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**BRITISH-GERMAN JOURNALISTS' CONFERENCE**

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Davenport House (Shropshire)  
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**The British-German Journalists' Conference** was established in 1986 after a state visit of the German President Richard von Weizsäcker to the UK. Since then, IJP has brought together outstanding journalists from the two countries for lively discussions about bi-lateral and social issues.

**The George Weidenfeld Bursary** was set up in 1995. It is the only exchange scheme of its kind offering unique career opportunities for British and German journalists. It helps them to explore new areas of interest and expand their professional horizon by working for a media organisation abroad.

The programme is named after the publisher and journalist Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea.

**IJP – Internationale Journalisten-Programme** is an independent non-profit association based in Germany. It offers ten exchange schemes for journalists in more than 40 countries around the world.

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Haymarket Media (London)  
The Financial Times/ft.com (London)  
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The Guardian (London)  
Resonance FM (London)  
Sky News (London)  
Spiegel Online/Spiegel TV (Hamburg/Berlin)  
Süddeutsche Zeitung (Munich)  
Strand News Service (London)  
The Times (London)  
Die Welt/Welt am Sonntag (Berlin)  
Which! (London)  
ZDF/3sat (Mainz)



## *Members of the Selection Committee 2009:*

**Mark Espiner**, freelance correspondent  
**Daryl Lindsey**, Spiegel Online International  
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Which!  
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# The British-German Journalists' Conference 2009

*AGENDA of the CONFERENCE in the UK*

## **FRIDAY • 16 OCTOBER**

Arrivals from Germany at Birmingham International Airport

Arrivals by train from London at Wolverhampton station

Coach/Taxi transfer to Worfield, Shropshire

Check-in at:

**Davenport House**

Worfield, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV15

Tel: 01746 716221

Welcome drinks and supper

## **SATURDAY • 17 OCTOBER**

8.00 Breakfast

11.00 Introduction

**Peter Littger**

Programme Director IJP

**Hans Kundnani**

UK Conference Master (Alumnus of 1998)

12.00 Buffet lunch

14.00 Workshop I:

Briefings by the participants on current issues of politics, the media and the economy in Britain and in Germany

20.00 Dinner, followed by a debate:

»Why did I move to Berlin?« by

**Mark Espiner**

freelance reporter, author (Alumnus of 2008)

»Why did I move to London?« by

**Uli Hesse**

freelance TV reporter (Alumna of 2006)

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## SUNDAY • 18 OCTOBER

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 11.00 Workshop II:  
Comparison of the UK and German Sunday/weekly press
- 13.30 Informal lunch
- Free afternoon
- 20.00 Dinner, followed by speech on:  
»So, what is the difference between  
today's Britain and Germany?« by **Wolfgang Koydl**  
London Correspondent, Süddeutsche Zeitung;  
Author of the book: »Fish and Fritz:  
Als Deutscher auf der Insel«

## MONDAY • 19 OCTOBER

- 7.00 Breakfast
- 8.30 Coach transfer to London
- 11.30 Check-in at:  
**The Grange Rochester Hotel**  
69 Vincent Square, London SW1P  
Tel: 207 828 6611
- 12.30 Transfer to:  
The Carlton Club (jacket and tie)  
69 St James's Street, London SW1A
- 12.45 Lunch with briefing on »Is the  
British political system broken?« by **Peter Riddell**  
Political Commentator and  
Assistant Editor, The Times

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- 14.30 Transfer to:  
The German Residence  
22 Belgrave Square, London SW1X
- 15.00 Briefing, followed by discussion with **H.E. Georg Boomgaarden**  
German Ambassador;  
Co-patron of the programme
- 16.00 Transfer to:  
The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (passport required)  
King Charles Street, London SW1A
- 16.30 Briefing, followed by discussion with **Chris Bryant MP**  
Labour MP for Rhondda, Minister for Europe;  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for  
Foreign Affairs  
  
Venue: Map Room
- 17.15 Briefing on: »The role of the  
FCO in German reunification« by **Professor Patrick Salmon**  
Chief historian of the FCO  
  
Venue: Map Room  
  
Transfer to:  
The BT Tower, 34<sup>th</sup> floor (passport required)  
45 Maple Street, London W1P
- 19.30 Dinner,  
  
followed by after-dinner speech  
about »Thoughts and insights on  
energy I gained from writing my  
new novel ›Solar‹ « **Ian McEwan**  
Author (»The Innocent«,  
»Atonement«, »Saturday«, etc.)

