

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

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Cornelius Adebahr has been working at the European Foreign and Security Policy Programme of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) since January 2006. He has been a lecturer on European foreign policy at the Erfurt School of Public Policy since 2005. He founded the ‘Wirtschaft am Wasserturm’ political consultancy in 2000. Among his clients are foundations, European institutions and nonprofit associations. Cornelius Adebahr studied Political Science (International Relations), Philosophy, Public Law, and International Economics in Tübingen, Paris, and at the Free University Berlin, where he was awarded his diploma (M. A. equivalent.)

Gerhard Almer is a German diplomat and currently head of the EU-External Affairs Department at the Foreign Ministry in Berlin. Previously, he served as head of the political department of the German Embassy in Paris. From 2000 to 2003, he established a successful seminar and coaching system to promote German candidates for the European Institutions’ recruitment procedures. He also worked at German embassies in the Hague and Sofia. In 1990 and 1991, he served in the Foreign Ministry’s South East Europe Department.

Andrea Böhm is a journalist at the German weekly ‘Die Zeit’ in Hamburg, where she writes on a range of issues including conflict prevention, gender and security, state building and transitional justice. During the past two years she has been reporting from the Western Balkans, Afghanistan and several (post)-conflict nations in Africa. Before joining ‘Die Zeit’ she was based in New York and Washington, where she worked as a reporter for the magazine GEO. Her book ‘Die Amerikaner - Reise durch ein unbekanntes Imperium’, (The Americans - Travels Through An Unknown Empire), was published in 2004.

Sandra Breka has been head of the Berlin Office of the Robert Bosch Stiftung since September 2006. Her portfolio includes international programs focusing on South East Europe, German-American and German-Indian relations. From 2003-2006, she was senior staff member with the International Commission on the Balkans headed by former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato. Prior to joining the Robert Bosch Stiftung as Program Director in January 2001, she worked as Program Director at the Aspen Institute Berlin. After studies in Germany, France, and the United States, she obtained her M.A. at Columbia University in New York.

Caroline Fetscher has been an editor at large for the Berlin-based liberal daily newspaper ‘Der Tagesspiegel’ since 1997, focusing a range of issues, including South East Europe, human rights, the Hague Tribunal, gender issues, transatlantic relations and literature. She worked for Greenpeace from 1982 to 1989, among other things as editor-in-chief of the

Greenpeace magazine. From 1980 she worked as a journalist for ‚Der Spiegel‘ newsweekly, ‚GEO‘ magazine, and the daily newspapers ‚Süddeutsche Zeitung‘, ‚Merkur‘, ‚Frankfurter Rundschau‘, and ‚Der Tagesspiegel‘. After training as a journalist at the Henri Nannen School in Hamburg, she studied literary theory and psychology in Freiburg and Hamburg.

Ulrike Guérot joined the European Council on Foreign Relations in July 2007 as a Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Berlin Office. Previously she was Senior Transatlantic Fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States (2004-2007), and head of the European Union unit at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in Berlin (2000-2003). She was recently awarded the prestigious ‚Ordre pour le Merite‘ for her work on European integration. Ulrike Guérot has worked as an assistant professor in European studies at Johns Hopkins University, as a senior research fellow at Notre Europe in Paris, and as a staff member of the German Bundestag’s Committee on Foreign Affairs. She has published widely on European and transatlantic issues in many journals and newspapers.

Jörg Himmelreich is a non-resident Senior Transatlantic Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. His expertise includes Russia, the CIS, global energy security, South Caucasus, Central Asia, India and transatlantic relations. He joined GMF in 2005 after working as member of the policy planning staff in the German Foreign Ministry. He previously worked with the DaimlerChrysler Board of Management, where he focused on political and economic relations in Russia, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe and convened meetings of heads of state from these regions. He was director of investment banking for the media and communications sector for the London office of European commercial bank WestLB. He was head of privatization for the construction industry at the German Trust Agency.

Johannes Jung has been a member the German Bundestag since 2005. He is a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid. He is also a Deputy Member of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union and of the Sub-Committee on the United Nations. He has worked with democratic groups and parties in the former Yugoslavia since 1991. He was a founding member and Deputy Chairman of the Heidelberg-Cambridge-Montpellier-Mostar co-operative project from 1993 to 1996. He is also a member of the South East Europe Association and the German Atlantic Association. Johannes Jung’s constituency is in Karlsruhe; he has been Chairman of the Karlsruhe City branch of the SPD since 2006, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Baden-Württemberg branch since 2001. He studied Political Science, Public Law, European Law and Sociology, graduating with an MA in political science from the University of Heidelberg in 1995.

