

## Tiergarten Conference 2016

### *Diplomacy*

#### *Opportunities, Limits, Perspectives*

Symposium and Panel Discussion, 9 September 2016

### Symposium:

9.15 to 14.30, Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia to the Federal Government,  
Hiroshimastr. 12-16, 10785 Berlin  
(English-German translation available)

from 8.45

*Admission and registration*

9.15

#### **Welcome:**

**Michael Bröning**, Head of the Department for International Policy Analysis, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

**Franz-Josef Lersch-Mense**, Minister for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media in the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Berlin

9.45 – 11.30

#### **Panel I:**

#### ***On the Right Path? European Crisis Management in Eastern Europe***

*Relations with Russia unclarified. Ukraine mired in crisis. Frozen conflicts posing risks. Poland arming... More than two years after the annexation of Crimea, the eastern neighbourhood remains a diplomatic labour of Hercules. Facing instability in the neighbourhood, does Europe need more collective action or more instances of flexible cooperation? How much weight does the OSCE have? And not least, what can the traditional instruments of diplomacy still achieve when faced with "little green men", propaganda and the loss of state monopoly on the use of force?*

- **Alfredo Conte**, Head of the Strategic Planning Division in the European External Action Service, Brussels
- **Andreas Heinemann-Grüder**, Senior Researcher, Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), Bonn
- **Pierre Morel**, Ambassador, Chairman of the Trilateral Contact Group's Working Group on Political Affairs, Paris
- **Alain Richard**, Member of the Senat of the French Parliament, Former Minister of Defence, Paris



**Discussion, chaired by: Reinhard Krumm**, Head of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's Office for Cooperation and Security in Europe, Vienna

11.30 – 12.30

*Lunch*

12.30 – 14.15

**Panel II:**

***My Enemy's Enemy Is My Friend? Crisis Management in the Middle East***

*A war of many fronts, terrorist threats proliferating, failed states and lost revolutions: The conflicts in the Middle East are too complex for black-and-white. Do strategic partners still exist in such an environment? Or are ad-hoc alliances all that is left? How viable are negotiations, where all sides possess some power, but nobody (any longer) the monopoly of use of force? How much pragmatism can diplomatic crisis management bear?*

- **Abdelelah Al-Khatib**, Head of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Senate of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Amman
- **Michelle Müntefering**, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the German Bundestag (SPD), Head of the German-Turkish Parliamentary Friendship Group, Berlin
- **Wolfram Lacher**, Research Division Middle East and Africa, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin
- **Marina Ottaway**, Middle East Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C.

**Discussion, chaired by: Ralf Hexel**, Head of the Middle East and North Africa Department, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

14.15

**Summing up:**

**Michael Bröning**, Head of the Department for International Policy Analysis, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

*after the  
symposium*

*Snacks and refreshment, venue moves to Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Haus 1, Hiroshimastr. 17, 10785 Berlin (across the street)  
Admission and registration for the public meeting*



## Panel discussion

15.15 to 17.30, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, House 1, Hiroshimastr. 17, 10785 Berlin

(English-German translation available)

from 14.30

*Admission*

15.15

**Welcome address:**

**Kurt Beck**, Former Prime Minister of Rhineland Palatinate and Chair of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

15.30

**Talk:**

***The Role of Diplomacy in Contemporary European and Global Crises***

**Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs**

16.00 – 17.15

**Panel discussion:**

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- **Alfredo Conte**, Head of the Strategic Planning Division in the European External Action Service, Brussels
- **Rolf Mützenich**, Deputy Chair of the SPD Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag for Foreign Affairs, Defence and Human Rights, Berlin
- **Frank-Walter Steinmeier**, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Berlin

**Discussion, chaired by: Marion von Haaren**, Correspondent for the ARD, Berlin

17.15

**Summing up:**

**Ingrid Matthäus-Maier**, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

afterwards

**Reception**



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#### **About the Tiergarten Conference:**

The Tiergarten Conference was established in 2011 as Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung's international foreign policy and security meeting. Every year we bring together international experts and political decision-makers for closed discussions and public events. The aim is to analyse strategic questions and develop progressive courses of action. Through the associated open events, the Tiergarten Conference circulates the results of the discussions to a broader public and thus contributes to a well-grounded foreign policy and security debate in Germany.

The Tiergarten is a nexus of diplomatic relations and the seat of the international work of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.