

## Invitation

In recent years relations between the USA and Europe have been marked by ups and downs. The Bush administration foreign policy in particular contributed to a trend toward alienation of Europe from the USA. The election of Barack Obama raised great hopes in Europe for a renewal in transatlantic relations.

Europe meets America – our new series of dialogues is directed at civil society and aims to initiate a learning process on both sides of the Atlantic:

- Study and understand differences and commonalities with a view to political structures and socio-political challenges in the USA and Europe.
- Meet personalities from "your" and the respective "other" Union in order to perceive the Unions in a new light and consider them as equal partners.

The initial seminar will focus on two thematic complexes:

- The USA and the EU towards a *more perfect Union* – the comparison of the constitutional processes and their development and the present federal structures in the two entities shall elucidate the issue.
- Consideration of similarities and/or differences in institutional structures in both the USA and Europe: How are the common challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century dealt with?

The seminar is aimed at students, junior researchers, staff of ministries and deputies, disseminators from the field of education and citizens interested in transatlantic issues from Europe and the USA.

Participate in an intercultural exchange and discuss this topical issue with experts from the USA and Europe! We look forward to welcoming you to our conference.

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## Itinerary



Frankfurt/Hahn Airport (51 km)  
Saarbrücken-Ensheim Airport (63 km)  
Zweibrücken Airport (73 km)  
International Airport Findel, Luxembourg (83 km)  
Aéroport Metz (136 km)  
City-Airport Mannheim (146 km)  
International Airport Frankfurt/Main (185 km)



From the north and the east: direction Mainz  
From the south and the west: direction  
Saarbrücken  
Destination: Türkismühle (take bus no. R200 to  
Otzenhausen)



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Europäische Akademie



Otzenhausen

## European-American Dialogue

### Similar Structures – Common Challenges?

November 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

EAD Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen

## Program

**Friday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

15.00

### Opening

Edward M. Alford, US Consul General  
Dr. Eckart Guth, former EU Ambassador, Brussels  
Representatives of the organizers

## Part I: Similar Structures?

16.00 – 19.00

### 1. Two Continents on the Way Toward a More Perfect Union

#### USA: from a confederation to a federal State, 1774-1788

Prof. Dr. Michael Dreyer, Department of Political Science,  
Friedrich Schiller University of Jena (tbc)

#### Europe: from Rome to Lisbon

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#### Discussion: Can the two ways be compared?

Impulse lecture: Dr. Hans Kristoferitsch, L.L.M., Vienna  
Discussion leader: Dr. Werner Kremp

20.00

### World café

Direction: Meike Gerboth, EAO

**Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

9.00 – 10.30 Uhr

### 2. Comparison of two systems sui generis (present)

**USA:** Robert E. Hunter, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C. (tbc)

**EU:** Prof. Sigmar Schmidt, University of Landau

#### Followed by discussion

Discussion leaders: Wolfgang Tönnesmann, Dr. Elisabeth Schmitt

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11.00 – 12.30

### 3. The Role of the US Supreme Court and the European Court of Justice in the Process of Integration of the Unions

#### The US-Supreme Court - The European Court of Justice

Dr. Marcus Höreth, University of Bonn

#### Followed by discussion

## Part II: Common Challenges?

14.30 – 16.00

### Afghanistan, Iran, Al Quaida and other Threats – How Compatible Are U.S. and European Security Interests and Strategies?

Robert E. Hunter, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C. (tbc)

16.30

### The current financial and economic crisis: common challenges, common solutions?

Prof. Dr. Michael C. Burda, Humboldt University, Berlin

#### Followed by discussion

20.30 – 21.30

### Euromerica

#### Song recital with Julia Oesch, mezzosoprano Jens Barneck, piano

**Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

9.00 – 12.00

### Rethinking US-Europe Relations Towards a Partnership of Equals Across the Atlantic Panel discussion

Lecture: Ulrike Guérot, European Council on Foreign Relations (tbc)

Panel: Seminar speakers

Discussion leader: Dr. Gerhard Wiesinger

#### Followed by farewell

## Information

### Venue

Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH  
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### Participants

Students, junior researchers, staff of ministries and deputies, disseminators and politically committed citizens from Europe and the USA

### Organizers

European Academy of Otzenhausen  
Atlantic Academy Rhineland-Palatinate, Kaiserslautern  
US Consulate General, Frankfurt

### Responsibility

Eva Wessela M.A., Dr. Elisabeth Schmitt (EAO)  
Wolfgang Tönnesmann, Dr. Werner Kremp (Atlantic Academy Rhineland-Palatinate)  
Dr. Gerhard Wiesinger (US Consulate General)

### Coordination

Dr. Elisabeth Schmitt (EAO)

### Working language

English

### Participation fee and service

190 € (professionals)/60 € (students)  
Accommodation in twin rooms  
Full board and lodging

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