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AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC
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“Distance does not matter.”

Prof. Dr. Maria Böhmer

*Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Co-Chair of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group*

Despite the geographical distance, Australia and Germany have a long-standing and substantial partnership based on shared values and trust. Economic and political bilateral relations between the two countries are key elements in the global economic and political realms. Both countries are committed to their international responsibilities and exercise them wisely. Especially in times of uncertainty and contestation, like-minded states must come together to cooperate even more closely. In recent years, both Germany and the European Union have strongly emphasised their interest and determination to enhance collaboration with Australia.

The most serious expression of this is the establishment of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group (AGAG) and the Australia-EU Partnership Framework Agreement. These two processes also form the basis for the work of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) with Australia. KAS has been cooperating with Australian political decision-makers, representatives from the business sector, civil society and academia for several years through its various projects worldwide. Since 2014 we have organised numerous activities and dialogues in close cooperation with our Australian partners, culminating in the establishment of the KAS office in Canberra in March 2017.

“There is no limit to the potential of Australia-Germany relations.”

Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann

*Minister for Finance, Australia
Co-Chair of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group*

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

As 2017 is drawing to a close, we are looking back on a year of increasing uncertainties in the global political landscape. The dangers emanating from North Korea's missile and nuclear programme, an ever-evolving terrorist threat with links to organised crime and increasing concerns about cybersecurity – all these factors pose challenges to the international rules-based order.

In Europe, countries grapple with populist forces and resurging nationalist sentiments, the pressures of large-scale migration, financial volatility, new regional security challenges and the threat of EU fragmentation. The elections in Germany brought a far-right party into parliament for the first time in more than 60 years, and in the New Zealand elections a nationalist, populist party even became the kingmaker deciding the final election result.

For Australia, as a key player in the wider Asia-Pacific, questions of regional leadership, institution-building and integration are of paramount importance to ensure continued geopolitical and geoeconomic stability, security and prosperity. Major power shifts and strategic rivalries are therefore cause for concern. Against this backdrop, the long-term economic and security integration of the South Pacific is a priority for Australia and New Zealand.

In a globalised and interdependent world, economic well-being, political stability and security are interlinked, and the security and prosperity of the Asia-Pacific (including the Indo-Pacific and South Pacific region) are of central concern not only for its wider geographical neighbourhood but also globally – what is happening in the Asia-Pacific does matter to Europe as well.

The leaders of the G20 Summit 2017 – which took place under the theme “*Shaping an Interconnected World*” – decided to take concrete action against global threats, while at the same time sharing the benefits of globalisation by building resilience, improving sustainability and assuming responsibility.

It is amidst these political currents and shifting power relations that we opened our Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific in Canberra earlier this year, establishing a permanent presence in the region. Responding to these global challenges, there is an increased need for bilateral and multilateral cooperation of like-minded nations who can work together to uphold the principles underpinning the liberal architecture. This is done by devising frameworks and policies that reflect this normative foundation and offer solutions to the pressing problems of our time. The Konrad Adenauer Foundation is committed to enhancing understanding of the drivers of these global developments and promote knowledge-sharing and dialogue among key stakeholders in the political process. In this respect, the recommendations of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group, as well as the new EU-Australia Partnership Framework Agreement mark important pillars of strategic cooperation.

In our first year as an established regional office, we have sought to achieve this multi-faceted objective by hosting a number of theme-focused events, ranging from political dialogue programmes to intensify the bilateral relationship between Germany, Australia and New Zealand to our annual Australia-Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue which we took to Berlin and Brussels for the first time. Other highlights included a geostrategic policy



session at the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) as well as the new Konrad Adenauer Lecture Series which was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, the former President of the German Bundestag and newly elected Chairman of our Foundation. We also began to establish a foothold for the Foundation in the South Pacific, by being part of a UNDP regional programme on political parties.

As you read on, you will hopefully be able to glean an overview of our focus and activities in 2017, a panorama snapshot of how we have sought to bring our regions closer together and contribute towards improving the political environment in this part of the world.

When reflecting back on 2017, it is hard not to anticipate a 2018 fraught with further insecurities and instability. But the best bet we have when trying to enact positive change in the political arena is to look around and build trusting relationships with like-minded partners. To this we are committed, and we look forward to working together with you to achieve this goal. On this positive note, my team and I look forward to the new year and cordially thank all our friends and partners for the great support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy

Director

Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific



SENATOR THE HON. MATHIAS CORMANN – MINISTER FOR FINANCE

delivered the keynote speech at the Official Opening.

▼ *BELOW: Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, Ms Lucy Turnbull AO, Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann, Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, German MP Volkmar Klein and Ms Gerda Winkler, Chargé d'Affaires at the German Embassy in Canberra (from left to right).*



OFFICIAL OPENING OF KAS AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC REGIONAL PROGRAMME

Canberra, 22 March 2017

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung officially opened its Australia office, located in the Parliamentary triangle in Canberra, on 22 March 2017. The Australia and the Pacific office constitutes a pivotal pillar for KAS' main fields of expertise, namely foreign and security policy as well as parliamentary and party dialogue. The ceremonial opening was attended by Ms Lucy Turnbull AO and officiated by the Australian Finance Minister, the Hon. Mathias Cormann, who is at the same time Co-Chairman of the Australia-Germany Advisory Group, an initiative committed to the strengthening of bilateral relations at the highest political level.

In its progress report the Advisory Group had stated in December 2016 that *"the Konrad Adenauer Foundation's (KAS) decision to open a new office in Canberra will further strengthen our countries' knowledge and understanding of our common challenges and interests. The new office will allow KAS to expand its existing research on Asia-Pacific issues and further strengthen Germany's understanding of the region. At the same time, Australia will benefit from KAS' substantial body of policy work on European issues."* (Australia-Germany Advisory Group: Collaboration, Innovation & Opportunity. Progress Report, December 2016)

DR. GERHARD WAHLERS

Deputy Secretary General and Head of the Department of European and International Cooperation at KAS.

