

DEUTSCH-BRITISCHE GESELLSCHAFT

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SCHLOSS NEUHARDENBERG
19 – 20 MAY 2011

STAYING SECURE IN A CHANGING WORLD:
GLOBALISATION, RESOURCES, BUDGETS.

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2011

Arrival and check into hotel.
Rooms are available from 15:00

18:00 – 19:30

Registration

19:30

Drinks (Große Orangerie)

20:00

Opening of the Conference

by the Chairmen (Große Orangerie)

Jürgen Großmann, CEO, RWE and *Ambassador*

Sir Michael Arthur, Chairman, British Koenigswinter
Committee

Dinner given by State Secretary *Wolf-Ruthart Born*
Address

Speakers: *Quentin Peel*, *Peter Nonnenmacher*

The bar in "Die Brennerei" will be open for drinks
after dinner.

FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2011

9:00 – 10:15

Plenary session (Großer Saal)

Address by *Chairman Jürgen Großmann* and
by *Chairman Michael Arthur*

Introduction of the Chairmen of the Study Groups
into the topics of their group
General discussion

10:15 – 10:45

Break for coffee and tea

10:45 – 12:30

The Conference divides into three working groups

Group A

Economic Security (Reventlow-Zimmer)

Chairman: *Matthew Kirk*

Rapporteur: *Karen Horn*

- ▶ How do the rapidly changing structures of the world economy and world trade impact on our economic perspectives and on our living conditions? What are our expectations? What steps do or should we take nationally and in the EU-context?
- ▶ In view of the growing international demand, how do we secure the necessary resources for our economies long-term?
- ▶ Do the British and the German national long-term energy concepts provide a sustainable and secure energy mix? What role for the EU?
- ▶ How do high public and private indebtedness affect our economic and budgetary prospects?

Group B

Social Security (Pappenheim-Zimmer)

Chairman: *Armin Laschet*

Rapporteur: *David Goodhart*

- ▶ Can we still guarantee a fair society in the future? Is equality better for everyone?
- ▶ Do the drastic steps taken by governments to reduce the budget deficits threaten social cohesion and undermine political participation and support for democratic structures?
- ▶ Given the demographic trends (ageing, shrinking) and the budget constraints, what will social security look like in our countries in 5-10 years? What are the political implications?
- ▶ Is migration a solution or a problem? Can we learn from each other's experience?

Group C

Security and Defence (Salon Bülow)

Chairman: *Lothar Rühl*

Rapporteur: *Stuart Croft*

- ▶ What are the new threats to our countries? What response do we need?
- ▶ How do we finance that response? Will this force us to do more together?
- ▶ Does the Strategic Concept give a new meaning to NATO?
- ▶ How should the NATO-Russia relationship/cooperation be shaped and developed?

FRIDAY, 20 MAY 2011

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch (Große Orangerie)

Speaker: *Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint*,
Minister of State for Trade and Investment

14:30 – 16:00

Continuation of group discussions

16:00 – 16:30

Break for coffee and tea

16:30 – 17:45

Concluding plenary (Großer Saal)

Reports from the Study Groups followed
by general discussion

Winding-up address by Rt Hon Ben Bradshaw MP

Concluding remarks by the Chairmen

18:00

Transfer to Berlin

20:30

Dinner

hosted by the

British Ambassador Simon McDonald

at his Residence,

HÖHMANNSTRASSE 10

14193 BERLIN (GRUNEWALD),

Drinks from 20:00

Approx. 22:30 End of the conference

Transfer to hotel

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