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**New Security Challenges:  
Germany, Britain and the Search for Solutions**

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This seminar forms part of the *Search for Solutions* series of workshops, which is organised by the Institute for German Studies at Birmingham University and co-funded by the Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society. The rationale behind the series is to bring together key policy-makers and opinion-formers from Britain and Germany, to discuss challenges in different policy areas the two nations are facing, and in some cases whether common solutions may be found. We are delighted to be organising this seminar in conjunction with the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House) New Security Issues Programme headed by Dr Chris Wright and the New Security Challenges Research Programme of the Economic and Social Research Council directed by Prof. Stuart Croft.

Setting the frame for the British-German seminar is the central question: is there compatibility between the security agenda which the United States is pursuing and that which Europe is trying to articulate and institutionalize? If there is no compatibility, how do we set priorities and how do we create institutional frameworks and capabilities to cope with any mismatch? In this context, as the UK and Germany ‘search for solutions’ to meet new security challenges how compatible and complementary are their separate priorities and strategies?

**09:30 Introductory comments Chair, Lord Roper**

**09:45 – 11.15 The European Security Strategy**

*Klaus Becher – Research Associate, Centre for Defence Studies, King’s College London*

*Managing Partner, Knowledge and Analysis LLP, Richmond-upon-Thames*

*Dr. Richard Whitman – Head, Europe Programme, Royal Institute of International Affairs*

Does the ESS define Europe’s security interests and priorities?

What do we see as the role of ESS and its relationship to meeting current security challenges?

Does the ESS go far enough to provide a common framework for EU action?

**11:30 – 13:00 ESDP**

*Major-General Graham Messervy-Whiting – Deputy Director, Centre for Studies in Security and Diplomacy, University of Birmingham*

*Dr. Franz-Josef Meiers – Research Fellow, Centre for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn*

How ambitious can and should we be with ESDP?

Should ESDP have a regional or more global remit?

How can ESDP fit in with and reinforce other international actors?

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 : Military Reform & Capabilities**

*Dr. Henning Riecke – Research Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations*

*Lord Garden – Centre for Defence Studies, King's College London*

Where are the gaps in the EU's military capabilities?

How far will current reform and modernization plans help overcome European deficiencies?

What else needs to be done to improve ESDP's military effectiveness?