

# Europe and the future of the Liberal World Order

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## Speakers at the conference



**Prof. Dr. Brahma Chellaney:** He is a geostrategist, scholar, author and commentator. He brings a rigorous and interdisciplinary lens to global strategic issues, including natural-resource geopolitics. He is presently Professor of Strategic Studies at the Center for Policy Research in New Delhi; a Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow of the Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin; and an affiliate with the International Centre for the Study of Radicalization at King's College London. He has served as a member of the Policy Advisory Group headed by the foreign minister of India. Before that, he was an adviser to India's National Security Council, serving as convener of the External Security Group of the National Security Advisory Board. As a specialist on international strategic issues, he has held appointments at Harvard University, the Brookings Institution, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, and the Australian National University. He has also been a fellow at the Nobel Institute in Oslo and at The Transatlantic Academy in Washington, DC. His numerous peer-reviewed papers have been published in major journals. He received his Ph.D. in strategic studies.

**Kai Gläser:** After graduating from high school, he studied Political Science and Media Studies at the University of Trier before successfully completing a Master's degree in "International Studies/Peace and Conflict Research (ISFK)" at the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main and the Technical University of Darmstadt. During his studies, he gained initial work experience through internships at the German Bundestag, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and a local radio station. From 2017, he worked as a Project Manager in the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung's Nordic Countries Project based in Riga/Latvia, and since 2019, he has been working as a Policy Advisor in the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Brussels. There, he is primarily responsible for work with the European Parliament, party cooperation within the framework of the European People's Party (EPP), and bilateral projects in the Netherlands.



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**Dr. Thomas Gomart:** He (PhD in History at Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, and EMBA at HEC) is Director of Ifri. He previously was its Vice President for Strategic Development (2010-2015) and the Director of its Russia/NIS Centre (2004-2013). Before joining the think tank industry, Gomart was a scholar (Assistant Professor at La Sorbonne, 1996-1999), a cadet officer in the Army (2000), and a policy entrepreneur (2001-2004). Joining Ifri in 2004, he set up the Russia/NIS centre. His academic and professional background has been closely related to post-Soviet space, but also to wider international issues (security, energy, and digital governance). As Lavoisier Fellow at the State Institute for International Relations (University-MGIMO – Moscow), Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Security Studies (European Union – Paris) and Marie Curie Fellow at the Department of War Studies (King's College – London), Gomart has acquired a diversified international experience.

As Researcher, he is currently working on Russia, digital governance, country risk, and think tanks. Thomas Gomart has been a member of the Strategic Review Committee on the Strategic Review of Defence and National Security 2017 (French Ministry of Armed Forces). He is a member of the scientific committee of the Institute of Advanced Studies in National Defence (IHEDN). He is also a member of the editorial board of the French journals *Politique étrangère*, *Etudes*, and *Revue des deux mondes*.



**Prof. Dr. Christoph Heusgen:** He is a German diplomat. He worked for several years in various positions on Europe policy challenges, including working on the Maastricht Treaty. He studied economics at the University of St. Gallen, where he subsequently received his PhD. After his studies, he joined the Foreign Service and worked in Chicago and Paris. From 1999 onwards, he was Director of Javier Solana's Political Staff in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. In 2005, he moved to the Federal Chancellery in Berlin, where he became Ministerial Director and Foreign and Security Policy Advisor to Angela Merkel. From 2017 to 2021, he was the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations. In April 2019 and July 2020, he chaired the UN Security Council meetings in rotation as President. Heusgen was appointed Honorary Professor of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy at the University of St. Gallen in 2020.

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**Prof. Dr. G. John Ikenberry:** He is the Albert G. Milbank Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University in the Department of Politics and the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. He is also Co-Director of Princeton's Center for International Security Studies. Ikenberry is also a Global Eminence Scholar at Kyung Hee University in Seoul, Korea. In 2018-19, Ikenberry was a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford University. In 2013-2014 Ikenberry was the 72nd Eastman Visiting Professor at Balliol College, Oxford. Ikenberry is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In a recent survey of international relations scholars, Ikenberry was ranked in the top 10 in scholars who have produced the best work in the field of IR in the past 20 years, and ranked in the top 8 in scholars who have produced the most interesting work in the past 5 years. Professor Ikenberry published eight books.

