

# 1989

## Commemorating the Fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War, Reflecting upon our Political Present

November 9th, 2019 | 9:30 - 7:00 PM

Georgetown University | Copley Formal Lounge

Keynote Series 9:30 - 11:30 AM | Panel Discussions 11:30 AM to 5:15 PM



FREEDOM ENTRY

*Featured Speakers*

**Hon. Aleksander Kwaśniewski**  
The Former President of the Republic of Poland

**Hon. Secretary Chuck Hagel**  
The 24th U.S. Secretary of Defense

**Hon. Ivan Korčok**  
Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the U.S.

**Hon. Susann Rüttrich**  
Representative of Meissen, Saxony  
in the German Bundestag

# Agenda

9:30 AM

Film: “The Fall of the Berlin Wall”  
(Deutsche Welle, 2019)

9:35 AM

Welcome

**Dr. Joel Hellman**

Dean of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service

Remarks

**Knut Dethlefsen**

Executive Director of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Washington Office

9:45 - 11:15 AM

**Keynote Series**

**The Memory of Radiant Hope and the  
Reality of Light and Shadow**

**The Honorable Aleksander Kwaśniewski**

President of the Republic of Poland (1995-2005)

**The Honorable Secretary Chuck Hagel**

24th United States Secretary of Defense

Moderator

**Anja Bröker**

Reporter and Correspondent for ARD German Television

11:15 - 11:30 AM

Coffee Break

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## **Panel I**

### **The Delusion of the ‘End of History’ Liberal Political Visions and new Nationalisms**

*There was no “end of history” – the triumph of liberal democracy is no longer a foregone conclusion but something apparently in danger on both sides of the Atlantic. How do the consequences of recent history – of landmarks, events, caesuras, and crises – manifest themselves in political developments?*

#### **Speakers**

##### **Dr. Hope M. Harrison**

Associate Professor of History and International Affairs, George Washington University; Senior Fellow with the History and Public Policy Program and the Cold War International History Project at the Wilson Center

##### **Dr. Joyce Mushaben**

College of Arts and Sciences Professor of Global Studies, Curator’s Professor of Comparative Politics and Gender Policies, University of Missouri St. Louis

##### **Dr. Aviel Roshwald**

Professor and Interim Director of the Georgetown Institute for Global History, Georgetown University

##### **Dr. Helga Welsh**

Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University

#### **Moderator**

##### **Dr. Jeffrey Anderson**

Professor in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Department of Government, Georgetown University

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Lunch Break

2:00 - 3:30 PM

## Panel II

### Liberal Political Visions and Narratives against Nationalism

*Which political visions should we as democrats be championing in the face of the growing fascination with populism, nationalism, and fascism? What can we do to combat authoritarian movements and parties in our own countries?*

#### Speakers

##### **Jill Dougherty**

Centennial Fellow at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and Global Fellow at the Kennan Institute, The Wilson Center

##### **Ambassador Ivan Korčok**

Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States

##### **Dr. Alina Polyakova**

David M. Rubenstein Fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe and Security and Strategy Team at the Brookings Institution; Adjunct Professor of European Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University

##### **Dr. Angela Stent**

Director of the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies and Professor of Government and Foreign Service at Georgetown University; Senior Fellow (non-resident) at the Brookings Institution

#### Moderator

##### **Kim Dozier**

CNN Global Affairs Analyst and contributor to *The Daily Beast*

3:30 - 3:45 PM

Coffee Break

3:45 - 5:15 PM

### **Panel III**

## **Steady Feet on Shaky Ground? Democratic Resilience and the Populist Temptation**

*What are the perspectives and visions of the free and just world order  
which we are working towards?*

### **Speakers**

#### **Dr. Charles Kupchan**

Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and Professor of International Affairs in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Department of Government, Georgetown University

#### **The Honorable Susann Rüttrich**

Member of the German Parliament for Meissen, Saxony

#### **Liz Watson**

Executive Director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center and the Progressive Caucus Action Fund

