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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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BBC World Service (London)
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B.Z. (Berlin)
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The Daily Telegraph (London)
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The Guardian (London)
The Independent (London)
The News of the World (London)
The Observer (London)
Der Tagesspiegel (Berlin)
die tageszeitung (Berlin)
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SWR (Baden-Baden)
Die Welt (Berlin)
Welt am Sonntag (Berlin)
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Host newsrooms:

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BBC World Service
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London

The Independent
London

The Guardian
London

BBC Newsnight
London

The Daily Mirror
London
AGENDA of the CONFERENCE in the UK

FRIDAY • 28 OCTOBER

until 19.00 arrival from Germany at London Heathrow Airport
20.00 coach transfer from outside Heathrow Terminal I to West-Sussex
22.00 check-in at:

The Bailiffscourt Hotel & Health Spa,
Climping Street, Climping, West Sussex. BN17 5RW
Tel: 01903 723511, Fax: 01903 723107

22.30 welcome drinks and buffet

SATURDAY • 29 OCTOBER

10.00 breakfast

14.00 introduction

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

15.00 briefings by the participants on current issues
of media and politics in Britain and in Germany

16.30 comparative workshops on the Sunday/weekly press

20.00 informal dinner

SUNDAY • 30 OCTOBER

9.00 breakfast

11.00 meeting with IJP Alumni

Velislav Radev,
BBC World Service (Alumnus of 1999)
Flora Wisdorff,
Der Tagesspiegel (Alumna of 2004)
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13.00 informal lunch

15.00 presentation of the workshops, followed by discussion

20.00 dinner, with keynote speech by Steve Crawshaw, London Director of Human Rights Watch, Author of the book »Easier Fatherland« in the Music Room

MONDAY • 31 OCTOBER

8.30 coach transfer to London
11.00 check-in at: The Westbury Mayfair Hotel Bond Street, London W1S 2YF Tel: 020 7629 7755, Fax: 020 7495 1163

12.30 discussion on »How is the new Berliner format changing journalism at the Guardian«, with Chris Elliott, Managing Editor Jonathan Freedland, Columnist Ian Mayes, Reader’s Editor (Ombudsman) Lucy Ward, Social Affairs Correspondent (Alumna of 1999) at: The Guardian 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1

15.00 discussion on »Britishness, diversity and social cohesion. A quest for progressive nationalism«, with David Goodhart, Editor of Prospect Magazine at: German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce, 16 Buckingham Gate, London SW1
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17.00 panel discussion on »Is Europe disintegrating?«, with
Katinka Barysch,
Chief Economist, Centre for European Reform
Ulrich Hoppe,
Director General of the Chamber of Commerce
Frans Lijnkamp,
Director of Public Policy, T-Mobile UK
Thomas Kielinger OBE, (chair of the panel)
London Correspondent of Die Welt
Larry Siedentop,
Fellow of Keble College, Oxford,
Author of the book »Democracy in Europe«
same venue

19.30 dinner, with keynote speech by
Bill Emmott,
Editor of The Economist,
Author of the book »20:21 Vision:
Twentieth-Century Lessons for
the Twenty-First Century«
at: The Union Club,
50 Greek Street, London W1 (Soho)

TUESDAY • 1 NOVEMBER

10.00 optional tour through The Palace of Westminster
meeting point: St. Stephen’s Entrance
St. Margaret Street, London SW1

11.00 panel discussion on »The Tories:
Doomed to opposition?«, with
Philip Davies MP (Con)
Michael Gove MP (Con),
former Columnist for The Times
John F. Jungclausen, (chair of the panel)
London Correspondent of Die Zeit
Ed Vaizey MP (Con),
Editor of the »Blue Books»
at: House of Commons,
Room W2 (off Westminster Hall)
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12.00 lunch with panel discussion on
»Re-inventing representation
or re-writing history?«, with Philip Cowley,
Reader at the University of Nottingham,
Author of the book »The Rebels«
Peter Hitchens,
Columnist of The Mail on Sunday
Lord Laird of Artigarvan (UUP)
Viscount Thurso MP (Lib Dem)

at: The Astor Suite,
1 Parliament Street

14.00 panel discussion on
»Are we giving in to terrorism?«, with Chris Bryant MP (Labour),
Parl. Priv. Secretary to the Lord Chancellor
Doug Jewell,
Campaign Director of LIBERTY

at: Ground Floor Meeting Room,
Fielden House, 13 Great College St.