Gerald Knaus is the founding director of ESI since 1999. He taught economics at the State University of Chernivtsi in Ukraine, worked for five years in Bulgaria and Bosnia (four years as advisor to the international mediator for Bosnia). He was also director of the Lessons Learned Unit of the EU Pillar of the UN Mission in Kosovo (from 2001 to 2004). Gerald Knaus has co-authored many articles that have triggered public debates, including ‚Travails of the European Raj‘ (Journal of Democracy, 2003), ‚Member State Building and the Helsinki Moment‘ (2004), ‚Islamic Calvinists‘ (2005) and most recently ‚Sex and Power in Turkey‘ (2007). He is a founding member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, and is on the advisory board of the European Policy Centre (Brussels). He studied at Oxford University, the Institut d’Etudes Européennes (University of Brussels) and the Johns Hopkins University Bologna Centre.

Gunther Krichbaum has been the Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union since 2007. As Committee Chairman, Gunther Krichbaum has focused on two issues; the EU's importance for economical development within its Member States, and the EU's relations with non-Member States, in particular the Western Balkans. He hopes that the EU will pay more attention to its neighbours after the Treaty of Lisbon on the EU's internal reforms is ratified. He joined the CDU in 1979 and combines a lifetime of political engagement in a wide range of party committees on the local and national level, with a career in business consulting.

Chris Langdon joined ESI as Senior Analyst in 2007 after 11 years as Director, South East Europe, for the Wilton Park Conference Centre, based in the UK. He has also directed two half hour documentaries for ESI; 'Mitrovica: Chronicle of a Death Foretold?' (2004), and 'Bosnian Story', (2003). Chris Langdon previously worked as a TV producer, specialising in European affairs, for APTN, BBC Television, and London Weekend TV, since 1978.

Thomas Morawski has been a reporter/editor at the Munich based Bayerischer Rundfunk (BR) which is a part of the TV network ARD, the leading German public TV. From 2000 he has been working as a special correspondent, and he is also the editor of foreign reports and documentaries. As a correspondent he has regularly reported from South East Europe and the Middle East, including the wars in Bosnia and Kosovo, as well as from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He is frequently invited to speak at various universities and academies on the subjects of TV journalism, crisis communication, and correspondent networks. Currently he is working on a research project at the University of Passau (Bavaria) on quality management in the field of crisis communication, in particular the Kosovo crisis. He is Vice-President of the Bavarian Journalists' Association.

Hugh Mortimer has been Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Berlin since May 2005. He was, from 2000, British Ambassador to Slovenia, and served as Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Ankara from 1997. Between 1996 and 1997 he did a Secondment to the Royal College of Defence Studies in London. He was Head of the Department for Common Foreign and Security Policy in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) from 1994 to 1995. He first served in Germany in 1990, first in Bonn, and in 1991 in Berlin as 1st Secretary, Chancery, and Deputy Head of Mission. Between 1986 and 1990 he was Desk Officer at the Security Policy Department of the FCO.

Peter Reuss is a German diplomat currently working as foreign policy advisor to the chairman of the CSU party group in the German Bundestag. From 2004 to 2006, he worked as a national expert in the Secretariat-General of the European Commission. He was private secretary of the Federal Government Commissioner for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid at the German Foreign Ministry from 2001 to 2004, and served at the German Embassy in Ankara from 1998 to 2001. Dr Peter Reuss published a book about the mission of the first German Ambassador to France after the Second World War, the writer Wilhelm Hausenstein.

Rainer Stinner is a member of the Defence Committee and a Deputy Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. His focus is on South East Europe, the Middle East, China, and on international security issues. He was first elected to the Bundestag in September 2002 and was a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and a Deputy Member of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Employment in the election period from 2002-2005. Since 2005 he has been a member of the National Executive Board of the FDP. Since 1994 he has been an independent management consultant focussing on transnational post merger integration projects. In addition, he became an active member of the Munich Business Angels Network.

Before entering politics, he founded his own consultancy in 1980 which he later merged with a US-based international group.

Michael Weichert is Programme Manager for South East Europe in the FES Headquarters in Berlin and has been working as project manager and advisor for the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation (FES) since 1981. During the last ten years, he has headed FES offices in Sofia, Belgrade and Sarajevo. In an article published 2007, he concludes that “agenda-setting by international actors can only be successful if local partners consider the issues in question as their own. It is not about exercising power, but about exercising partnership”.