**Bilahari Kausikan:** He is a Singaporean academic, and retired diplomat and civil servant. He is known for having been Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and for serving as ambassador to the United Nations and Russia. Following his retirement, he was Ambassador-at-Large and Policy Advisor at Singapore's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is a frequent commentator on Singapore politics and foreign affairs, and is often referred to as "Singapore's undiplomatic diplomat". Kausikan first joined the civil service in 1981 as a Foreign Service Officer, and was absorbed into the Administrative Service in 1983. Kausikan was appointed Singapore's Ambassador to the newly formed Russian Federation in 1994, with concurrent accreditation as Ambassador to Finland. Kausikan was Singapore's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1995 to 1998, with concurrent accreditation as High Commissioner to Canada and Ambassador to Mexico. In 1998, Kausikan was appointed Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was appointed Second Permanent Secretary in 2001, and was elevated to Permanent Secretary in September 2010. He is now Chairman of the Middle East Institute at the National University of Singapore and Senior Fellow at the SMU School of Social Sciences.



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**Roderich Kiesewetter:** He is since 2009 Member of the German Parliament (CDU) and former General Staff Officer of the Bundeswehr (Colonel GS, Federal Armed Forces). His professional career has involved various command and staff positions, including at the EU Council in Brussels, NATO HQ in Brussels and SHAPE, Mons, the German Federal Ministry of Defense, the position of battalion commander, and several operations abroad. From 2006 onwards he served as head of the Chief of Staff's office (Executive Officer) at NATO Headquarters in Mons.

In 2009, he was elected to the German Bundestag. Until 2013, he was serving as Deputy Chairman of the Subcommittee on Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation. Since 2014 he serves as special representative of the CDU/CSU-caucus in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and is substitute member of the Defense Committee. Mr. Kiesewetter was until 2013 spokesman on Disarmament Arms Control and Non-Proliferation of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag.

Roderich Kiesewetter MP holds the position of Head of the German delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) and is a member of the German Delegation at the interparliamentary conference for the common foreign and security Policy (CFSP) and the common security and defence policy (CSDP).



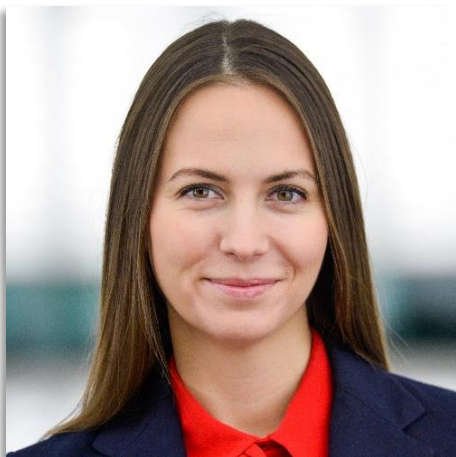
**Ivan Krastev:** He is the chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, permanent fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna (IWM) and 2013-14 Richard von Weizsäcker fellow at the Robert Bosch Stiftung in Berlin. He is a founding board member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the advisory board of the ERSTE Foundation, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA). He is also associate editor of Europe's World and a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Democracy and Transit – Europäische Revue. From 2004 to 2006 Mr. Krastev has been the executive director of the International Commission on the Balkans chaired by the former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the Bulgarian Edition of Foreign Policy and was a member of the Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London (2005-2011).

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**Dr. Heinrich Krefz:** He holds the Chair for Diplomacy at Andrassy University Budapest and is Director of its Center for Diplomacy. Previously, he was Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (July 2016 - August 2020), Special Ambassador for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue and for International Academic Relations, and Deputy Head of the Planning Staff of the Federal Foreign Office. From 2006-2010 he was a Foreign and Security Policy Advisor in the German Bundestag. Other assignments in his 38-year diplomatic career have taken him to Washington, Tokyo, Madrid and La Paz. In between, he was a visiting fellow at the Henry L Stimson Center, the Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institutions, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Transatlantic Academy of the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Washington, DC. He studied political science, history, sociology and economics at Juniata College (USA), at the WWU Münster and at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (I.E.P.) and the Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Amérique Latine of the Sorbonne Nouvelle.



**Eva Maydell:** She is the youngest EPP Group member elected from the largest centre-right Bulgarian Party GERB. She is a member of the EP's Internal Market and Consumer Affairs and Economic and Monetary Affairs Committees and the Delegation for Relations with China and the US.

From January 2013 until her election, Eva was the Executive Coordinator of the GERB-EPP Delegation and Senior Policy Advisor in the European Parliament. She co-managed the Party's relations with the EPP. In addition, Eva supported GERB's leadership in maintaining and fostering contacts with political leaders across Europe, which is a critical component of the Party's long-standing efforts to deepen Bulgaria's ties with Western Europe. Previously, she served as Policy Advisor to an MEP, worked at the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), UniCredit Bank and the British Embassy in Sofia.

Eva graduated in International Affairs and Business Administration at the American University John Cabot in Rome, Italy, where she served as President of the Student Government. She is also an alumna of Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Her key interests in the EP include SMEs & Entrepreneurship, the Digital Single Market and Education.

