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1999

23 October – 30 October
Schloß Hubertushöhe, Berlin, London

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

H.E. Her Majesty’s Ambassador of the United Kingdom
to the Federal Republic of Germany

H.E. The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
to the Court of St. James
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AGENDA

22 OCTOBER • SUNDAY

12.00 meeting at: Hotel Maritim ProArte, Lobby
   Friedrichstraße 151,
   10117 Berlin-Mitte
   Tel 030.2033-5 · Fax 030.2033-4209
   depart for Schloßhotel Hubertushöhe, by coach

14.00 check in at: Schloßhotel Hubertushöhe,
   Robert-Koch-Straße1
   15859 Storkow
   Tel 033678.43-0 · Fax 033678.43-100
   buffet lunch

15.00 introduction to the Conference
   Peter Littger, IJP
   Richard Edgar, IJP
   introduction of the participants
   coffee break

16.00 group workshops

18.00 opening briefing and discussion

Press or Press Gang:
Does the media poison the relationship between Britain and Germany?
   Jürgen Krönig, UK-correspondent for Die Zeit

20.30 followed by dinner
24 OCTOBER • SUNDAY

10.00 breakfast
11.00 presentation of given workshop-topics
13.00 lunch
17.00 depart for Berlin
18.00 check-in at: Hotel Ermelerhaus
   Wallstraße 70-73
   10179 Berlin-Mitte
   Tel 030.24062-0 · Fax 030.24062-222
20.00 meeting at: Restaurant Tucher
   Pariser Platz
   10177 Berlin-Mitte

speech

Germany’s new role in Europe and in the transatlantic world

Dr. Hermann von Richthofen,
Chairman of the Deutsch-Englische Gesellschaft,
former German ambassador to the Court of St. James
and to NATO followed by dinner with programme alumni

25 OCTOBER • MONDAY

8.30 breakfast
9.00 The New Berlin
a guided coach-tour through the new centre of Berlin
10.30 visit to the Reichstag parliament building
12.00 meeting at: Bankgesellschaft Berlin
   Alexanderplatz 2
   10178 Berlin-Mitte
briefing and discussion
Will Berlin ever be attractive for big business?

*Dr. Heinz Grimm,*
chief-economist of Bankgesellschaft Berlin

*Thomas Heilmann,*
partner of Scholz & Friends Berlin advertising and PR group

followed by lunch

14.30 meeting at: Parlamentarische Gesellschaft
Ebertstraße 30
10117 Berlin-Mitte

briefing and discussion

**Black times for the Greens: A reform process or withering away?**

*Matthias Berninger* (MdB),
„Realo-coordinator“ of the Green Party

17.00 meeting at: Mauergedenkstätte Bernauerstraße
Bernauerstraße 111
13355 Berlin

briefing and discussion

**Hopes and regrets ten years after the wall came down**

*Angelika Barbe* (CDU),
member of „Runder Tisch“ in 1989/90 and former MdB

*Martin Gutzeit* (SPD),
in 1989, initiator of the SPD in East-Germany,
now: Berlin Secretary for the examination of the Stasi-files

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**26 OCTOBER • TUESDAY**

8.30 breakfast

10.45 meeting at: Reichstag
Platz der Republik 1 (Raum 3 S040)
11011 Berlin-Tiergarten

briefing and discussion
Happy Red Socks -
the PDS as a melting pot of GDR apparatschiks and their victims

_Petra Pau_, PDS Berlin party-leader (MdB)

11.45 meeting at: Hauptstadtstudio of ARD
Wilhelmstraße 67
10117 Berlin-Mitte

briefing and discussion

One year with the Schröder government - could the CDU do any better?

_Matthias Wissmann_,
CDU party-board member (MdB), CDU-Speaker for economic and technological affairs; former federal minister for transport

13.15 same venue:
briefing and discussion

Always look to the East: The defined role for Germany in the EU

_Dr. Friedbert Pflüger_,
CDU party-board member (MdB),
Head of the Bundestag-Committee for EU affairs

followed by lunch

14.30 same venue:
discussion

Are the cosy days of Bonn over now?
The new relationship between media and politics in Berlin

_Eva Christiansen_,
CDU spokeswoman

_Ulrich Deppendorf_,
editor-in-chief of ARD Television

_Michael Donnermeyer_,
spokesman of the SPD Party Board

_Toni Patterson_,
Berlin correspondent for The Guardian and The Sunday Telegraph
19.00 meeting at: British Residence
Höhmannstraße
Berlin-Grunewald
briefing and discussion

And now a word from our sponsor ...

Sir Paul Lever,
H.M.’s Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany
(co-patron)
followed by dinner with sponsors of the programme and with
representatives of different departments of the British Embassy

27 OCTOBER • WEDNESDAY

7.00 Germans: breakfast, hotel check-out
transfer to: airport Berlin-Tegel
8.25 LH 2308/LH 4518 (arrival 11.55 h)
9.00 Brits: breakfast, hotel check-out
transfer to: airport Berlin-Tegel
11.00 BA 991 (arrival 12.05)
12.15 transfer to: Hotel St. James Court
Buckingham Gate
SW1E 6AF London
Tel 0171.834665 · Fax 0171.6307587
15.15 meeting at: Congress Club
1 Great Peter Street
SW1 London
briefing and discussion

What future for the Lords?

