



# Looking East – Trend Lines in the Asia-Pacific

Keynote & Discussion with Daniel Russel, U.S. State Department

**Invitation | 22 March 2016 | 6.00 - 7.30 p.m.**

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Rapid change in the Asia-Pacific region drives changes in the West’s relationship with Asia. Global challenges, the digital economy, shifting demographics, and China’s rise are creating new opportunities and strategic stress points. Today, the Asia-Pacific region is connected to – and impacts – the Atlantic partnership as never before, even as East Asians struggle to develop a common identity and functioning institutions.

Hear from America’s top diplomat for the Asia-Pacific on how to understand these regional trends and what the United States is doing with Europeans and other partners to shape a future that promotes prosperity, preserves security, and advances shared values.

*The event is hosted in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Germany.*



**Daniel Russel** is the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs and is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary on July 12, 2013, Mr. Russel served at the White House as Special Assistant to the President and National Security Council (NSC) Senior Director for Asian Affairs.

During his tenure there, he helped formulate President Obama’s strategic rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region, including efforts to strengthen alliances, deepen U.S. engagement with multilateral organisations, and expand cooperation with emerging powers in the region.

Prior to joining the NSC in January of 2009, he served as Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs and had

assignments as U.S. Consul General in Osaka-Kobe, Japan (2005-2008); Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague, Netherlands (2002-2005); Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus (1999-2002); Chief of Staff (1997-99) as well as Special Assistant (1995-96) to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering; Political Section Unit Chief at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Republic of Korea (1992-95); Political Advisor to the Permanent Representative to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, Ambassador Pickering (1989-92); Vice Consul in Osaka and Branch Office Manager in Nagoya, Japan (1987-89); and Assistant to the Ambassador to Japan, former Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (1985-87).

Before joining the Foreign Service, Daniel Russel was manager for an international firm in New York City. He was educated at Sarah Lawrence College and University College, University of London, UK.

The Hertie School of Governance reserves the right to publish photographic and film documentation of the event in print, online, and audiovisual formats.

## Registration

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