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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.

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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  
69 St James’s Street, London SW1A  
(jacket and tie)

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, 34th floor
45 Maple Street, London W1P

(passage required)

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 Bexhill;
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

Venue: The Bracken Room

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

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

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

19.00 Transfer to:
The Union Club,
50 Greek Street, London W1

19.30 Dinner,
followed by after-dinner tales:
»How we took part in the fall of the wall« 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
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 Research 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) (passport required)
Platz der Republik 1, 10177 Berlin

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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