### **Moderator**

#### **Anja Bröker**

Reporter and Correspondent for ARD German Television

5:15 - 5:30 PM

## Concluding Remarks

**Dr. Katrin Sieg**

Graf Goltz Professor and Director,

BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University

**Ricklef Beutin**

Deputy Chief of Mission of the German Embassy

5:30 - 7:00 PM

## Reception

Hosted by the Deputy Chief of Mission  
of the German Embassy, Ricklef Beutin



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# Keynote Speakers

The Honorable Aleksander Kwaśniewski

President of the Republic of Poland, 1995 - 2005



*Aleksander Kwaśniewski* participated in the famous “Round-Table” negotiations in Poland that finally brought about the peaceful transformation of Poland and Central and Eastern Europe from communism to democracy. A co-founding member and first chairman of the Social Democratic Party of the Republic of Poland, he won the Polish presidency for the first time in 1995, running against Lech Wałęsa. Co-author of the new democratic Constitution of Poland, which he signed into law on July 16th, 1997, Kwaśniewski was a great advocate of Poland’s membership in both NATO and the European Union. It was under

his leadership that Poland finally joined NATO in 1999. He is an active supporter of further alliance enlargement under the “open door” policy. A strong proponent of European integration, Kwaśniewski campaigned for approval of the European Union accession treaty in 2003, and saw Poland become a member on May 1, 2004. He is the founder of the Foundation Amicus Europae, to support European Integration and promotion of dialogue and reconciliation as a method of solving political and regional conflicts.

The Honorable Chuck Hagel

24th U.S. Secretary of Defense



*Chuck Hagel* served as the 24th Secretary of Defense from 2013 to 2015. He is the only Vietnam veteran and enlisted combat veteran to serve as Secretary of Defense. He represented the state of Nebraska in the U.S. Senate for two terms from 1997 to 2009. In the Senate, Secretary Hagel was a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Intelligence Committees. Previously, Secretary Hagel was Co-Chairman of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration, a Distinguished Professor at Georgetown University, Chairman of the

Atlantic Council, Chairman of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Advisory Committee, Co-Chairman of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Corporate Council, President and CEO of the USO, and The Private Sector Council. He is a Senior Advisor to Gallup and Distinguished Statesman at the Atlantic Council and currently serves on the RAND Board of Trustees, PBS Board, Corsair Capital Advisory Board, and American Security Project Board. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



# Speakers

## Jeffrey Anderson, Georgetown University



*Jeffrey Anderson* is a full professor, holding joint appointments in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and Department of Government. From 2002 to 2018, he served as Graf Goltz Professor & Director of the BMW Center for German and European Studies in the Walsh School. Anderson works at the intersection of comparative political economy and European integration. He is the recipient of the 2000 DAAD Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in German Studies. In July 2016, he was awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany in recognition of his outstanding contributions to German-American and transatlantic exchange in academe and education.

## Anja Bröker, Westdeutscher Rundfunk, WDR



*Anja Bröker* began her journalism career covering domestic news for ARD First German Television's nightly program "Tagesschau" in 1997. Between 2000 and 2012, she served as a foreign TV correspondent for several ARD bureaus, covering news and pursuing in-depth reporting on Russia and the former Soviet Union, China, and the U.N. from New York and Canada. In 2006-2007, between her postings in Moscow and Beijing, Bröker was a main anchor of the late-night TV News program "ARD-Nachtmagazin". Following her posting to the U.S. in 2012 she worked as Senior Producer for the nationwide morning TV program "ARD-Morgenmagazin". Later, Bröker was an Editor and Senior Producer of the Investigative Unit at WDR Cologne, in collaboration with NDR Hamburg and the Süddeutsche Zeitung in Munich. Currently, she is an Editor, Reporter, and Anchor for several domestic and regional TV news formats at ARD subsidiary WDR in Cologne.

## Jill Dougherty, Georgetown University and the Wilson Center



*Jill Dougherty is a Centennial Fellow at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a CNN Contributor on Russia issues. Her chief area of interest and expertise is Russia and the post-Soviet region. Dougherty served as a CNN correspondent for three decades, reporting from more than 50 countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, China, North Korea and Russia, and served as Moscow Bureau Chief for nine years. She left CNN in 2014 in order to carry out research and writing on the Russia media and the Russian government's international and domestic communications strategy.*

*Dougherty is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the World Affairs Council. She has a B.A. in Slavic languages and literature from the University of Michigan, a certificate of language study from Leningrad State University, and a master's degree from Georgetown University.*