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## TUESDAY • 20 OCTOBER

8.00 Breakfast

9.30 Transfer to:  
The Palace of Westminster,  
St. Stephen's Entrance, London SW1 (passport required)

10.00 Panel discussion: »Is Afghanistan  
worth the fight?«, with

**Professor Michael Clarke**

Director of the Royal United Services  
Institute for Defence and Security Studies

**Eric Joyce MP**

Labour MP for Falkirk

**Maajid Nawaaz**

Director, Quilliam Foundation

**Kim Sengupta**

Defence and diplomatic correspondent,  
The Independent

Venue: The House of Lords,  
Committee Room 3

12.30 Working-lunch with briefing on:  
»The future of the left« by

**James Purnell MP**

Labour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde;  
head of Demos-project »Open Left«; former  
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions

Venue: The Astor Suite  
1 Parliament Street, London SW1

15.00 Panel discussion on: »What will a  
Tory government look like?« with

**Greg Barker MP**

Conservative MP for Bexhil;  
Shadow Minister for Climate Change

**Iain Dale**

Blogger and publisher of »Total Politics«

**Nick Hurd MP**

Conservative MP for Ruislip-Northwood

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## **Caroline Spelman MP**

Conservative MP for Meriden; Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Venue:

Thatcher Room, Portcullis House,  
1-2 Bridge Street, London SW1

16.00 Transfer to:  
The Financial Times  
One Southwark Bridge

16.30 Discussion on: »The crisis of the  
centre-left public sphere« with

## **John Lloyd**

Contributing Editor, The Financial Times;  
Member of the Steering Committee of the  
Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

Venue: The Bracken Room

17.00 Discussion on: »Europe in the age  
of Obama« with

## **Quentin Peel**

International Affairs Editor, The Financial Times

Venue: The Boot and Flogger Bar,  
10-20 Redcross Way, London SE1

19.00 Transfer to:  
The Union Club,  
50 Greek Street, London W1D

19.30 Dinner,

followed by after-dinner tales:  
»How we took part in the fall  
of the walk« by

## **Brian Hanrahan**

Diplomatic Editor, BBC World

## **Daniel Johnson**

Founding editor, Standpoint Magazine; former  
Berlin correspondent, The Daily Telegraph

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## WEDNESDAY • 21 OCTOBER

7.30 Breakfast

8.45 Transfer to:  
Goldman Sachs International  
133 Fleet Street, London EC4A

9.30 Discussion on: »The Queen's  
question revisited: Why did we  
not see it coming?« with

**Hugh Pym**

BBC Senior Economics Correspondent

**Andrew Gowers**

Head of media relations, BP; former head of  
communications, Lehman Brothers; former  
editor of the Financial Times and founding  
editor of Financial Times Deutschland

11.00 Briefing on »Europe's role in the  
global economic recovery?« by

**Jim O'Neill**

Head of global economic research,  
Goldman Sachs Group

12.30 Working-lunch with discussion on:  
»What the private equity and the  
hedge fund business should do  
better in the future« by

**Johannes P. Huth**

Managing Director, KKR

Venue: Luytens Restaurant  
85 Fleet Street, London EC4Y

13.45 Coach transfer to London-Heathrow airport

16.10 Flight BA 0986

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19.00 Arrival at Berlin-Tegel airport

Transfer to and check-in at:

**The Savoy Hotel**

Fasanenstraße 9-10, 10623 Berlin

Tel. 030 311 030

20.00 Dinner, with keynote on: »Explaining the German federal elections – how they work and what the result will (probably) bring about«, by

**Brooke Unger**

Berlin Correspondent, The Economist

Venue: Salon Belvedere

## THURSDAY • 22 OCTOBER

8.30 Breakfast

9.00 Transfer to:

The IW Economic Institute

Wallstraße 15/15a, 10179 Berlin

9.30 Discussion on »How viable is the German economic model?« with

**Dr Karen Horn**

Head of the Berlin bureau of IW,

Institut der Deutschen Wirtschaft Köln

10.30 Transfer to: Axel Springer,  
Axel Springer Straße 65, 10888 Berlin

11.00 Briefing, followed by discussion on:  
»The rocky road that Westerwelle and Merkel will have to go down in their cabriolet – part I«, with