From the German side, the inauguration ceremony was officiated by MP Volkmar Klein, Chairman of the German-Australian-New Zealand Parliamentary Friendship Group at the German Bundestag, and the Deputy Secretary General of KAS, Dr. Gerhard Wahlers, who was instrumental in establishing the new office in Canberra. Dr. Wahlers highlighted how the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung was very proud to be the first of all political foundations in Germany to pay tribute to the outstanding role of Australia and the Pacific region within the global order by opening a regional programme in Australia's capital.





THE DELEGATION AT THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT

pictured with the Hon. Dan Tehan MP, the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, Mr Bert van Manen MP, Senator Linda Reynolds CSC, the Hon. Michael Keenan MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP and the Hon. Steven Ciobo MP.

A SELECTION OF OUR 2017 ACTIVITIES

GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS AND THEIR FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

Sydney & Canberra, 20–24 March 2017

As part of our official opening, German MP Volkmar Klein and Dr. Gerhard Wahlers also conducted a series of political talks in Sydney and Canberra, with the overall aim of deepening exchanges with representatives from the political arena, think tanks, academic institutions, and the economy as well as expanding relations with the Liberal Party of Australia.

In Sydney, the delegation met representatives of the German-Australian Chamber of Commerce, the Macquarie Group, researchers from the United States Studies Centre and representatives of German companies, media and educational institutions to discuss economic cooperation, the consequences of 'Brexit', current US foreign policy, wider security issues and cyber security as well as the development of bilateral relations.

In Canberra, the delegation held political talks at the Australian Parliament, with particular emphasis

on the developments in the USA, China and Europe. The delegation also discussed electoral politics and challenges in the domestic political landscapes of both countries with representatives of the Liberal Party of Australia.

The programme concluded with an exchange on foreign and security policy at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) and a round table discussion in cooperation with the ANU Centre for European Studies on the ramifications of Brexit for both the EU and Australia, the future of the EU as a political project, and how the security objectives of both regions overlap.

These various meetings highlighted once more how Germany and Australia, despite the great geographic distance, are united through shared values and common interests in the fields of foreign/security, economic and social policy.



SENATOR DAVID BUSHBY
with German MP Volkmar Klein (left)
and Dr. Gerhard Wahlers (right).



SENATOR ERIC ABETZ
with Dr. Gerhard Wahlers (left) and
German MP Volkmar Klein (right).

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GERMANY-AUSTRALIA EXPERT DIALOGUE ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES

*with German Minister of State, Prof. Dr. Maria Böhmer, German MP Volkmar Klein
and the delegation of Australian business leaders.*

EXPERT DISCUSSION: ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES FOR AUSTRALIA AND GERMANY

Berlin, 19 May 2017

With Brexit currently posing the biggest economic challenge for the EU, new trade deals as well as stable and trusting relations between like-minded nations are of supreme importance in politically tumultuous times. Populist parties and movements worldwide oppose globalisation and free trade, and offer oversimplified solutions and reductionist answers to the pressing questions of our time, in many cases leading to even greater protectionism and isolation. This can be felt in the trade relations of the Trump administration, with tangible ramifications for Germany and Australia through trade barriers and Trump's abandonment of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Against this background, it is crucial to strengthen German-Australian trade relations even further, especially with a focus on the implementation of recommendations by the German-Australian Advisory Group.



DR. ANDREW MACKENZIE

Honorary Chairman of the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce and CEO of BHP Billiton, meets German Minister of State, Prof. Dr. Maria Böhmer.

When a high-ranking delegation of Australian business leaders – led by Dr. Andrew Mackenzie, Honorary Chairman of the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce and CEO of BHP Billiton – visited Germany, KAS organised an expert exchange with German politicians and representatives of various ministries to discuss the current political and economic challenges faced by both countries, and to see how the relationship could be intensified in the future. The cooperation between Germany and Australia rests on a foundation of shared values and interests, and is pursued through joint initiatives such as the G20 and free trade negotiations between the EU and Australia. After Brexit, Australia is observing Europe with great interest, especially with Germany and France having the potential of becoming increasingly important partners.

Following the discussion, the Australian delegation met with German Minister of State, Prof. Dr. Maria Böhmer for a further exchange on these topics.



MR FRANK PRIESS

Deputy Head of the Department for European and International Cooperation at KAS, welcoming the delegation.



MP VOLKMAR KLEIN AT THE NEW ZEALAND-GERMAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION IN AUCKLAND

pictured with Ms Monique Surges (fifth from left), Executive Director of the Association, CEOs and leaders of the business community.



RT. HON. BILL ENGLISH

Former Prime Minister of New Zealand (centre) with MP Volkmar Klein (left), Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy (second from right) and Ms Katja Theodorakis (right).



MP VOLKMAR KLEIN AT THE NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT FOR HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL TALKS

ABOVE: pictured with then Ministers Gerry Brownlee (centre) and Nathan Guy (left). ▶ RIGHT: pictured with then Speaker of the House, the Rt. Hon. David Carter (right) and then Deputy Speaker Chester Borrows (left).

“CREATING MOMENTUM FOR PARTNERSHIP”: POLITICAL DIALOGUE PROGRAMME NEW ZEALAND WITH GERMAN MP VOLKMAR KLEIN

Wellington & Auckland, 7–9 June 2017

MP Volkmar Klein, Chairman of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for the Relations with Australia and New Zealand, travelled to New Zealand for a three-day parliamentary exchange and political party dialogue programme which also included roundtable discussions with leaders from the business community and foreign/security policy experts.

MP Klein visited the New Zealand Parliament and the National Party headquarters in Wellington and conducted high-level political talks that centred on the common political and economic challenges faced by both countries. The various meetings focused on the changing global political climate, manifested in issues such as the

uncertainty caused by Brexit in relation to the free movement of goods and people, the changing strategic landscape worldwide, especially after the election of Donald Trump, as well as challenges posed by international terrorism, refugee flows and the causes of migration as well as the rise of populism.

