

Germany and the UK: From the Convention to the IGC

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Programme

09.15 – 09.30

Registration

09.30 - 09.45

Welcome

Prof. Willie Paterson

*Director, Institute for German Studies,
University of Birmingham*

09.45 - 10.15

Opening address

Peter Norman

*Former Chief of Brussels Bureau,
Financial Times*

10.15 - 11.45

Panel I

Institutional Reform and Democratic Legitimacy from the perspective of National Parliaments

Gisela Stuart MP

House of Commons

A UK Parliamentary view on the successes and failures of the draft

Peter Altmaier MdB

German Bundestag

How the German legislature assesses the results of the Convention

Andreas Maurer

SWP, Berlin

Will the draft really improve legitimacy, accountability and effectiveness? Differences in UK/German viewpoints

Prof. Charlie Jeffery

IGS

Chair

11.45 – 12.00

Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30

Panel II

Into the IGC – How far have positions changed since Thessaloniki?

Kim Darroch

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

The UK priorities: how have they evolved since the beginning of the Convention and what will the IGC bring.

Wolfgang Dix

Auswärtiges Amt

The evolution of Germany's position during the Convention and how it stands in October 2003.

Prof. Jim Rollo

Sussex European Institute

Moderator

13.30 - 14.30

Buffet Lunch (Information Centre of the German Embassy)

14.30 – 16.00

Panel III

CFSP/ESDP – Singing from the same hymn sheet?

Sir Stephen Wall

10 Downing Street

A UK perspective on the Convention draft

Karsten Voigt

Auswärtiges Amt

CFSP and ESDP post-Convention – a transatlantic view.

Josef Janning

Bertelsmann Foundation

The likelihood of a more successful role for the EU internationally: Comparative positions of the UK and Germany.

Silke Pottebohm

IGS

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16.00 – 16.15

Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.45

Panel IV

A federal future? German influence on the reform process.

Prof. Charlie Jeffery

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Embedding multi-level governance: what impact will the Länder have this time around?

Heather Grabbe

Centre for European Reform

The UK and Germany – building alliances in an enlarged Europe

Prof. Jo Shaw

Manchester University

European Federalism – on German foundations?

Vanda Knowles

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