

Europe: A Continent of Reconciliation?

40 Years after Willy Brandt's Visit to Warsaw

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Partners: Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung i Robert Bosch Stiftung

from 9:30 Registration

10.00 Opening

Janusz Reiter, director of the Center for International Relations, former polish ambassador to Germany and the U.S.

Anke Fuchs. Chairwoman, Friedrich Ebert Foundation

10.15 Emotions, Symbols, Politics - Europe as a Continent of Reconciliation

> What was the role of reconciliation symbols in the aftermath of the war? Which were the most significant symbols and gestures then? What reception did they get at the time? In what sense do emotions intertwine with politics? What are preconditions for reconciliation between two nations? To what extent can Willy Brandt's New Eastern Policy be seen as leading the way even now?

Introduction: Prof. Dr. Fritz Richard Stern, historian

Tadeusz Mazowiecki, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan, Dean of the Humboldt-Viadrina School of Governance

Dr. Irina Kobrinskaya, Research fellow at the "Institute of World Economy and International Relations" (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Science

Moderator: **Dr. Peter Frey**, Chief Editor, ZDF television

12.00 Lunch break

13.00 Addresses

> Bronisław Komorowski, President of the Republic of Poland Christian Wulff, President of the Federal Republic of Germany

13.45 Speech

Sigmar Gabriel, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany

14.00 The policy of detente - a model for European Foreign policy?

Which instruments of Brandt's policy of detente are still relevant for European foreign and security policies even today? Which goals should European neighbourhood policies pursue? How are security and peace in Europe to be safeguarded today? What are the duties of the new Europe in the world? Which dangers have to be faced globally?

Introduction: Prof. Dr. Adam Daniel Rotfeld, former Foreign Minister of the Republic of Poland

Martin Schulz, Chairman, Progressive Alliance of Socialdemocrates in the European Parliament **Pawel Zalewski**, Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Karen Donfried, former Executive Vice President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States **Thomas Schmid**, editor of "Die Welt" daily newspaper

Moderator: Axel Schäfer, member of the Bundestag, Vice-Chair of the SPD caucus in the Bundestag

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 <u>Does Europe offer a model for meeting global challenges?</u>

In what sense is the European model of progress towards democracy and social market economy attractive to other countries even today? Can Europe still play the role of example to other regions in the world?

Introduction: Alain Richard, former French minister of defence

Prof. Egon Bahr, former Federal German government minister

Dr. Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

Enrique Barón Crespo, former President of the European Parliament

Dr. Angelica Schwall-Düren, minister for Federal Affairs, Europe and Media in the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia

Moderator: Janusz Reiter, former Ambassador of Poland

17.30 Conclusion

Radosław Sikorski, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Poland

18.00 End of conference

19.00 Opening the exhibition "Willy Brandt and Poland"

by Prof. Egon Bahr, former German Federal Government minister

Dr. Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

Venue: Warsaw Rising Museum (ul. Grzybowska 79, 00-844 Warsaw)

20.00 Evening reception