## Kimberly Dozier, CNN Global Affairs Analyst



*Kimberly Dozier is a CNN Global Affairs Analyst and a regular contributor to The Daily Beast, whose reporting has also appeared in TIME Magazine. Dozier spent 17 years as an award-winning CBS News foreign and national security correspondent from 1993 to 2010, covered intelligence for The Associated Press from 2010 to 2014, national security for The Daily Beast from 2014 to 2017, and served as executive editor of the intelligence-focused media startup TheCipherBrief.com from 2017 to 2018. She also held the 2014-2015 Gen. Omar Bradley Chair at the U.S. Army War College, Penn State Law and Dickinson College—the first journalist and first woman in that post, sharing lessons of how media coverage shapes national security policy from the Vietnam War to WikiLeaks.*

*Past foreign postings include Jerusalem, Cairo, London, Islamabad, Kabul and Baghdad, covering stories including Iraq under Saddam and the U.S. invasion that followed; the invasion of Afghanistan; the hunt for Osama bin Laden at Tora Bora; the Kosovo refugee exodus; Russian President Vladimir Putin's election.*

## Hope M. Harrison, George Washington University



*Hope M. Harrison* is Associate Professor of History and International Affairs at The George Washington University. She is the author of the new book, *After the Berlin Wall: Memory and the Making of the New Germany, 1989 to the Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2019). Her previous work includes the prize-winning *Driving the Soviets up the Wall* (Princeton University Press, 2003) which was also published to wide acclaim in German translation. Dr. Harrison has served on the staff of the National Security Council as Director for European and Eurasian Affairs, (2000-2001), directed the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at GW's Elliott School of International Affairs (2005-2009), and currently serves on the board of three Berlin-based institutions: the Berlin Wall Association; the Allied Museum, and the Black Box Cold War Exhibit at Checkpoint Charlie. She has appeared on CNN, the History Channel, the Science Channel, C-SPAN, the BBC, Deutschlandradio, ZDF, and Spiegel-TV.

## Ambassador Ivan Korčok

### Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States



*Ambassador Ivan Korčok* assumed his current role in 2018 after a three-year posting as the State Secretary in the Foreign Affairs Ministry. Ambassador Korčok has dedicated his career to diplomatic service and has held many high-level positions in representation of the Slovak Republic abroad. Notably, he served as the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the European Union between 2009 and 2015 in Brussels, and the Slovak Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany between 2005 and 2009 in Berlin. Between 1999 and 2001, Ambassador Korčok served as the Deputy Head of Mission of the Slovak Republic to NATO in Brussels. In 2018, he was awarded the Czech and Slovak Transatlantic Award by the Jagello 2000 Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation and the Slovak Atlantic Commission. Ambassador Korčok graduated from the Postgraduate Institute for International Relations, Comenius University in Bratislava in 1995, and from the Economic University in Bratislava in 1987

## Charles Kupchan, Council on Foreign Relations



*Charles Kupchan* is senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and Professor of international affairs in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and the Department of Government at Georgetown University. From 2014 to 2017, Kupchan served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for European Affairs on the National Security Council in the Obama White House. He was also Director for European Affairs on the National Security Council during the first Clinton administration. His most recent books are *No One's World: The West, the Rising Rest, and the Coming Global Turn* (2012), and *How Enemies Become Friends: The Sources of Stable Peace* (2010). In 2020, he will publish *Isolationism: A History of America's Effort to Shield Itself from the World*.

## Joyce Marie Mushaben, University of Missouri-St. Louis



*Joyce Marie Mushaben* is a Curators' Distinguished Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Missouri-St. Louis where in 2016 she was named the College of Arts & Sciences first interdisciplinary Professor of Global Studies. She also served as Director of the Institute for Women's & Gender Studies. Her early work focused on new social movements in Germany (peace, ecology, feminism, anti-nuclear protests and neo-Nazi activism), German national identity and generational change. She has since shifted her scholarly focus to European Union developments, citizenship and migration policies, women's leadership, Euro-Islam debates and comparative welfare state reforms. In 1989/90 she served as a Ford Foundation Fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary Studies, and in 1990-1991 as the first Research Fellow in the Center for German & European Studies at Georgetown University.



