



Fifth Germany-Israel Strategic Forum

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TOPICS

- The US, Russia and beyond – towards a new international order?
- The Iran-Saudi-Arabia rivalry and its effects on the region
- Countering radicalization and terror: challenges for Germany and Israel
- Lessons learned from the Syrian conflict: how to prevent further state failure in the region?
- The Israeli-Palestinian conflict: a new impulse from outside?
- Brainstorming on Germany-Israel relations: SWOT analysis and policy recommendations

PARTICIPANTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Keynote speakers:

From Germany: **Volker Bouffier**, Prime Minister of Hessen; **Dr. Ralf Brauksiepe**, Parliamentary State-Secretary, Federal Ministry of Defense (FMoD); and **Ole Diehl**, Vice President, German Federal Intelligence Service

From Israel: **Amb. Jeremy Issacharoff**, Ambassador of Israel to Germany; and **Brig. Gen. Dror Shalom**, Head, Research and Analysis Division (RAD), Intelligence, Israel Defense Forces (IDF)

From Germany:

Dr. Marwan Abou-Taam (Research Associate, Berlin Institute for Integration and Migration Research (BIM), Humboldt University of Berlin; Special Advisor to State Criminal Investigation Department), **Dr. Philipp Ackermann** (Regional Director for the Near and Middle East and the Maghreb, Federal Foreign Office), **Dr. Wilfried Buchta** (Islam Expert and Author), **Judy Dempsey** (Editor-In-Chief, Strategic Europe, Carnegie Europe), **Dr. Fritz Felgentreu MdB** (Defense Committee (2013-17)), **Dr. Richard Herzinger** (Correspondent Politics and Society, Die Welt), **Christiane Hoffmann** (Deputy Head of Berlin Office, Der Spiegel Online), **Josef Joffe** (Editor, DIE ZEIT), **Rüdiger Huth** (Deputy Director General, Security & Defense policy Matters, FMoD), **Dr. Karl-Heinz Kamp** (President, Federal Academy for Security Policy), **Dr. Tobias Lindner MdB** (Defense Committee and Budget Committee (2013-17), Rapporteur on FMoD Budget for the Parliamentary Group the Greens), **Rudolf Rogg** (Head of Middle East Department, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)), **Antje Schippmann** (Editor Politics and Economics, BILD), **Anna Sunik** (Research Associate, Middle East Division, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA)), and **Dr. Johann Wadephul MdB** (Committee on Foreign Affairs (2013-17), Rapporteur on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group).

From Israel:

MK Rachel Azaria (Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee), **MK Omer Barlev** (Member, Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee), **Eran Etzion** (Executive Director, FSD), **Dr. Amichai Magen** (Senior Lecturer, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy; Head, Governance & Political Violence Program, ICT, IDC, Herzliya), **Shimrit Meir** (CEO, Link – the Center for Strategic Communication in the Middle East), **Barak Ravid** (Senior Diplomatic Correspondent, Channel 10 News), **Dr. Dan Schueftan** (Director, National Security Studies Center, University of Haifa), **Amb. Shimon Stein** (Senior Research Fellow, INSS; former Israeli Ambassador to Germany), **Gen. (ret.) Haim Tomer** (Former Chief of International Operational Division, PM's Office), **Col. (ret.) Rami Yungman** (Deputy Head, Policy & Political Military Bureau, Director for International Cooperation, MoD), **Haim Waxman** (Instructor, National Defense College), and **Lt. Col. Asaf Zarmi** (Representative, Strategic Planning Department, IDF).