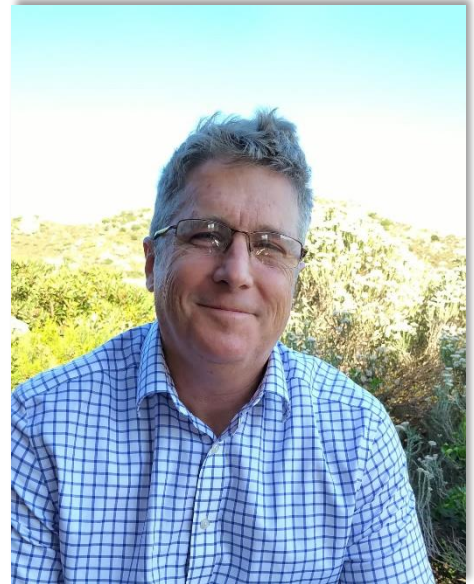
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**Dr. Greg Mills:** He heads the Johannesburg-based Brenthurst Foundation, established in 2005 by the Oppenheimer family to strengthen African economic performance. He holds degrees from the Universities of Cape Town and Lancaster, and was the National Director of the SA Institute of International Affairs from 1996-2005. He has directed numerous reform projects in African presidencies, sat on the Danish Africa Commission and on the African Development Bank's high-level panel on fragile states, and served four deployments to Afghanistan with the British Army as the adviser to the commander.

A member of the advisory board of the Royal United Services Institute, he is the author of the best-selling books „Why Africa Is Poor“ and „Africa's Third Liberation“, and most recently, together with President Olusegun Obasanjo „Making Africa Work: A Handbook for Economic Success“. In 2018 he completed a second stint as a visiting fellow at Cambridge University, writing this time a book on the state of African democracy, which was published as „Democracy Works“ in 2019. „The Asian Aspiration: Why and How Africa Should Emulate Asia“ has followed in 2020, which identifies the relevant lessons from Asia's development and growth story. He is currently writing a book on the efficacy of foreign aid along the spectrum from military intervention to development assistance.



**Dr. Vladimir Morozov:** As Vice-Rector Dr. Morozov supervises human resources; student internships, graduates and employers (personal and corporate scholarships); faculty retraining and advanced courses; and monitors the work of the Diplomatic Module.

Dr. Morozov received his Bachelor's degree from the School of International Relations of MGIMO and pursued a Master's degree in Regional Studies. He also got another degree from the School of Economics of the Russian State Social University. In 2009, he received his Ph.D. in History. In 2002–2004 and 2007–2008 he worked as lecturer at the English language department №7 at MGIMO, specializing in political translation. In 2004–2007 he served as Attaché, Third Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Israel. Between 2007 and 2012 he was Deputy Head and Head of the Department of student engagement and work with graduates of MGIMO. In 2008–2011 he gave lectures at the MSU Department of Regional Issues of World Politics. In 2010, he became Associate Professor at the Department of Diplomacy at MGIMO. In 2012–2014 he worked as Deputy Vice-Rector for human resources in MGIMO. In 2014, he became Vice-Rector for human resources. Since 2013 he has been pursuing a Doctorate degree. In January 2016, he became Member of the Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences on History of International Relations and Foreign Policy of Russia.



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**Prof. Dr. Zoltán Tibor Pállinger:** He has held the office of Rector of Andrásy University Budapest (AUB) since September 1, 2021. He has held the Chair of Political Theory and European Democracy Studies at Andrásy University Budapest since 2007. After receiving his PhD from the University of St. Gallen, he worked in the Swiss Federal Chancellery between 1997 and 2002. Between 2002 and 2007 he was a research fellow at the Liechtenstein Institute. Since 1998 he has held various teaching positions at the ETH Zurich as well as at the University of St. Gallen. In addition, he was a lecturer at the NICLAS Summer School in Vienna and in Budapest. His main research interests are in the following areas: Democracy Research, Direct Democracy, Comparative Politics, Elite Research, Small States Research, Governance, and Political Theory and History of Ideas.



