The West and the Global Shift of Power: Transatlantic Relations and Global Governance

Monday, July 13, 2015
10:00AM to 3:00PM
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10:00AM — 10:15AM  Welcome and Introduction

Speakers:

Daniela Schwarzer, Senior Director for Research, Director of the Europe Program, and Director of the Berlin Office, the German Marshall Fund of the United States

Riccardo Alcaro, Transworld Coordinator, Istituto Affari Internazionali

10:15AM — 12:00PM  Session 1: Rethinking Transatlantic Relations in the Multipolar Era

In an era of emerging powers and growing interconnectedness, transatlantic relations appear to have lost their bearings. Predictions that the decades-old alliance between America and Europe would fade away after the Cold War have not materialized, yet the West seems less cohesive than in the past. Is the transatlantic relationship experiencing a slow but inexorable structural drift? Or is the enduring partnership still in the process of adjusting to a changed world?

Speakers:

Ettore Greco, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali

John Peterson, Professor of International Politics, University of Edinburgh

Paola Subacchi, Director of the International Economics Department, Chatham House

Pierangelo Isernia, Professor of International Relations and Research Methodology, University of Siena

Chair: Daniela Schwarzer, Senior Director for Research, Director of the
Europe Program, and Director of the Berlin Office, the German Marshall Fund of the United States

12:00PM – 1:30PM    Lunch Presentation

Keynote remarks by Jeremy Shapiro, Fellow with the Project on International Order and Strategy and the Center on the United States and Europe, the Brookings Institution

Chair: Amy Studdart, Deputy Director and Fellow, William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (TBC)

1:30PM – 3:00PM    Session 2: Shaping Global Governance—The Challenges to Transatlantic Cooperation

As the international system fragments into different constellations of power, the West can no longer claim exclusive leadership in global governance. How can the U.S. and Europe continue to shape governance mechanisms? Should they close ranks in a transatlantic fortress, seek alternative partnerships and alliances, or jointly try to co-opt other powers in the management of global challenges?

Speakers:

The Honorable Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, United States House of Representatives

His Excellency David O’Sullivan, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States

Riccardo Alcaro, Transworld Coordinator, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Chair: The Honorable Marc Grossman, Vice Chairman, the Cohen Group

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