## Alina Polyakova, Brookings Institution



*Alina Polyakova* is the founding director of the Project on Global Democracy and Emerging Technology and a fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution, where she leads the Foreign Policy program's Democracy Working Group. Polyakova is also adjunct professor of European studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. Her work examines Russian political warfare, European populism, digital authoritarianism, and the implications of emerging technologies to democracies. She is a frequent contributor to *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Policy*, and commentator in major media outlets including Fox News, CNN, BBC, and Bloomberg, among others. Polyakova holds a master's and doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor's in economics and sociology with highest honors from Emory University.

## Aviel Roshwald, Georgetown University



*Aviel Roshwald* is Professor of History at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. He is the author of the following books: *The Endurance of Nationalism: Ancient Roots and Modern Dilemmas* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006); *Ethnic Nationalism and the Fall of Empires: Central Europe, Russia and the Middle East, 1914-1923* (London: Routledge, 2001); *Estranged Bedfellows: Britain and France in the Middle East during the Second World War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990). He is the co-editor, with Richard Stites, of *European Culture in the Great War: The Arts, Entertainment, and Propaganda, 1914-1918* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999). With Matthew D'Auria and Cathie Carmichael, he is a co-editor of *The Cambridge History of Nationhood and Nationalism* (in progress). His current research focuses on comparing responses to Axis-power occupations during the Second World War across a range of European and Asian examples.

## The Honorable Susann Rüttrich Member of the German Parliament



*Susann Rüttrich* has been a member of the German Parliament since 2013, and since 2014 the SPD parliamentary group's Commissioner for children, and spokeswoman of the SPD's working group "Strategies against right wing extremism" in the Bundestag. From 2001 to 2013 Rüttrich worked full-time for the Network for Democracy and Courage (NDC), where she remains a deputy chairperson on an honorary basis while exercising her mandate in the Bundestag. From 1996 to 2000 Rüttrich volunteered very actively with the "împreuna e.V." association, organizing and implementing work camps and aid transports to Eastern Europe. Rüttrich studied peace and conflict research at the Technical University Dresden, and also received a degree from the Fernuniversität Hagen. She became politically active early on and joined the SPD's youth organization the "Falken" as well as the Young Socialists in the 1990s, being active in her home state of Saxony. She was state chairwoman for the Falken for two years, as well as member in the state executive of the young Socialists.

## Angela Stent, Georgetown University



*Angela Stent* is Director of the Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies and Professor of Government and Foreign Service at Georgetown University. She is also a Senior Fellow (non-resident) at the Brookings Institution and co-chairs its Hewett Forum on Post-Soviet Affairs. During the academic year 2015-2016 she is a fellow at the Transatlantic Academy of the German Marshall Fund. From 2004-2006 she served as National Intelligence Officer for Russia and Eurasia at the National Intelligence Council. From 1999 to 2001, she served in the Office of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State. Stent's academic work focuses on the triangular political and economic relationship between the United States, Russia and Europe. She is a member of the senior advisory panel for NATO's Supreme Allied Commander in Europe. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Dr. Stent received her B.A. from Cambridge University, her MSc. with distinction from the London School of Economics and Political Science and her M.A. and PhD. from Harvard University.

## Liz Watson, Congressional Progressive Caucus Center



*Liz Watson is the Executive Director of the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center and the Progressive Caucus Action Fund. She joined the center after having served as the Labor Policy Director and Chief Labor Counsel on the House Education and Labor Committee, the Executive Director of the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality, and the Director of the Workplace Justice Program at the National Women's Law Center. In 2018, she was the Democratic nominee for Congress in her home district, the Ninth District of Indiana, and ran a bold, progressive, grassroots-led campaign. In 2017, Watson taught constitutional law at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.*

## Helga A. Welsh, Wake Forest University



*Helga A. Welsh is Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University. Her publications have focused on the history and politics of the former East Germany, German unification, transitional justice, higher education reform, and democratization processes in Central and Eastern Europe. She has published a book on denazification in the former East Germany and co-edited a book on German unification. Her most recent book (co-authored with Christiane Lemke) is *Germany Today. German Politics and Policies in a Changing World* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018). Her articles have appeared in journals such as *Comparative Politics*, *European Journal of Education*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *German Politics*, *German Politics and Society*, and *West European politics*. She is one of the editors of "German History in Documents and Images," a project administered by the German Historical Institute in Washington, DC. She served as co-editor of *German Politics* from 2014-2018.*

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