**Nikolaus Blome**

Home Editor, Bild Zeitung

12.00 Transfer to:  
Alexanderplatz, 10178 Berlin

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- 12.30 Ascension of the group to the restaurant up in the Berlin TV-tower
- 13.00 Working-lunch with discussion on:  
»The rocky road that Westerwelle and Merkel will have to go down in their cabriolet – part II«, with **Michael Sontheimer**  
Senior Political Correspondent;  
founding member of die tageszeitung (taz)
- 14.00 Descent of the group
- 14.30 Meeting with the Robert Havemann Society for the study of civil unrest democratic development in the GDR **Tom Sello**  
head of project; former GDR dissident,  
Venue: Open Air Pavillion
- 15.30 Transfer to:  
The Dunhill Lounge,  
Unter den Linden 42, 10117 Berlin
- 16.00 Briefing and discussion on »Our view on the cabriolet trip« with **Dr Werner Reutter**  
Humboldt University Berlin  
**Ralph Obermauer**  
Bündnis 90/Die Grünen  
**Ralf Thomas Baus**  
Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- 19.15 Transfer to:  
The British Residence  
Höhmannstraße 10, 14193 Berlin (jacket and tie)
- 20.00 Reception,  
followed by Dinner, hosted by **Sir Michael Anthony Arthur**  
British Ambassador;  
Co-patron of the programme

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23.00 Transfer to:  
The Rum Trader  
Fasanenplatz 1, 10719 Berlin

Recapitulation of the day over late-night drinks

## FRIDAY • 23 OCTOBER

7.45 Transfer to:  
Auswärtiges Amt (Foreign Ministry) (passport required)  
Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin

8.30 Working-breakfast with briefing,  
followed by discussion with: **Martin Kobler**  
Head of the department for culture and  
communications at the Auswärtiges Amt;  
former German ambassador to Iraq

Venue: Internationaler Club

10.00 Transfer to:  
Haus der Commerzbank  
Pariser Platz 1, 10117 Berlin

10.30 Briefing, followed by discussion on  
»Would I miss Lafontaine?« with **Petra Pau MdB** (Die Linke)  
Representative of Berlin Marzahn-Hellersdorf,  
vice-president of the German parliament

12.00 Transfer to:  
Ministry of defence (BMVg) (passport required)  
Stauffenbergstraße 18, 10785 Berlin

12.30 Briefing, followed by discussion on  
»Mission impossible? Aims and  
limitations of armed German  
participation in conflicts« with **Gen. Walter Huhn**  
Dep. head of the planning staff at BMVg  
**Col. Andreas Hannemann**  
Head of BMVg research team »crisis, conflicts, UN«

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13.00 Transfer to:  
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)  
Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4, 10719 Berlin

14.15 Working-lunch with briefing and  
discussion on »Mission fatigue?  
Germany's foreign policy challenges  
vis-à-vis Afghanistan« with

**Dr Markus Kaim**  
Head of Resarch Division  
»International Security« at SWP

19.30 Transfer to:  
The Rodeo Club  
Auguststraße 5, 10117 Berlin

20.00 Final Dinner,  
followed by a report about  
»Der Truppenunterhalter –  
Entertainer for the German troops  
in Afghanistan« from

**Clemens Schick**  
Actor

## SATURDAY • 24 OCTOBER

8.00 Breakfast

9.30 Transfer to:  
Deutscher Bundestag (Reichstag)  
Platz der Republik 1, 10177 Berlin

(passport required)

10.00 Discussion on the »Pitfalls of the  
coalition with the FDP« with

**Peter Altmaier MdB** (CDU)  
CDU member of parliament; Whip leader  
(Erster Parlamentarischer Geschäftsführer) of  
the CDU/CSU fraction in the Bundestag:

former

state minister in the ministry of the interior

Venue: Raum 3, N008

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- 11.00 Guided tour of the Reichstag
- 12.00 Transfer back to the Savoy Hotel
- 13.00 Lunch,  
with guidance session on the work placements abroad,  
followed by conference feedback

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