Lord strathclyde,
Conservative Party leader in the House of Lords

16.00 same venue:
briefing and discussion
Devolution - the situation in Wales

Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP

19.30 meeting at: The Groucho Club
45 Dean Street
London-Soho
dinner with programme-alumni
after-dinner speech

Attention! Blair is creating a one-party system

Bob Marshall Andrew, Labour MP

28 OCTOBER • THURSDAY

8.30 breakfast
9.30 meeting at: Congress Club
1 Great Peter Street
SW1 London
briefing and discussion

Northern Ireland - Will the Assembly ever sit?

Conor Murphy, Sinn Fein
Jonny Diamond, BBC World Service

10.30 coffee break
11.00 same venue:
continuation of the discussion on Northern Ireland:

Geoffrey Donaldson,
MP, Ulster Unionist
Bernard Purcell,
Irish Independent (London)
Helen Jackson,
Mo Mowlam's PPS

12.10 meeting at: Central Lobby
Palace of Westminster
SW1 London
tour of the Houses of Parliament, guided by

*Lord Graham of Edmonton*

13.00 *meeting at: Congress Club (s.a.)*

*lunch-speech*

**Third Party Politics in Britain**

*Rt Hon Charles Kennedy,*

MP, leader of Liberal Democrats

14.30 *same venue:*

*briefing and discussion*

**Ethnic Minority representation in and by the media**

-*stereotyping and the public’s attitude to multiculturalism*

*Peter Botomley*, Conservative MP

*Suresh Grover*, the monitoring group

*Michael Hastings*, Director of Public Affairs at the BBC

*Chris Myant*, Senior Press Officer of the Commission for Racial Equality

17.00 *transfer to: German Embassy*

23 Belgrave Square

SW1 London

*briefing and discussion*

**The covering of Germany in the British press**

*Dr. Hans-Friedrich von Ploetz,*

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St. James (co-patron)

18.30 *followed by a reception*

21.00 *meeting in: The Cabinet War Rooms*

Entrance: King Charles Street

**Don’t mention the war**

-*or have we finally and fully come to terms with the past?*

*Prof Dr. Richard Grayson*
29 OCTOBER • FRIDAY

8.30 breakfast
10.00 meeting at: ITN Building
               200 Gray Inn’s Road (Boardroom)
               WC1 London
round-table discussion

Media and politics in Britain
-do we care anymore about our politicians’ peccadilloes?

   Michael Gove, The Times
   Simon Walters, The Mail on Sunday
   Michael White, The Guardian
   Liam Halligan, ITN Correspondent

followed by lunch-buffet in the boardroom

15.00 meeting at: The Chop House
            36E Shad Thames
            SE1 London

guided tour through the Butlers Wharf

The Terrence Conran phenomenon

   Yola Drage, Conran’s Marketing Manager

10.00 meeting at: Foreign and Commonwealth Office
            King Charles Street
            SW1 London

briefing and discussion

Britain within or without Europe?

   Ed Hobart, FCO Press/Information Officer
   Thomas Kielinger I UK-correspondent for Die Welt
30 OCTOBER • SATURDAY

10.30 meeting at: Edwardian II boardroom
   St James Court Hotel
   breakfast and feedback session of the conference

12.00 end of conference

15.00 transfers to: Airport London Heathrow

17.05 Germans: LH 4601 to Frankfurt,
   individual connecting flights
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of the British-German Journalists’ Bursary 1999

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The annual British-German Journalists’ Conference was established in 1986 after a state visit of Bundespräsident Richard von Weizsäcker to the UK.

Since then, ten British and ten German journalists have come together for a week of discussions and briefings each year with politicians, academics and leaders in business and media.

In 1995, IJP set up its then fourth bilateral exchange programme for journalists, the British-German Bursary Programme.

Each year, the programme is a unique career opportunity for ten British and German journalists to explore their areas of interest and expand their professional experience by working for six to eight weeks for a media organisation in the other country. The bursary amount is £1,800 or 5,000 DM.

Both schemes, the conference and the bursary, are supported by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (London) and the Bundespresseamt (Berlin) and by British and German companies. Fazit-Foundation of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung has been the main sponsor of the Conference for many years.

The British-German Journalists’ Conference 1999 has convened more than 35 speakers for briefings and background talks. Among the UK speakers were for example Peter Botomley, Charles Kennedy, Lord Strathclyde. German speakers were e.g. Matthias Berninger, Ulrich Deppendorf, Friedbert Pflüger, Petra Pau, Matthias Wissmann.

IJP – Internationale Journalisten-Programme is an association based in Germany and similar to a charitable educational trust. Currently, IJP offers bursary schemes for journalists from Germany, Asia-Pacific, the Netherlands, Latin-America, Northern Europe, South-Africa, the USA and the UK.

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