

The United States and Germany in a Changing Geoeconomic World

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Tuesday, May 30, 2017 1:30pm – 6:00pm

Agenda

In the face of growing challenges to an open, rules-based global economic order, identifying new ideas and narratives about the importance of international economic engagement for the United States, Germany, and the European Union has moved to center stage. Ahead of the G20 summit in Hamburg in July under the current German presidency is an auspicious moment to assess the common ground between U.S. and German economic interests, and to debate the international trade and economic policies and the negotiations and institutions that can give shape to them.

1:30-2:00pm	Welcome Keynote Address: Matthias Machnig, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
2:00-2:15pm	Opening of the Symposium Alexander Privitera, Senior Advisor, Commerzbank
2:15-2:30pm	Coffee Break
2:30-2:45pm	Introduction and Overview Jackson Janes, President, AICGS
2:45-4:00pm	Session I – "The G20 Agenda: What Policies for Resilient Economies and Balanced Growth?" This panel will examine the role that fiscal, monetary, regulatory, and workforce policies can play in promoting more dynamic and inclusive U.S. and European economies.

Panelists: Marcel Fratzscher, President, DIW/German Institute for

Economic Research

Alexander Privitera, Senior Advisor, Commerzbank **Holger Schmieding**, Chief Economist, Berenberg Bank

Ludger Schuknecht, Chief Economist, German Federal Ministry

of Finance

Moderator: Peter Rashish, Senior Fellow and Director, Geoeconomics

Program, AICGS

4:00-4:15pm Coffee Break

4:15-5:30pm Session II – "What Role for Global Economic and Trade Rules in Promoting

Transatlantic Prosperity?"

This panel will address the ways that regional and international trade agreements and institutions can promote U.S., German, and European economic interests and principles in a wider global context.

Panelists: Ignacio Garcia Bercero, Director and Chief TTIP Negotiator,

Directorate General for Trade, European Commission

John Lipsky, Peterson Distinguished Scholar, Kissinger Center

for Global Affairs, Johns Hopkins SAIS

Stormy-Annika Mildner, Head of the External Economic Policy Department, Federation of German Industries, and B20 Sherpa

Peter Rashish, Senior Fellow and Director, Geoeconomics

Program, AICGS

Moderator: **Tyson Barker**, Program Director, Aspen Institute

Germany

5:30-6:00pm Closing Remarks and Networking