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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 distinguished publisher and journalist Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea.

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    Neon Magazine (Munich)
    Der Tagesspiegel (Berlin)
    British Press Association (Glasgow)
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    Die Welt (Berlin)
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Helen Pidd, The Guardian
Dr John F Jungclaussen, Die Zeit
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- **Deutsche Welle**
  - Bonn

- **Evening Herald/Sunday Tribune**
  - Dublin

- **WDR**
  - Cologne

- **Der Tagesspiegel**
  - Berlin

- **Die Tageszeitung**
  - Berlin

- **Spiegel Online**
  - Berlin

- **Die Welt**
  - Berlin
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The Times
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Reuters
London

The Financial Times
London

The Guardian G2
London

BBC Northern Ireland
Belfast

The Independent
London

BBC Scotland
Edinburgh
AGENDA of the CONFERENCE in the UK

FRIDAY • 17 OCTOBER

Arrival from Germany at Birmingham International Airport
Coach transfer from outside International Terminal
to Worfield, Shropshire

Check-in at:
Davenport House,
Worfield, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV15 5LE
Tel: 01746 716221, Fax: 01746 716021

19.00 Welcome drinks and informal dinner

SATURDAY • 18 OCTOBER

10.00 Breakfast

10.30 Introduction  
Peter Littger,  
Programme Director IJP  
Hans Kundnani,  
Weidenfeld Committee (Alumnus of 1998)

13.00 Buffet lunch

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

16.30 Comparative workshops on the UK and German Sunday/weekly press

20.00 Informal dinner
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SUNDAY • 19 OCTOBER

9.00  Breakfast

10.00  Briefing by IJP Alumni  
       Rebecca Lovell,  
       Video Producer,  
       The Guardian (Alumna of 2007)

Dr Moritz Schuller,  
Op-Ed Editor  
Der Tagesspiegel (Alumnus of 2003)

12.30  Informal lunch

14.00  Presentation of the workshops,  
       followed by discussion

19.00  Reception

20.00  Dinner, with keynote speech on:  
       »The liberal and theatrical roots  
       of the British media mindedness«, by  
       Thomas Kielinger, OBE,  
       Senior London Correspondent, Die Welt

MONDAY • 20 OCTOBER

7.30  Breakfast

9.00  Coach transfer to London

11.30  Check-in at:  
       The Cumberland Hotel  
       Great Cumberland Place,  
       London W1A 4RF  
       Tel: 0870 333 9280 , Fax: 0870 333 9281
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12.00 Meeting at:
The Frontline Club,
13 Norfolk Place,
London W2 1QJ

12.30 Lunch with briefing on
»The State of UK politics«, by Kevin Maguire,
Associate Editor, Daily Mirror

14.30 Visit to:
The Serpentine Gallery
Kensington Gardens,
London W2 3XA

Visit of “Gerhard Richter – 4900 Colours: Version II”

followed by Briefing by Julia Peyton-Jones,
Director Serpentine Gallery and Co-Director Exhibitions and Programmes

Hans-Ulrich Obrist,
Co-Director, Exhibitions and Programmes and Director of Projects

15.45 Transfer to:
The Carlton Club,
69 St. James’s Street,
London SW1A 1PJ

16.00 Discussion on:
»How deep is the crisis?«, with Will Hutton,
Director of the Work Foundation,
Columnist for The Observer,
Author of the book »The World we’re in«

18.00 Transfer to:
The Cabinet War Rooms,
King Charles Street
London SW1A 2AQ
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18.30 Guided tour of the Cabinet War Rooms

19.30 Dinner

Keynote Speech on:
»The Media and the Intelligence and Security Services – what sort of relationship for today’s world?«, by Sir Richard Dearlove, KCMG,
Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge,
former Head of the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS/MI6, 1999-2004)

TUESDAY • 21 OCTOBER

7.30 Breakfast

9.00 Transfer to:
The Palace of Westminster, St Stephen’s Entrance,
London SW1 2PW (passport required)

9.30 Panel Discussion on:
»Are the Conservatives ready to govern again?«, with

Greg Hands MP,
Conservative MP for Hammersmith & Fulham

Patrick Mercer MP,
Conservative MP for Newark

Fabian Richter,
Conservative candidate for Bath

Elizabeth Truss,
Deputy Director of Reform think tank

Venue: Room 3, House of Lords
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11.00   Panel Discussion on:
        »Can New Labour win a fourth term?«, with

        Martin Bright,
        Political Editor, New Statesman

        Richard Reeves,
        Director of Demos think tank

        Dr Denis MacShane MP,
        Labour MP for Rotherham,

        Venue:
        Room 3, House of Lords

12.15   Walk to:
        Westminster School,
        17 Deans Yard,
        London SW1A 2PB

12.30   Working-Lunch with keynote on:
        »The moral hazard of the financial system and its actors«, by

        A.C. Grayling,
        Professor of Philosophy at Birkbeck College,
        University of London

        at: Camden Room

        followed by a tour of Westminster School and Westminster Abbey, with

        Dr Gary Savage,
        Under Master, Westminster School,
        former Master in College, Eton College