Aside from the potential for furthering the bilateral economic relations between Germany and New Zealand, the question of global leadership in a changing strategic environment was a major point of discussion, and how this could translate into advancing cooperation between Germany/Europe and New Zealand.





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at the Delegation of the EU for the Pacific.



KAS AT THE GERMAN HONORARY CONSULATE
in Suva with Mr David Aidney (centre), Honorary Consul.



KAS AT THE UNDP PACIFIC OFFICE
with Mr Bakhodir Burkhanov (second from right), Country Director and Head of Regional Policy and Programme.

WIDER REGIONAL FACT-FINDING MISSION

Fiji, 5–11 August 2017

As part of KAS' portfolio in the region, the KAS Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific undertook a project scoping trip to Nadi and Suva.

The aim of the fact-finding mission was to identify common areas of interest and possibilities for cooperation between KAS and selected organisations and institutions in the fields of democracy development, institution building, capacity building and good governance. KAS has set itself the target to offer solutions for democratic deficits through dialogue between the political sector and civil society, to initiate a dialogue on social and economic policy issues, as well as to contribute to climate change and energy policy for the South Pacific region.

To this end, meetings were held with the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany, Fiji National University (FNU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pacific Office – Fiji, German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO), Delegation of the European Union in the Pacific (EU), Council for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO), Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF), Fiji Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI), University of the South Pacific (USP), USP School of Government, Development and International Affairs (SGDIA), Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Fiji.

KAS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

with Prof. Rajesh Chandra (fourth from left), Vice-Chancellor and President.





KAS AUSTRALIA-EUROPE CT DIALOGUE

Conference group shot with delegates, speakers and special guests.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

by Parliamentary State Secretary, Dr. Günther Krings.



AUSTRALIA-EUROPE CT DIALOGUE

The delegation at the Bundestag with Dr. Klaus Schüler (right), Federal Director of the CDU.

“TRANSFORMING THE NEW THREAT LANDSCAPE”: 3rd AUSTRALIA-EUROPE COUNTER-TERRORISM DIALOGUE

Berlin & Brussels, 4–8 September 2017

In cooperation with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), KAS' Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific brought a high-level delegation of CT policy-makers and experts from Australia to Berlin and Brussels to have the opportunity for a fruitful exchange of knowledge and experience about current developments, effective counter-strategies and new collaborative activities.

The title of the 2017 dialogue, *“Transforming the New Threat Landscape”*, was deliberately chosen not only to acknowledge the evolving dynamics of terrorism over the past year, but more importantly, to draw attention to our collective potential to do something about it. The Islamic State (IS) has shown itself versatile in adapting to battlefield losses by keeping their propaganda machine going and shifting their focus outward, away from their crumbling caliphate in Syria and Iraq; this is manifested in rising levels of IS-inspired and coordinated attacks across Europe, a sophisticated bomb plot foiled in Australia as well as IS' growing presence in South East Asia (SEA). Despite military successes, the reach of IS – especially also through militants and foreign fighters flowing to Europe and SEA – remains therefore an ongoing, acute challenge for security agencies in Europe and Australia. Due to IS' adaptability and seeming resilience as a terror group, it is often assumed that our responses to these threats are reactive rather than proactive; in other words, that in our collective action against IS we have not managed to be a step ahead to be able to stem their reach into our societies. Yet a resigned assessment of the threat landscape leaves out the potential of harnessing and pooling expertise from across

two geographically-distant yet closely related continents – Australia and Europe.

The Dialogue's central event, a 1.5-day closed-door conference in Berlin, was opened by Parliamentary State Secretary Dr. Günther Krings (MP) from the German Federal Ministry of the Interior. His keynote remarks highlighted the benefit of, and urgent need for further enhancing international cooperation in the face of the complex, very serious threats our societies are faced with. Dr. Krings lauded Germany and Australia for already having such a relationship which, at the bilateral level as well as within the international community, can continue to be built upon. The conference, conducted under Chatham House Rule, was centred on assessing key developments, sharing experiences from the operational level, critically examining existing methods and initiatives as well as looking at how current practices could be further developed to meet evolving challenges.

The conference was followed by three days of meetings at various ministries, institutions and think tanks in Berlin and Brussels, where the Australian delegation was able to further exchange expertise and share experiences with European CT experts and decision-makers. A key insight that emerged throughout the various meetings and talks was that a whole-of-society approach is needed to counter intolerant and hateful extremist groups such as IS: political will, resolve, a healthy democratic culture, solidarity and international cooperation based on the rule-of-law.

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at the Pacific Regional Dialogue on Political Parties.



“DOES THE PACIFIC NEED POLITICAL PARTIES?”: PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL PARTIES

Fiji, 19–20 September 2017

“Does the Pacific need political parties?” Based on this question, a regional workshop on political parties in the South Pacific region took place in Fiji in cooperation with the UNDP.

Political parties have an important role to play in the development of liberal democracies, and the South Pacific is no exception. Although the conditions may differ in each of the participating countries, all political parties are required to have an open exchange with civil society in order to be able to meet the needs of their citizens in the long term. As many of the political parties in the South Pacific are still young and in the process of development, this dialogue was organised to advance the sustainable development of political party structures. The overall aim was to promote a common understanding of the democratic processes in the South Pacific and to identify possible links for future cooperation.

More than 40 representatives of various political parties and electoral commissions from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Samoa participated in this dialogue.

The workshop provided an overview of the role and function of political parties in democratic societies and also facilitated a knowledge exchange between participants in the South Pacific. Furthermore, it identified the similarities and the challenges facing political parties in the Pacific. It became clear that the majority of political parties from the participating countries had limited party structures. As such, this workshop played a key role in emphasizing the importance of political parties and the fundamental values of democracy in the South Pacific.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
with facilitator Mr Simon Aleker.