**Salman Shaikh:** He is the Founder and CEO of The Shaikh Group (TSG), a specialised peacebuilding organisation dedicated to mitigating and resolving violent conflict, with a focus on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Shaikh has extensive experience leading mediation and Track II diplomacy initiatives with and between local actors, governments, and key international actors – with a focus on Syria, the broader Levant, the Gulf region and Iran. Those initiatives have sought to advance practical initiatives that promote tolerance, mutual security, and shared economic prosperity – empowering the people of the region to make peace. Before establishing TSG, Shaikh was the director of the Brookings Institution's Doha Center, where his research focused on conflict resolution, domestic policy, and geopolitics of the Middle East. Shaikh previously worked the United Nations in a number of offices, including as Special Assistant, Middle East and Asia in the Office of the Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs, political Advisor to the Secretary-General's Personal Representative for Lebanon during the 2006 war, Special Assistant to the Special Coordinator to the Middle East Peace Process, and Programme Officer for the Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict. Shaikh also served as Director for policy and research in the private office of Her Highness Sheikha Moza bin Nasser al-Missned, the Consort of the former Emir of the State of Qatar.

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**Peter Szijjartó:** He is Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary and an economist who earned his degree in International Relations from the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration in 2002. In 1998 he joined Fidesz and was elected to member of the municipal government in the same year in the city of Győr, and then he obtained a mandate between 2006 and 2010 again. In 2005 he was elected to president of Fidelitas, the youth organization of Fidesz. He occupied this position until 2009. He first became member of the National Assembly in 2002, before he received mandates in 2006, 2010 and 2014 as well; currently he serves his fourth term as member of the Parliament. He served as communications director and spokesman of the Fidesz between 2006 and 2010, and he was chief of staff of the party's president from 2009 to 2010.

During his parliamentary work he was deputy faction leader of Fidesz and chairman of the Parliament's Budget Committee. He served as the Prime Minister's spokesman from June 2010 to June 2012, and headed the Prime Minister's staff in charge of press, international and organizational affairs. In June 2012 he was appointed to State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and External Economic Relations of the Prime Minister's Office. He served as Government Commissioner for Hungarian-Russian Relations and Hungarian Chinese Bilateral Relations from March 2013. In June, 2014, he was appointed to Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Parliamentary State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.



**Michael Winzer:** He has been the head of the international office Budapest/Hungary since March 2021. He is a former scholarship holder of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and studied economics in Stuttgart and Gothenburg. Previous positions for KAS were in Tashkent/Uzbekistan, in Bangkok/Thailand and most recently in Beijing/China as well as at the KAS headquarters in Berlin. During his time at KAS Michael Winzer published several publications.



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**Prof. Dr. Lanxin Xiang:** He is Professor (emeritus) of International History and Politics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. He is currently Director of Institute of Security Policy (ISP), China National Institute for SCO International Exchange and Judicial Cooperation (CNISCO) in Shanghai. CNISCO is a presidential project. He also holds an academic chair at Shanghai University of Political Science and Law. He is also founder of Strategic Compass Dialogues (SCD), a track II forum of US-China, EU-China, US-EU-US. He is incoming Director of EU-China Strategic Dialogue at the Schumann Center, EUI, Florence and visiting scholar at Elliott School, George Washington University.

He was former Henry A. Kissinger Chair of Foreign Policy at the Library of Congress. A graduate of Fudan University in Shanghai, he has a PhD from SAIS, Johns Hopkins University. He held chairs at Fudan, East China Normal University and Foreign Affairs University. He was Olin Fellow at Yale and senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund. His main interest is Chinese relations with US and EU, with 4 books in English and 6 in Chinese. His most recent book, "The Quest for Legitimacy in Chinese Politics - A new interpretation" offers a criticism of both western democratic theories and Chinese political rhetoric, and debunks liberal international order.



**Prof. Iwama Yoko:** She is Professor of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS). She graduated from Kyoto University in 1986 and earned her PhD in Law at the University. Having served as Research Assistant of Kyoto University (1994–97), Special Assistant of the Japanese Embassy in Germany (1998–2000), and Associate Professor at GRIPS (2000), she was appointed Professor at GRIPS in 2009. She was a student at the Free University of Berlin between 1989–1991, during which period she encountered the end of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of the two Germanies. Her specialty is international security and European diplomatic history centering on NATO, Germany, and nuclear strategy. She has served on numerous government committees including the Council on Reconstruction of a Legal Basis for Security (2006–7, 2013–14). Her publications include *Joining the Non-Proliferation Treaty: Deterrence, Non-Proliferation and the American Alliance*, ed. with John Baylis (Routledge 2018); "Unified Germany and NATO (in Keiichi Hirose/ Tomonori Yoshizaki (eds.) *International Relation of NATO* (NATO no Kokusai Kankei), Minerva Shobo, 2012). Her new book *The 1968 Global Nuclear Order and West Germany* (Yuhikaku in Japanese) will appear in late July 2021. She is currently working on a co-authored book on the origins and evolution of the nuclear-sharing and nuclear non-proliferation regime (in Japanese) as well as a co-authored book on the Neutrals, the Non-aligned countries and the NPT (in English).