



Tackling the Europe Question

US Foreign Policy in the lead up to the Presidential Elections

Invitation | 30 November 2011 | 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Hertie School of Governance | Friedrichstraße 180 | 10117 Berlin

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Gearing towards the 2012 presidential election, issues at the forefront of the candidial debates include the economy, trade, unemployment, healthcare and foreign affairs. As discussions on intervention, security and defence become increasingly pertinent on both sides of the Atlantic, a key question to explore is how relevant the European perspective is in the lead up to the next US election. In recent years US Foreign Policy has shifted its focus further eastwards towards Asia and the Pacific with Europe being deemed less of a political and economic force to be reckoned with. What does the future of US-Europe relations look like and how will this relationship have to change in the face of new global challenges? To which extent does Europe risk losing its relevance on the global playing field in the wake of this shift from transatlantic to trans-pacific relations?

These and other questions will be addressed by **Kim Holmes** in a keynote speech on **Tackling the European Question**. Holmes' talk will be followed by a discussion with **Jackson Janes** and **Martin Thunert**, chaired and moderated by **Andrea Römmele**.

The event will be followed by a reception.



Kim Holmes is Vice President for Foreign and Defense Policy Studies and Director of the Davis Institute of International Studies at The Heritage Foundation. He served as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs during President George W. Bush's first term. Many of Holmes' recommendations have become U.S. policy, including mandates enabling Iraq to make the transition to democracy and the United Nations Security Council's first binding nonproliferation resolution.

Discussion

Jackson Janes is the Executive Director of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at the Johns Hopkins University.

Martin Thunert is University Lecturer and Senior Research Fellow in political science at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies.

Chair and Moderation

Andrea Römmele is Professor for Communication in Politics and Civil Society at the Hertie School of Governance.

Registration

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We kindly request that you register for this event by 28 November 2011.

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