“GEOPOLITICS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES”: GEOSTRATEGIC POLICY SESSION AT THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Perth, 5 November 2017

The 2017 Asia-Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) took place in Perth from November 3–5, 2017. Organised by the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce, it focused on the bilateral business relations between Australia and Germany in the Indo-Pacific/Asia-Pacific context. Particularly against the backdrop of a wider retreat to protectionism worldwide, increasing trade and investment, bilaterally as well as multilaterally, is important to ensure future global prosperity. In this regard, there is great potential for Australia and Europe to cooperate more through a Free Trade Agreement.

The APRC as a whole brought more than one thousand delegates to Perth to hear from business and political leaders about future opportunities in areas such as Mining & Resources, Industry

4.0, Energy, Disruptive Technologies, Defence Industries and how Australia acts as a premier business gateway for the Asia-Pacific region.

No conference on trade relations in the Asia-Pacific would be complete however, without addressing the geostrategic forces shaping this region, and KAS Australia and the Pacific was privileged to be hosting an important panel discussion on this topic. Titled “*Geopolitics in the Asia-Pacific Region: Opportunities, Challenges and Perspectives*”, this session brought together the Foreign Ministers of Australia and Singapore, the Hon. Julie Bishop MP and the Hon. Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, political editor David Speers from Sky News as well as a select group of international security experts.

FOREIGN MINISTERS
of Singapore and Australia.





THE HON. JULIE BISHOP MP
(right) and the panellists.

Following the ministers' addresses and moderated by David Speers, Dr. May-Britt Stumbaum, Prof. Dr. Joachim Krause (both from Germany), Prof. Dr. Brahma Chellaney (India), Prof. Gordon Flake (Perth USAsia Centre), Mr Peter Jennings (Australian Strategic Policy Institute) and Mr Paul Kelly from The Australian shared their assessment and geopolitical outlook for the region. The overarching aim was to identify current geopolitical challenges, compare various regional perspectives as well as highlight opportunities and develop recommendations for future cooperation.

This is based on the clear linkage between foreign/security policy and trade and investment, with economic growth often seen as an enabler of strategic change within a region, while at the same time being influenced by the regional security architecture. To seize new trade and investment opportunities therefore requires a thorough understanding of the regional security landscape. The panel specifically sought to address

how the Asia-Pacific strategic order is evolving, especially in regards to great power competition and the potential of a wider paradigm shift in the international order.

Despite identifying clear challenges for the international rules-based order, the panel concluded on an upbeat note, agreeing that the need for increased strategic cooperation between Australia and the EU had never been greater.



THE HON. DR. VIVIAN BALAKRISHNAN



A ENGAGING ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

“THE EVOLVING EU-AUSTRALIA SECURITY RELATIONSHIP IN THE INDO-PACIFIC CENTURY”: EXPERT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AT THE PERTH USAsia CENTRE

Perth, 6 November 2017

Picking up on the geopolitical themes of the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, our delegation of experts continued this fascinating discussion at the Perth USAsia Centre. In a foreign policy roundtable led by Professor Gordon Flake, MP Volkmar Klein,

Prof. Brahma Chellaney, Prof. Joachim Krause and Dr. May-Britt Stumbaum discussed the possibilities and opportunities offered by an evolving strategic partnership between the EU and Australia in the Asia-Pacific region.

OUR EXPERT DELEGATION

Prof. Brahma Chellaney (second from left), Prof. Joachim Krause (third from left) and Dr. May-Britt Stumbaum (centre) at the Perth USAsia Centre with Director, Prof. Gordon Flake (third from right).



"NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS AND SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC": EXPERT ROUNDTABLE AT THE US STUDIES CENTRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Sydney, 7 November 2017

There are many facets to the strategic challenges we are facing, and we are determined to capture as many as we can through our expert dialogues. This is why we were delighted that we had the opportunity for another foreign policy roundtable at the US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. Here, our experts discussed how to navigate strategic uncertainty in the Indo-Pacific, especially with an eye on the changing leadership role of the US in the region.



PROF. JOACHIM KRAUSE
(centre) and experts at the US Studies Centre at the University of Sydney.

PROF. BRAHMA CHELLANEY

(second from right) speaking on the topic of new strategic challenges in the Indo-Pacific, pictured here with Dr. Ashley Townshend, Acting Director, Foreign Policy, Defence and Strategy at the US Studies Centre (left).





*FROM RIGHT TO LEFT: Prof. Benjamin Schreer, Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy
Prof. Joachim Krause, German Consul General Mr Lothar Freischlader, Ms Katja Theodorakis.*

"GERMANY'S NEW ROLE IN THE WORLD": A LECTURE BY PROF. DR. JOACHIM KRAUSE

Sydney, 8 November 2017

Professor Dr. Joachim Krause gave a lecture at the Department of Security Studies at Macquarie University in Sydney, which addressed Germany's new role in a changing world order. How Germany adapts to a changing European and global environment is of critical importance to international affairs. As Europe's largest power and the fourth biggest economy in the world, Germany's strategic choices will have significant implications, including for Australia and the Asia-Pacific. In the face of uncertainty over the role of

the United States, Brexit, the resilience of European democracies and revisionism by Russia and China, there is now a debate about Germany's need to assert a leading role in international affairs and to becoming a 'real' great power again. In front of 100 students and academics, Professor Krause eloquently outlined the trajectory of German foreign policy and offered his thought-provoking assessment of the role Germany is likely to play in a changing international order.

POLITICAL DIALOGUE PROGRAMME WITH GERMAN MPs MARK HAUPTMANN AND VOLKMAR KLEIN

Perth & Sydney, 1–6 November 2017

In response to the connectivity the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Perth sought to inspire, KAS Australia and Pacific conducted a further political dialogue programme with MP Mark Hauptmann and MP Volkmar Klein which focused on the topics of Digitalisation, Innovation, Economic Policy, Industry 4.0, Energy and Cybersecurity. MP Hauptmann and MP Klein met with Australian politicians, representatives from the economic sector as well as industry and academic experts

in Sydney and Perth to exchange perspectives and strengthen ties in regards to these important socio-economic and security issues, including a topic-focused exchange with Australian MP Ben Morton in his electorate in Western Australia. Within this thematic framework, the various discussions centred on political and economic issues pertinent to Germany and Australia as well as the potential offered by Start-Up Hubs and venture capital.

