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„After the Crises? Germany and its Partners in a changing Europe”

***International Conference at the Munk School of Global Affairs
at the University of Toronto, April 20-21, 2012***

*Munk School of Global Affairs, Vivian and David Campbell Conference Facility,
1 Devonshire Place*

The crises of the year 2011 - the Euro-crisis and the political crisis in Northern Africa - had a deep political and economic impact on the European Union and Germany as its largest economy and one of its key members. The performance of the European Union and - even more importantly - the EU member states in handling those crises points to a broader and persistent crisis of leadership in the EU. The role the German government played in these developments has been evaluated as problematic at least.

Against this background the international and interdisciplinary conference intends to focus on the consequences of the aforementioned crises for Europe and Germany one year after the onset of the “Arab Spring” and the intensified attempts to contain the Euro crisis.

The aim of the event is to confer on the consequences of the crises for (1) the European Union’s ability to cope with current challenges, (2) for Germany and its position in the community, (3) for the fragile transatlantic consensus to deal with political and economic shocks and (4) to look for the “chances for change” growing out of these challenges.

Program and Speakers List

Friday April 20

9.30 am

Welcome and Introduction
Wolfram Hilz, University of Toronto/Bonn University

“Crisis, what crisis?” Economic Challenges for Germany and the EU

10.00 am

Public Keynote Speech
Germany’s role in Europe’s crises
Kurt Biedenkopf, ret. PM of Saxony, Dresden

11.30 am

The never-ending Euro-crisis and its economic and political consequences (roundtable discussion)

Alena Kimakova, York University
Louis Pauly, University of Toronto
Kurt Hübner, University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Discussion (Moderator: John Kirton, UoT)

1.00 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm

‘Arabellion’ as Europe’s ‘writing on the wall’
Consequences for Europe’s “mission” in the Arab world

Sharon Pardo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Costanza Musu, University of Ottawa
Ramin Jahanbegloo, University of Toronto

Discussion (Moderator: Lars Haensel, KAS Washington)

3.45 pm

Coffee-Break

4.15 pm

Mission creep? New start for Europe’s migration policy

Phil Triadaphilopoulos, University of Scarborough
Elke Winter, University of Ottawa

Discussion (Moderator: Anna Korteweg, UoT)

Saturday April 21

Changing Courses, Stable Alliances?

Germany's and Europe's Quest for New Directions

9.30 am

The West adrift? How North Americans and Europeans need to adjust their transatlantic policies after the crises

Jean-Yves Haine, University of Toronto

Beate Neuss, University of Technology Chemnitz

Benjamin Zyla, University of Ottawa

Discussion (Moderator: Wolfram Hilz, UoT)

Ways out of the Crises - Roads already paved?

11.30 am

How Europe can avoid new crises - how Germany needs to adopt its role (Concluding discussion)

12.00 am

Light Lunch

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