

German Vulnerabilities in a Globalising World

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Venue: Johns Hopkins University – SAIS, Bernstein-Offit Building
1717 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Conference Room 500
Washington, DC 20036

PROGRAMME

Please note that the conference takes place under [Chatham House Rules](#)

MONDAY, MARCH 10 2008

09.45 – 10.00 **Welcome**

Jack Janes, AICGS
Simon Green, University of Birmingham

10.00 – 11.30

Session 1

**Understanding Germany's Vulnerabilities A: Globalization and
Germany's Semisovereign Political Economy**

The vulnerability of the German economy
Michael Inacker, *Wirtschaftswoche*

The strength of German economy
Adam Posen, Peterson Institute for International Economics

Discussant: **Steve Silvia**, American University

- Has the German economy turned the corner?
- Can *Modell Deutschland* survive under the pressures of globalization?
- How resilient is the German economy to major outside dislocations, such as major disruptions in the US stock market or economic crises in other parts of the world?
- How much have German economic trends differed from those of Europe at large and the United States?
- Just what is the impact of government action—positive and negative?

11.30 – 12.00 **Break**

12.00 – 13.30

Session 2**Understanding Germany's Vulnerabilities B: Migration, Demographics and Terrorism***Immigration, integration and demographics***Simon Green**, University of Birmingham*International terrorism - the Achilles' Heel of German security?***Jochen Bittner**, *Die Zeit*Discussant: **Sir Paul Lever KCMG**, Royal United Services Institute

- How much more important are these issues to Germany today versus 20 years ago?
- Does Germany have a real immigration policy?
- How well is the government addressing coming demographic changes in Germany?
- How well does Germany really control who comes in and out of the country?
- Has Germany developed a truly comprehensive CT policy and have much has it improved its capabilities post 9/11?

13.30 – 15.00

Lunch with speaker*Title tbc***Karen Donfried**, German Marshall Fund

15.00 – 16.30

Session 3**Understanding Germany's Vulnerabilities C: Energy, Climate Change and Pandemics***Energy policy and climate change***Frank Umbach**, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik*Pandemics and biological risks***Jean-Paul Chretien**, US Center for Disease Control and PreventionDiscussant: **Gale Mattox**, United States Naval Academy

- How much work has Germany—at the federal and at the state and local level—done at addressing pandemics and biological risk?
- Does the government have an established view on how climate change is likely to affect Germany in the coming years and an action plan to address this issue?
- What would be the effect of a major disruption of energy supplies (a cutoff of Russian oil, for example, or instability in the Gulf)?

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008

09.30 – 11.00

Session 4**Responses to Vulnerabilities A: Federalism and the Welfare State***Federalism: between 'Reformstau' and laboratories of democracy?***Katrin Auel**, University of Oxford*The welfare state between crisis and retrenchment***Roland Czada**, University of Osnabrück

Discussant: **Carolyn Moore**, University of Birmingham

- How much does Germany's federal system help or hinder its ability to deal with new challenges such as terrorism and climate change and in what ways?
- What are the most important variations between states in terms of addressing these new problems as well as more traditional issues such as education and unemployment?
- How much experimentation is going on at the state level and on which particular issues?

11.00 – 11.30 Break

11.30 – 13.00 Session 5

Responses to Vulnerabilities B: Foreign and European Policy

German European Policy

William Paterson, University of Birmingham

Foreign and Security Policy

Christian Hacke, University of Bonn

Discussant: **Steve Szabo**, German Marshall Fund

- How much and in what ways has Germany adjusted both the substance and the process of its foreign and security policy to address new security challenges?
- How has the development of an EU CFSP shaped the way that Germany addresses foreign policy issues?
- How does Germany define its top security interests and how it should pursue them? Does it now have a truly global perspective?
- Does its policy process further its substantive foreign and security policy goals or are these goals sacrificed for domestic political posturing?

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch with speaker

Prospects for Germany's party system

Daniel Hough, University of Sussex

- What are the implications for party system change for coalition building, especially after the 2009 federal election?
- Are there real possibilities for new kinds of coalitions such as red-green-yellow or black-green-yellow? Will the SPD stick to its refusal to consider a coalition with *Die Linke* in western states or at the federal level?
- What are the issues that are likely to dominate political debate and electioneering into 2009?

Followed by

Closing remarks

William Paterson, University of Birmingham

14.30 End of conference – departure of European participants