EXCHANGE AMONGST MPs

German MPs Mark Hauptmann and Volkmar Klein with Australian MP Ben Morton (from left to right).





PROF. DR. NORBERT LAMMERT

Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung welcomed by the Rt. Hon. Bill English (left), Leader of the Opposition, New Zealand.



THE DELEGATION

with the Rt. Hon. David Carter (second from left), former Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament.



POLITICAL DIALOGUE

with the Hon. Christopher Finlayson MP (second from right), Shadow Attorney General, New Zealand.



PROF. DR. NORBERT LAMMERT AND THE HON. STEVEN JOYCE MP

Spokesperson on Finance and Campaign Chair of the New Zealand National Party.



THE DELEGATION

with the Ambassador of Germany to New Zealand, HE Mr Gerhard Thiedemann (second from left, front), and guests from politics, academia and the diplomatic corps.



SHARED VALUES

despite geographical distance: Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert at National House with New Zealand National Party President, Mr Peter Goodfellow, and members of the Board of Directors.

“EUROPE IS – DESPITE ITS CRITICS – STILL A SUCCESS STORY”: PROF. DR. NORBERT LAMMERT, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG AND PRESIDENT OF THE KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG, VISITS NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

Wellington, Sydney, Brisbane & Canberra, 21–29 November 2017

Prof. Dr. Lammert’s visit was highly topical during a time period when electoral politics and the political landscapes in Germany, Australia and New Zealand have been undergoing dynamic shifts, with coalition talks still underway in Germany months after the federal election, Australian political stability impacted by the dual citizenship saga and the surprising turn of New Zealand’s formation of government contrary to the initial election result.

It also coincided with the release of Australia’s Foreign Policy White Paper, which – as the first one of its kind since 2003 – seeks to offer a reorientation of Australia’s priorities in response to evolving strategic and security circumstances in the Asia-Pacific. These developments provided the framework for the various meetings and high-level exchanges.

In New Zealand, discussion topics centred on shared global challenges and opportunities, including exchanges with the Leader of the Opposition, the Rt. Hon. Bill English, the former Speaker of the New Zealand Parliament, the Rt. Hon. David Carter, the former Attorney General and Minister for Counter-Terrorism, the Hon. Christopher Finlayson, as well as the Hon. Steven Joyce, who has been chairing the electoral campaigns of the National Party.

Prof. Lammert was also the key note speaker at a lecture in cooperation with the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA). In front of 160 guests, Prof. Lammert highlighted the lessons learned from European integration, asymmetric

developments as well as the challenges Europe is currently facing.

In Sydney Prof. Lammert engaged in a variety of activities and exchanges. This included an exchange with multiple stakeholders at the residence of the German Consul General, a visit with the Governor of NSW, HE General the Hon. David Hurley, a luncheon discussion on the topic of recent political developments in Germany after the federal elections with a delegation from the German-Australian Chamber of Industry and Commerce, and an exchange with senior academics from Macquarie University. In addition, Prof. Lammert was the guest of honour at the Goethe Institute, where he opened an exhibition by the esteemed photographer Jutta Malnic.

Dialogue, as a constructive exchange of insights and expertise, can take on many forms, and in Brisbane, this included a significant politico-cultural component, with a talk by Prof. Lammert on occasion of the Gerhard Richter Exhibition at the Queensland Gallery of Modern Art. Together with the German Honorary Consulate in Brisbane, we also organised several roundtable discussions with representatives of the academic and economic sector which provided the opportunity for fruitful and stimulating exchanges about the potential of German-Australian cooperation across many areas such as technology, industry, science, culture and innovation in general. Coinciding with the state election, Prof. Lammert also met with the Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, the Hon. Peter Wellington MP.



PROF. DR. LAMMERT AT THE AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT

pictured with the Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon. Scott Ryan, President of the Senate, and the Hon. Tony Smith MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives.



PROF. DR. NORBERT LAMMERT

with Mr Bruce Edwards (left), International Secretary of the Liberal Party, Mr Nick Cater (second from left), Executive Director of Menzies Research Centre, and Mr Andrew Hirst (second from right), Federal Director of the Liberal Party.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr Paul Linnarz, Director Team Political Dialogue and Analysis KAS Berlin, Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Prof. Jacqueline Lo, Executive Director of the Australian National University's Centre for European Studies and Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert.

"GERMANY AND EUROPE IN A NEW ERA OF GLOBAL CHALLENGES": INAUGURATION OF THE KONRAD ADENAUER LECTURE SERIES

Canberra, 28 November 2017

As a grand finale to Prof. Lammert's tour of Australia and New Zealand, our political dialogue programme concluded in Canberra with a milestone lecture on the outlook for Europe in a changing global order, which was organised in cooperation with the ANU Centre for European Studies under the leadership of Prof. Jacqueline Lo and her team. Prof. Lammert highlighted that, despite challenges and critics, the project of a united Europe remained a success story as the guarantor of a prosperous and peaceful order - one of the greatest achievements of the 20th century. Making reference to Brexit, he emphasised that only a European community can meet the challenges Europe is currently faced with - populism, separatism, nationalism, cyber threats and terrorism. Whilst the number of EU-member states makes it at times difficult to align economic pursuits with the demands of the necessary political frameworks and functional structures, the foundations of Western democracy can nevertheless be upheld only through a unified approach.

This lecture marked the inauguration of the Annual Konrad-Adenauer Lecture Series which seeks to

address the broader, most relevant themes of the German-Australian relationship and coherence of the liberal democratic order as a whole.

Preceding the lecture, Prof. Lammert also engaged in a series of high-level political talks. He discussed Australia's recent Foreign Policy White Paper with Foreign Minister the Hon. Julie Bishop and had an exchange with Finance Minister the Hon. Mathias Cormann on the bilateral relations between Germany and Australia. Meetings with the Presidents of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Hon. Scott Ryan MP and the Hon. Tony Smith MP, centred on current challenges in the domestic political landscape of both countries, in particular how the respective political systems compare in this regard.

