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Values, Challenges, and Opportunities for a New Political Generation in Germany and the U.S.

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Agenda

8:30 – 9:00am **Check-in and Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:15am **Panel I: Values of the New Political Generation**

- What issues and values are most important to young voters?
- Is the new generation as activist as their parents' generation of the 1960s and 1970s both in Germany and the United States?
- Do young Europeans "think European"? Do young Americans "think globally"?
- Which young political actors are shaping the debate?

Moderator: Jackson Janes, AICGS

Speakers: Pia Bungarten, Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Eric Langenbacher, Georgetown University
John Della Volpe, Harvard University Institute of Politics

10:15 – 10:30am **Coffee Break**

10:30 – 11:45am **Panel II: The Online Forum: Organization and Debate**

- What can be learned from recent elections in Germany and the U.S. about engaging the new political generation?
- How have social media and other new forms of political organization affected the way young people engage in politics?
- Will the recent debate about online privacy affect how social media is used?
- What alternatives to social media are available for young people to stay politically involved?
- How have younger actors struggled to move from mobilizing the masses to proposing policy to governance?

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Moderator: Parke Nicholson, AICGS

Speakers: Claudia Ritz, Helmut Schmidt University
Aaron Smith, Pew Research Center

11:45 – 1:00pm

Panel III: Diversity in Representation and Action

- How will demographics among younger cohorts shape future electoral outcomes?
Are there changing attitudes toward minority groups?
- Are minority groups more broadly represented among young political actors?
- Are there new tools minorities use to enter and shape the political arena?
- Which young minority groups/communities are politically engaged? Why or why not?
- Will religion become less or more of a factor for young voters?

Moderator: Lily Gardner Feldman, AICGS

Speakers: Ali Aslan, Deutsche Welle TV
Raffi Williams, Republican National Committee