15.00   Discussion with

        Andrew Gilligan,
        Evening Standard,
        Journalist of the Year 2008

        at: Millbank House, Room 134,
        2 Millbank, London SW1A 0PW

16.00   Transfer to Lord Weidenfeld’s home

16.30   Tea and discussion with

        The Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea
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18.30  Transfer to:
The German Residence
22 Belgrave Square,
London SW1X 8PZ

19.00  The 11th Alumni Dinner of
The George Weidenfeld Bursary,
hosted by the German Ambassador

H.E. Georg Boomgaarden,
German Ambassador,
Co-patron of the programme

With keynote-speech on: »The
Future of Quality in Journalism«, by

Alan Rusbridger,
Editor of The Guardian

WEDNESDAY • 22 OCTOBER

7.00  Breakfast

8.15  Coach transfer to:
McLaren Technology Centre,
Woking, Surrey GU21 4YH

9.00  Guided tour,
followed by briefing with

Jonathan Neale,
Managing Director of McLaren Racing

11.00  Coach transfer to:
Financial Services Authority (FSA)
5, The North Colonnade,
Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS

Briefing and discussion on:
»The Future of Regulation«, by

Verena Ross,
Director of Strategy and Risk, FSA

followed by sandwich lunch
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13.30 Coach transfer to:
London-Stansted airport

15.25 flight AB 8295

End of the CONFERENCE in UK

18.05 scheduled arrival at Berlin Tegel Airport

18.45 Transfer to:
Mövenpick Hotel,
Schöneberger Str. 3, 10963 Berlin
Tel. 030 23006-0

19.30 Meeting at:
Deutscher Bundestag, (passport required)
Platz der Republik 1, 10177 Berlin

Guided tour of the Reichstag

20.30 Transfer to:
Restaurant Brecht-Keller,
Chausseestr. 125, 10117 Berlin

21.00 Dinner

22.00 followed by night owl session on:
«The Case of Injustice in the face of the economic crisis», with

Ottmar Schreiner MdB,
Member of the SPD Party Board,
Author of the book »Die Gerechtigkeitsfalle«
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THURSDAY • 23 OCTOBER

8.30 Breakfast with discussion on:
»How to deal with the erosion of the middle-class«, with

Dr Alexander Brakel
Member of the parliamentary group for strategic policy planning of CDU/CSU

at: Die Eins Restaurant,
Wilhelmstraße 67a, 10117 Berlin

10.00 Discussion on:
»Good times for the SPD?«, with

Kajo Wassermöbel,
Executive Secretary of SPD

At: SPD headquarters,
Willy-Brandt-Haus
Wilhelmstr. 140, 10963 Berlin

11.15 Walk to the British Embassy,
Wilhelmstraße 70, 10117 Berlin

Briefing by

Sir Michael Anthony Arthur, KCMG,
British Ambassador,
Co-patron of the programme

Susan Speller,
Head of Press and Public Affairs

12.00 Working-Lunch with discussion on:
»Germany’s Grand Collision«, with

Andreas Theyssen,
Political Editor, head of the Berlin bureau of the Financial Times Deutschland

At: Malatesta Restaurante,
Charlottenstr. 59, 10117 Berlin

13.30 Transfer to:
Auswärtiges Amt,
Werderscher Markt, 10117 Berlin

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13.45 Briefing and Discussion on:
»German-Russian relations«, with
Gernot Erler, MdB (SPD)
Minister of State

Transfer to:
Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft,
Scharnhorststr. 34-37, 10117 Berlin

15.00 Briefing and Discussion on:
»How powerful is G8?«, with
Dr Matthias Koehler,
Head of Division German G8-Sherpa

16.15 Transfer to:
Deutsche Bank,
Unter den Linden 13-15, 10117 Berlin

16.30 Briefing and Discussion on:
»Germany and the credit crunch«, with
Dr Bernhard Speyer,
Finance, Markets, Regulation, DB Research

18.00 Discussion on:
»Prospects of the Left«, with
Dr Gregor Gysi, MdB (Die Linke)

At: Kanzler Eck,
Reinhardtstr. 44, 10117 Berlin

19.30 Transfer to:
Samowar Restaurant,
Luisenplatz 3, 10585 Berlin

20.00 Russian Style Dinner with
poetry performance on:
»My life in Berlin«, with
Wladimir Kaminer,
Journalists, book Author (»Russendisko«)
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FRIDAY • 24 OCTOBER

7.00 Breakfast

8.00 Transfer to:
Rolls-Royce Deutschland,
Dahlewitz, Brandenburg

9.00 Guided Tour of the Rolls-Royce plant,
followed by discussion on
»15 years in Brandenburg«, with Dr Michael Haidinger,
President, Rolls-Royce Deutschland,
COO Corporate and Regional Engines
Martin Brodie,
Head of Communications Europe,
Middle-East and Africa

12.00 Transfer to:
Airport Tempelhof,

13.00 Guided tour

15.00 Flight over Berlin in a Rosinenbomber (upon invitation by Rolls-Royce)

19.30 Final Dinner

Keynote on:
»Appeasement in the times of crisis.
Or: An appeaser is someone who
feeds the crocodile hoping that he
will be eaten last«, with

Henryk M Broder
Columnist, book author
(›Kritik der reinen Toleranz‹)

At: Flughafen Tempelhof
Officer’s Lounge

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