Prof. Lammert also had a chance to exchange views with leading representatives of the Liberal Party and the Menzies Research Institute, as well as a discussion with prominent experts from the think tank and media community held at the Residence of the German ambassador.

PROF. DR. NORBERT LAMMERT
*at the inaugural oration of the
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SPECIAL REPORT: ASPI-KAS 2ND AUSTRALIA-EUROPE COUNTER-TERRORISM DIALOGUE

The publication of this Special Report was released in cooperation with our partner, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI). On 3–4 November 2016, the 2nd ASPI–KAS Australia–Europe Counter-Terrorism Dialogue was held in Barton, Canberra, Australia. The issues discussed in the dialogue are covered in this special report: In its second year, the two-day conference focused on countering violent extremism, counter-terrorism strategy and architecture, and future Australian-European cooperation in this area. While the dialogue operated under the Chatham House Rule for the non-attribution of personal comments and views, this report brings together the key issues and themes which include: the home-grown terrorist threat and countering online messaging, countering terrorism and lessons learned, border security and future CT cooperation.

The publication is available under the following link:

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Note: Similarly, a comprehensive report about our 2017 Counter-Terrorism Dialogue will be released in the first quarter of 2018.



CLIMATE REPORT 2017: AUSTRALIA

Taking action against climate change is one of the key challenges of our time, which is why it was given special attention in the G20 agenda. This also extends to the economic and fiscal area as corresponding investments by the private sector constitute a prerequisite for the fulfillment of the Paris climate protection goals. KAS latest climate report for 2017 addresses this question and contains an article by an Australian expert. Dr. Luke Kemp is a lecturer in climate and environmental policy at both the Fenner School of Environment and Society and Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University.

The publication is available under the following link:

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KAS AusPacific DIGITAL SNAPSHOT

This is a potpourri of current affairs topics from Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific brought to you by KAS Australia and the Pacific. Every fortnight, this digital snapshot showcases selected media and think tank articles to give a panorama view of the public debate in the Australia-Pacific region. The views expressed in these articles do not necessarily reflect the position of KAS Australia and the Pacific. Rather, they are selected to give an overview of the various topics and perspectives which dominate public and political discussions.

Our digital snapshots are available under the following links:

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THE KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG



KONRAD ADENAUER (1876-1967)

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is a political foundation of Germany. Its mission is to promote international dialogue, regional integration, sustainable development, good governance, democratic processes, social market economy and exchange of knowledge. Freedom, justice and solidarity are the guiding principles of KAS's work.

As a political foundation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is associated with the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party of Germany and is named after the first Chancellor (Prime Minister) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Konrad Adenauer. Konrad Adenauer embodied Christian-social, conservative and liberal traditions. His name symbolises the democratic rebuilding of Germany, the anchoring of German foreign policy in a trans-Atlantic community of values, the vision of European unity, and Germany's orientation towards a social market economy.

Our more than 100 offices around the world are in charge of organising national and international conferences, conducting research, offering civic education and political training, and cultivating international understanding. Through its international activities and projects carried out in collaboration with local partners in over 120 countries, KAS makes a substantial contribution to international cooperation and to ensuring that Germany lives up to its growing responsibility in the world.

The aim of our work is to motivate and enable people to shape their own future by strengthening democracy, the rule of law and the social market economy. In order to secure peace and freedom, we support dialogues on foreign and security policy as well as cultural exchange. We collaborate with state institutions, decision makers, political parties, civil society organisations, and academics. Particularly in development policy, we want to use our goals and core values to expand international cooperation both regionally and globally, now and into the future. With our partners, we contribute to a world order that allows every country to develop with freedom and self-responsibility.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF KAS

German political foundations are unique throughout the world. No other institution provides the same expertise in the field of democracy building and dialogue. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is committed to fostering democracy and the rule of law, to implementing social and market-economic structures and to promoting human rights. With our worldwide networks and long-term partner structures, we shape policies domestically and globally. By training and educating young professionals, KAS promotes the development process in social groups and political parties. The Foundation fosters decentralisation processes based on the values of freedom, solidarity and justice by

facilitating projects for public institutions in order to enhance their technical and administrative performance.

A pillar of our political work is research and consultancy. This is more than just giving advice on current political affairs. We conduct research on the implications of political developments and support reforms in order to achieve farsighted policies that help to prevent crises from emerging.

Currently KAS is present in around 120 countries on five continents with over 100 offices. The Department for European and International Cooperation coordinates our international collaboration activities.



EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA

The most important aim of our work in Europe is to strengthen and deepen European and transatlantic cooperation and to improve bilateral connections at the same time.

The emphasis is on co-operation with the parties of the centre and the European People's Party (EPP) in the European parliament, on European politics, foreign and security policy as well as economic, social, energy and environmental policy. The promotion of reform approaches as a contribution to shaping the future is a key focus.

The transatlantic community forms the basis for stability and security in Europe. The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung emphasises this through the establishment of a permanent network between



German and American political representatives, issue-based contacts for the maintenance of transatlantic relations, cooperation with Jewish organisations in the United States, procurement of access to international financial organisations, inclusion of Canada in the transatlantic dialogue, and co-operation with think tanks and centres of science.

ASIA-PACIFIC

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung operates 23 offices in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to country projects and activities that foster regional integration, there are five sector programmes that operate in the Asia-Pacific region. Hence the Foundation is present in almost every Asian country. In the region, the Foundation collaborates with local and national partners from politics, civil society, business sector, academia and media. The thematic focus of our work is on foreign and security policy, democracy promotion, rule of law, journalism, economic governance and reform. KAS supports the influence of women in politics and develops the capabilities of young politicians. Our activities promote decentralisation on the one hand and regional integration on the other. Through strategic political dialogues, we seek to



improve the relations between Germany and the individual countries, as well as with regional organisations like ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation). Global governance efforts are further strengthened through exchanges between European and Asian stakeholders, ultimately resulting in enhanced collaborative efforts.