16.30 panel discussion on »Labour:
Renewal in power?«, with Angela Eagle MP (Labour),
Vice Chair of Parliamentary Labour Party
Sunder Katwala,
Chairman of The Fabian Society
Chris Leslie,
former MP and Minister for Constitutional Affairs
Kitty Ussher MP (Labour)
Matthew Tempest, (chair of the panel)
Political Correspondent at Guardian.unlimited

same venue

19.30 dinner, with keynote speech by Erik Tarloff,
Novelist, former Clinton speechwriter,
Author of the book »Face Time«

at: Christopher’s Restaurant
18 Wellington Street, London WC2
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WEDNESDAY • 2 NOVEMBER

9.15  visit to the London sewers, guided tour by ThamesWater  
meeting point: Knightsbridge Underground station, outside Harrods

13.00 lunch, with discussion on  
»Britain’s role in Europe«, with  
Sir Stephen Wall,  
former adviser to Tony Blair on Europe  
Dominick Chilcott,  
Director for Europe, FCO  
Edwin Samuel,  
German Desk Officer, FCO

at: Drones Restaurant,  
1-3 Pont Street, London SW1

14.30  briefing by  
Hans-Henning Blomeyer-Bartenstein,  
Head of Mission (Gesandter)  
Michael Flügger,  
Head of Public Affairs

at: The German Embassy,  
23 Belgrave Square, London SW1

15.30  discussion on  
»London is the most important  
city in the Middle East«, with  
Abdel Bari Atwan,  
Editor of Al Quds al Arabi

at: The Westbury Hotel  
The Brighton Room

19.30 informal dinner

at: St. John Bread and Wine  
94-96 Commercial Street, London E1

End of the CONFERENCE in the UK
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AGENDA of the CONFERENCE in Germany

SUNDAY • 12 FEBRUARY 2006

afternoon arrival in Berlin
until 19.00 check-in at:
Berlin Marriott Hotel,
Inge Beisheim Platz 1, 10785 Berlin,
Tel: 030 22000 1000, Fax: 030 22000 5020

20.00 informal follow-up dinner
at: Café Einstein,
Kurfürstenstraße 58, 10785 Berlin

MONDAY • 13 FEBRUARY

10.30 meeting at:
Bertelsmann Repräsentanz,
Unter den Linden 1, 10117 Berlin

10.45 presentation of the movie
“Dresden – the Inferno”

13.15 lunch, with discussion on »Is the outlook for my fatherland as grim as the Germany I write about?«, with Ludwig Siegele,
Berlin Correspondent of The Economist
at: Manzini Mitte Restaurant,
Reinhardtstraße 14, 10117 Berlin

15.00 discussion on »the SPD today«, with Niels Annen MdB (SPD),
Member of the Auswärtiger Ausschuss (Foreign Select Committee), Member of the party board
at: Paul-Löbe-Haus,
Eingang West, Raum 2.201,
Konrad-Adenauer-Allee 1, 10117 Berlin
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16.30 briefing by
Hugh Mortimer,
Head of Mission
Jonathan Brenton,
Head of Media and Public Affairs

at: The British Embassy,
Wilhelmstraße 70, 10117 Berlin

19.00 discussion on »The new relationship of state power and the forth estate«, with
Bruno Schirra,
Investigative Reporter, Die Welt, Cicero etc.

at: venue tbc

21.00 meeting at:
The Volkswagen Golden Bear Lounge,
Grand Hyatt Hotel,
Marlene-Dietrich-Platz 2, 10117 Berlin

22.30 presentation of the movie “V for Vendetta”
at: Berlinale-Palast

TUESDAY • 14 FEBRUARY

9.30 guided tour to the Olympiastadion Berlin, Olympischer Platz 3, 14053 Berlin followed by discussion on »Will Germany win the football world cup – infrastructurewise …«, with
Markus Hesselmann,
head of sport section at Der Tagesspiegel
Peter von Lübbecke,
Geschäftsführer Olympiastadion GmbH

11.30 discussion on the »Does being the political opposition again mean having fun again?«, with
Renate Künast MdB (B90/Die Grünen),
Head of the parliamentary fraction, former Minister for agriculture, nutrition and consumer protection (2001-2005)

at: Die Eins Restaurant,
Wilhelmstraße 67a, 10117 Berlin
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13.15 discussion on »It’s the FDP, stupid!«, with
Guido Westerwelle MdB (FDP),
Party Chairman, Head of parliamentary
fraction as from May 2006

at: Café Einstein, Galerie
Unter den Linden 42, 10117 Berlin

15.30 discussion on »Selling Germany«, with
Rainer Eugen Schlageter,
Ambassador, Head of Department K05

at: Auswärtiges Amt,
Werderscher Markt 1, 10117 Berlin

17.00 discussion on »The downsides
of ruling this country with the SPD –
and the benefits«, with
Eckart von Klaeden MdB (CDU),
Foreign Policy Spokesman, Member of the
Auswärtiger Ausschuss (Foreign Select
Committee), Member of the party board

at: Jakob-Kaiser-Haus, Raum E212
Wilhelmstraße 68, 10117 Berlin

19.00 The 7th Alumni Dinner of
The George Weidenfeld Bursary,
hosted by the British Ambassador
Sir Peter Torry

with keynote-speech on »Is the
relationship between state power
and the fourth estate changing?«, by
Otto Schily,
former Minister for home affairs
(1998-2005)

followed by the presentation of the
King Edward VII Awards 2006

at: The British Residence,
Höhmannstraße 10, 14193 Berlin

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