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AFTER THE U.S. MIDTERM ELECTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018
9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Steigenberger Wiltcher's Hotel, Brussels



Following the U.S midterm election, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies and the German Marshall Fund will bring together leading European and U.S. experts and policy-makers to analyse the U.S. and the E.U. domestic political realities and their impact on foreign policy. Specifically, these conversations will explore the challenges facing the transatlantic relationship at a critical time for both our Unions. While overcoming transatlantic divergence seems daunting in the current context, understanding the drivers of U.S. and E.U. foreign policy – particularly for the remaining two years of the Trump Administration's first term – will illuminate key conversations. Moreover, they will reveal ways to begin tackling challenges on both sides of the Atlantic – as well as coming up with concrete solutions and policy recommendations.

Agenda

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30 - 9:40 Opening Remarks
Dr. Ernst Stetter, Secretary General, FEPS

9:40 - 11:00 Session I: Common Challenges
Mr. Max Bergmann, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
Mr. Matthew Duss, Foreign Policy Advisor to Senator Bernie Sanders
Dr. Daniela Schwarzer, Director, DGAP
Ms. Kristen Soltis-Anderson, Pollster and Co-founder, Echelon Insights
Mr. Paweł Świeboda, Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Center, European Commission

Moderated by Mr. Vassilis Ntousas, International Relations Policy Advisor, FEPS

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:45 Session II: Common Answers
Mr. Derek Chollet, Executive Vice President, GMF
Amb. Tony Gardner, Former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union
Ms. Fabrizia Panzetti, Head of Cabinet, S&D Head Udo Bullmann
Dr. Leslie Vinjamuri, Head, US and Americas Program, Chatham House

Moderated by Dr. Ian Lesser, Vice President, GMF

12:45-12:50 Concluding Remarks
Dr. Ian Lesser, Vice President, GMF

12:50 Lunch