MIDDLE EAST / NORTH AFRICA

In the Mediterranean and the Middle East, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung undertakes the promotion of peaceful coexistence within the region, a development process oriented to democracy, rule of law and social market economy. We support persons, institutions and processes that initiate political and social liberalisation and modernisation, decentralisation and local autonomy structures and promote regional co-operation and integration. Given the demographic developments and social challenges



in the southern Mediterranean region, closer association with the European Union can support the stabilisation and strengthening of reforms.

AFRICA

The African integration efforts and reform initiatives are supported by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. We promote democracy, good governance and development-oriented governments acting with functioning national and democratic structures and viable multi-party systems. We support decentralisation based on the principle of subsidiarity and the establishment of constitutional structures with an independent



judiciary. Political and economic dialogues strengthen regional integration, interregional cooperation and crisis prevention.

LATIN AMERICA

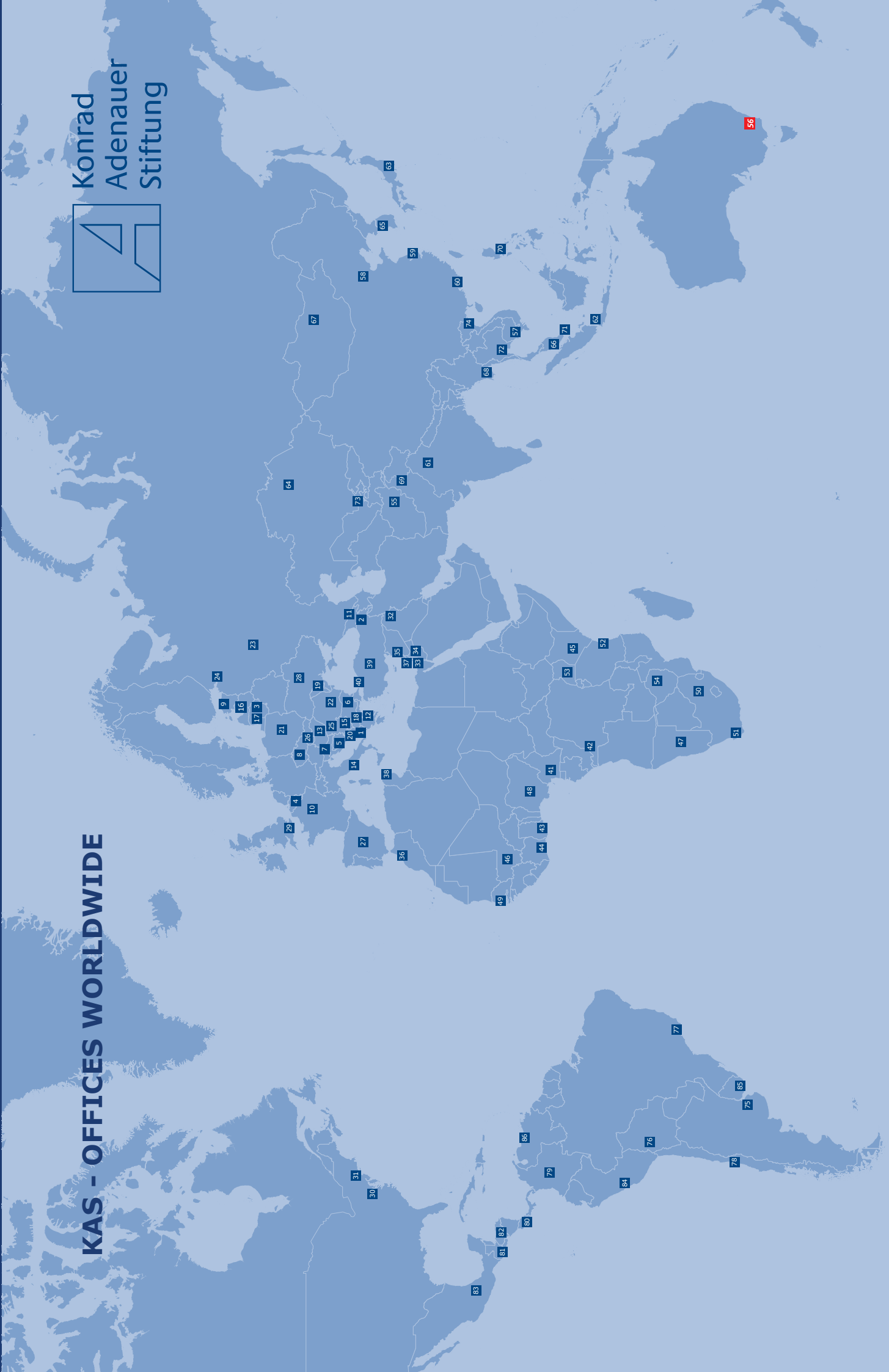
Concrete fields of activity of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Latin America are cooperation with democratic parties as well as with civil society organisations. KAS contributes to the democratic process through consultation with governments and parliaments. We support constitutional reform processes, constitutional courts and independence of the juridical systems, promote the establishment of rights and ethics in order to fight corruption and ensure representations of different views. Dialogues about regulatory policies and the specific arrangements of economic and monetary policies as well as modern social



politics shall limit social asymmetries. KAS also works with the media to analyse the influence of new technologies and the effects of new forms of political marketing on politics.



