, retiring at the rank of career-minister. He was the US Ambassador to Ukraine from 2003 to 2006. Prior to his ambassadorship in Ukraine, he was the Ambassador to Uzbekistan from 2000 to 2003. In his last four years at the State Department, he served as the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, leading the US government's civilian capacity in societies in transition from conflict or civil strife, and providing support to countries at risk of instability. Ambassador Herbst previously served as US Consul General in Jerusalem; Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for the Newly Independent States; the Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs; Director of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau; and at the embassies in Tel Aviv, Moscow, and Saudi Arabia. He most recently served as Director of the Center for Complex Operations at National Defense University.

■ **Eliot Higgins**, Founder, Bellingcat for citizen journalism. Eliot Higgins is an award-winning British investigative journalist and founder of the Brown Moses Blog and Bellingcat. He publishes the work of an international alliance of fellow investigators using freely available online information. He has helped inaugurate open-source and social media investigations by trawl-

ing through vast amounts of data uploaded constantly on to the web and social media sites. His inquiries have revealed extraordinary findings on subjects such as the downing of flight MH17 in Ukraine by tracking the movements through Ukraine of a Russian missile launcher linked to the downing. He also uncovered important facts in proving the use of Sarin during attacks in Damascus in August 2013. Higgins also published an estimate of the location of the James Foley execution video that was made outside Raqqa, an Islamic State stronghold in north-central Syria, based on visual markers of stills from the video. Additionally, Higgins is also a research fellow at CENTRIC, a multi-disciplinary research network at Sheffield Hallam University, and a visiting research associate at King's College London's Department of War Studies. He has been receiving increasing media attention for his work, and has been profiled by The Guardian, The Independent, The Huffington Post, and The New Yorker.

■ **Lucian Kim** started his career in 1996 as Berlin correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor, covering Germany, eastern Europe and Central Asia. In 2003, he moved to Moscow, where he became the business editor and a columnist for The Moscow Times. From 2006 to 2010, he covered Russian energy giant Gazprom and Putin's government for Bloomberg News. In 2011, he started a blog chronicling the Moscow protest movement. Now he is again based in Berlin, where he works as an independent journalist. He has blogged on his travels to Sochi and Chechnya at medium.com and appears frequently on Deutsche Welle TV. Most recently he has been covering events in Ukraine for news organizations including Slate, Newsweek, the Associated Press and Zeit Online. He also writes for the Reuters opinion blog.

■ **James Kirchick** is a journalist and foreign correspondent currently based in Washington. He has reported from Southern and North Africa, the Middle East, Central Asia, across the European continent, and the Caucasus. He is a fellow with the Foreign Policy Initiative in Washington, D.C., a correspondent for *The Daily Beast* and writes the "Continental Drift" column on Europe for *Tablet*.

■ **Gemma Pörzgen** is a freelancing German journalist in Berlin, specialized in Foreign policy and Eastern Europe. She grew up in Moscow, studied Political Science and Slavic literature in Munich and joined German daily "Frankfurter Rundschau". She became a Foreign correspondent based in Belgrade and later covered Israel and the Palestinian territories for German newspapers. Pörzgen is co-founder of "Reporters Without Borders Germany" and serves today as board member. More information on this Website: www.gemma-poerzgen.de

■ **Dr. Alina Polyakova**, Associate Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council. Alina Polyakova, PhD, is the Associate Director of the Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center at the Atlantic Council, where she oversees the Ukraine-in-Europe Initiative. She has been a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Fulbright, National Science Foundation, and the Social Science Research Council. Dr. Polyakova speaks and publishes on Ukraine, Russia, and European politics. Her book, *The Dark Side of European Integration*, is coming out in late 2015. Dr. Polyakova served as an adviser to various nongovernmental organizations in Europe and the United States, working on democratic transparency and governance in post-socialist Eastern Europe. She is Swiss National Science Foundation Co-Investigator on a project examining the rise of far-right political parties in Western Europe. For her doctoral work, she interviewed social movement activists in Ukraine. Dr. Polyakova earned a PhD and MA in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BA in economics and sociology with highest honors from Emory University.

■ **Ilya Ponomarev** is an opposition member of Russian Parliament – State Duma, a Social Democrat representing Novosibirsk, the capital of Siberia, and is chairing the Innovations and

Venture Capital (formerly Hi-Tech development) subcommittee, introducing legislation to support the emerging innovation economy in Russia. Ilya Ponomarev is one of the leaders of the anti-Putin opposition in Russia. He played a key role in the protests of 2012; during 2013-2014 he opposed antidemocratic legislation introduced in the country, and was the only MP in Duma to vote against the annexation of Crimea. Ilya Ponomarev has more than 25 years of prominent political stance, complemented with international entrepreneurial and investment experience working in high technology industries with primary focus on IT and energy.

- **Boris Reitschuster**, Journalist and author of various book on Russia, lived in Moscow between 1990 and 1995, where he worked for various german newspapers as a free lance correspondant. In 1995 he moved back to Germany and started to work for the regional newspaper "Augsburger Allgemeine", later on for the news agencies dpa and AFP in Munich. He returned to Russia in 1999 as director of the Moscow office of german weekly magazine FOCUS. After receiving threats he had to leave Russia in 2012 and directed the Focus Moscow office from Berlin until February of 2015. Since then he lives in Berlin as a free-lance journalist and author, travelling frequently to Russia and other states of the former Soviet Union.
- **Jens Siegert** is currently director of the Moscow office of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, a foundation closely linked to the German Green Party. He set up the office in 1999. Before he worked as a free lanced correspondent in Moscow, mainly for German, Austrian and Swiss radio stations and print media. He is an expert on Russian domestic and foreign politics and provided many publications about that, Russian-EU and Russian-western relationship and especially about Russian civil society issues. Since 2008 he writes the Blog on Russia (in German): <http://rusland.boellblog.org>
- **Maria Stepanova** (1972) is a poet, essayist, journalist, an author of nine poetry collections and a recipient of several Russian and international literary awards. Since 2007, apart from publishing as a poet and essayist, she has become the founder and editor-in-chief of an independent online journal *OpenSpace.ru*, Russia's main daily online edition covering cultural issues. Later she reconfigured it as the crowd-sourced journal *Colta.ru*. From July 2012 COLTA.RU exists solely on public donations and writes about cultural, social and political reality of the contemporary Russia, gathering an audience of 800.000 unique visitors per month.
- **Galina Timchenko** worked at Kommersant newspaper as an editor, from 2004 to 2014 she worked as editor-in chief of the influential Russian online-media Lenta.ru, since October 2014 she is executive director and editor-in-chief of Meduza.
- **Ilya Yashin**, Russian activist and liberal politician, is one of the key leaders of political party «RPR-PARNAS», and co-founder and one of the leaders of the political movement Solidarnost. Headed a team of opposition journalists and activists, who continued writing the report «Putin. War» and prepared it for publication.

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