

**A New Departure for the EU  
Deepening Integration and Preventing Fragmentation  
Germany, France and Poland: From Diverging Perceptions to  
Common Approaches?**

Weimar Triangle Roundtable  
26-27 June 2018

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Tuesday, 26 June 2018

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13:00 **Arrival and Lunch**

14:30-14:45 **Welcome and Opening**

Martin Koopmann, Genshagen Foundation

Cornelius Ochmann, Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation (SdpZ)

14:45-16:30 **A Clash of Cultures? Do we face a new East-West-divide in the EU?  
Patterns, characteristics, causes & options**

*Keynote Lecture by:*

Marek Cichocki, Research Director, Natolin European Center, Editor-in-chief of the periodical „New Europe. Natolin Review” and Professor at the Collegium Civitas, Warsaw

16:30-17:00 **Break**

17:00-19:00 **1918 – 2018: End of the World War I, breaking of empires and the  
resurrection of Poland. Which lessons to draw for the future of  
Europe?**

- *What is the significance of 1918 for Europe today?*
- *What kind of lessons should Europeans draw from 1918 for shaping the future of Europe?*
- *Are we willing and able to go beyond our respective national historical perspectives to define common lessons from 1918?*
- *How does the experiences of 1918 influence today’s understanding of basic political concepts like “sovereignty”, “democracy”, “nation” and “Europe”?*

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**Markus Meckel**, Last Foreign Minister of the German Democratic Republic, Senior Associate Fellow of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

**Pierre-Frédéric Weber**, Visiting Professor, University of Szczecin

**Ireneusz Paweł Karolewski**, Professor of Political Science, Willy Brandt Centre for German and European Studies, Wrocław

**Chair: Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz**, Programme Director, European Academy Berlin

19:30

**Dinner**

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9:00-11:00

**La finalité revisited**

**The new debate on the future of the EU**

- *What are the key characteristics, frontlines and dynamics in the national debates on the future of the EU in France, Poland and Germany?*
- *Is the notion of an “ever closer union” still the right vision for the EU today?*
- *On which kind of balance between community-method, intergovernmentalism and “Union method” should the legal governance framework of the EU be based upon?*
- *How can the EU become more democratic? How should the European Parliament be reformed after Brexit and in the light of the next European elections in 2019?*
- *How can we stabilize the Eurozone without risking a permanent fragmentation of the EU-27?*
- *Should EU transfers be connected to the state of the rule of law or to economic reforms in EU member states? How could an effective and just conditionality mechanism look like?*

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**Jana Puglierin**, Head of Program, Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

**Sebastian Płóciennik**, Head of the Weimar Programme, The Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

**Yves Bertoncini**, President of Mouvement Européen France, Paris

*Chair:* **Edouard Gaudot**, Political Advisor, European Parliament, EuropaNova, Brussels/Paris

11:00-11:15 **Break**

11:15-13:15 **Bridging the divide between security and solidarity?  
Towards a comprehensive and forward-looking EU migration policy**

- *How has the issue of migration been discussed in France, Poland and Germany? What factors have shaped the dynamics of the internal debates on migration in these three countries?*
- *Has the so-called "migration crisis" been a real game-changer in the domestic dynamics of France, Poland and Germany and on the EU level? Or was it more of a catalyst of change or even just a symptom of change?*
- *How can Europeans tackle migration as a chance to foster prosperity, security and social cohesion in Europe?*
- *How should a common European asylum system based on the principles of solidarity and fairness look like? Are mandatory quotas for refugees an appropriate tool for handling refugees within the EU?*
- *How can the management of EU's external borders be strengthened?*

**Olaf Wientzek**, Coordinator for European Politics, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation, Berlin

**Yves Pascouau**, University of Nantes, "Chaire Schengen - Alliance Europa", Senior Advisor to European Policy Centre (EPC), Nantes/Brussels

**Jolanta Szymańska**, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Jan Kochanowski, Warsaw

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Chair: **Stephen Bastos**, Genshagen Foundation

13:15            **Conclusion**  
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13:30            **Lunch and Departure**

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