KAS - OFFICES WORLDWIDE



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- 41** Cameroon, Yaoundé (regional programme energy security and climate change in Sub-Saharan Africa)
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- 83** Mexico, Mexico City
- 84** Peru, Lima (country office and regional programme energy security and climate change Latin America)
- 85** Uruguay, Montevideo (country office and regional programme political parties and democracy in Latin America)
- 86** Venezuela, Caracas

OUR ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Current international developments underscore the common interests of Germany and Australia in various policy fields. The volatile global security environment and the fight against terrorism, socio-economic challenges in the framework of the G20 and other international fora, climate change, promotion of free trade and rules for the financial system are among the issues demanding closer coordination and cooperation between the policy-makers of our countries. The

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung aims to foster durable collaboration through political dialogues on a broad range of topics with Australia and New Zealand. For the European Union in general and Germany in particular, dialogues with Australia and New Zealand are of special relevance due to our history of strong bilateral and regional relations. Given our shared values, common beliefs and interests, there are manifold opportunities for this partnership.

MAIN AREAS OF COOPERATION

PARLIAMENTARY AND POLITICAL PARTY DIALOGUE

Parliaments and political parties are the foundation and essence of every modern democratic system. They fulfil important functions in the legislative and executive components of the separation of powers, but above all, they represent the people and their interests. Germany, Australia and New Zealand are well-established and highly respected parliamentary systems with strong and accountable member parties of the International

Democratic Union (IDU). The current global challenges require not only governments to cooperate, but also representatives of parliaments and political parties to have constant theme-oriented exchanges of ideas and experiences. This will allow them to learn from each other, develop coherent and comprehensive strategies, and form alliances.

FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

Globalisation has increased the interconnectedness of people and countries — the impact of political decisions and economic and social developments are increasingly felt in faraway lands. Intense political competition and digital developments have greatly influenced the way we see and understand foreign policy and traditional diplomacy. These complexities have created an increasingly challenging security environment.

Efforts to cooperate and mediate rather than confront are thus crucial. Germany's, Australia's, and New Zealand's foreign policies have always been guided by a commitment to multilateralism and regionalism. Key concerns for the three countries to address jointly include peaceful conflict resolution, crisis prevention, disarmament, free trade, counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, migration issues, and economic cooperation.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY

Following a period of immense growth in wealth as a result of free market policies and an increase in global trade, current economic paradigms in the industrialised countries are generating considerably less economic growth. The structural causes of weak growth and sluggish improvements in productivity have to be addressed by the member states of the G20. Keys for future economic growth can be found

in the field of automation and data exchange in manufacturing technologies through Industry 4.0, the integration of digital technologies into the daily routine, improved access to innovation and information technologies, as well as start-up activities and the creation of a more crisis-proof global economic order based on the principles of the social market economy.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE POLICY

Climate change and the safeguarding of sustainable energy supplies are among the biggest global challenges for the coming decades. The global increase in extreme weather events due to climate change shows that energy supply based on fossil resources requires a reconsideration of conventional paradigms. It is hence necessary to transcend unilateral dependencies and release innovative potential in order to overcome this quandary. In Australia, New Zealand and Europe, mastering this challenge is a task for the political

and business sector as well as the whole of society since energy security also has a wider impact on areas such as foreign and security policy, the economic arena and socio-cultural issues. An innovative, eco-friendly and future-oriented transformation of lifestyles and economic activities can ensure long-lasting development opportunities and make a considerable contribution to the global battle against climate change.

OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

In the South Pacific, the effects of climate change have been most intense in recent years due to the low-lying nature of some of the islands. The region is also characterised by small populations and great distances between states. The South Pacific Islands States possess enormous potential but are at the same time faced with severe challenges which, as in the case of rising sea levels, ultimately threaten their very survival. Further challenges include the strong dependency on fossil fuels, lack of regional integration, the need for strong institutions and reliable political party systems as well as shifting

geopolitical relationships. It is therefore necessary to promote institution-building and regional integration as well as the development of broad-based political parties throughout the region. Economic, social and democratic reform processes will allow the region's states to grow and provide a good standard of living to their citizens. With climate change having serious consequences for the South Pacific, migration, infrastructure, sustainable energy supplies and natural disasters management will be determining factors in the region's future development.

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MEET THE TEAM



Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy

Director Regional Programme Australia and the Pacific

"Having been posted to various already established offices of the international network of KAS – in Ankara, Manila, Bangkok, Paris, New Delhi and Singapore – it was both an exciting challenge and great privilege to establish a new Regional Programme on a new continent!"

Tamara Hudson

Event and Office Manager

"My background in event and administration management in both the private and public sector was a perfect fit for the KAS Australia and the Pacific team. I support my colleagues in the delivery of our dialogue activities in the region, coordinating event and travel logistics, and am excited about the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead for us."



Katja Theodorakis

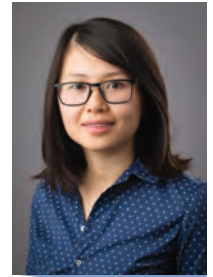
Programme Manager Foreign/Security Policy and Counter-Terrorism

"My background is in research, in the field of terrorism, Middle East politics, ideology and national security issues. It's exciting for me to apply this knowledge to my work, especially in the area of enhancing cooperation between our two regions."

Kieu Pham

Financial and Administration Manager

"The establishment of a KAS office in Canberra is a great opportunity to contribute to the bilateral cooperation between Germany and Australia through our activities, seminars and conferences. As a finance manager, I assure the integrity and due diligence in every aspect of the work at KAS."



Barbara Rundel

Administration and Research Officer

"Back in Germany, I was a teacher with compassion and enthusiasm, but moving to Australia opened new doors: My favourite thing about my position at KAS is the variety of tasks in the areas of administration, content management and public relations."

Simon Aleker

Programme Manager New Zealand and South Pacific

"Coming from a professional background in the research and consulting sector, in developed and developing countries, I have a particular interest in regional and economic development. This is why I am delighted to have joined the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung as the Programme Manager for New Zealand and South Pacific."





We look forward to working with you in 2018.



THE KAS AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC TEAM

with their guests from Germany (left to right): Mr Paul Linnarz, Director Team Political Dialogue and Analysis KAS Berlin, Ms Tamara Hudson, Ms Barbara Rundel, Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, Dr. Beatrice Gorawantschy, Ms Katja Theodorakis, Ms Kieu Pham, Mr Simon Aleker.



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