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A Celebration of Friendship and Cooperation Between France and Germany

A conversation with Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Christofer Burger; and Consul General of France, Raphaël Trapp

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SPEAKERS



Christofer Burger
Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany,
Miami

Education: M. A. in Islamic Studies and Economics, Freie Universität Berlin (2004)

Languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic

2004 Joined the Federal Foreign Office

2004 - 2007 Desk Officer for Iraq, Political Department, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2007 - 2008 Diplomatic Academy, Berlin

2008 - 2011 Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy Managua, Nicaragua

2011 - 2013 Desk Officer, Protocol Department, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2013 - 2014 Desk Officer for Lebanon and Syria, Political Department, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2014 - 2016 Desk Officer for the Middle East, Press Department, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

2016 - 2017 Deputy Consul General, German Consulate General Erbil, Iraq

2017 - 2018 Office of the Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC

2018 -2021 Deputy Spokesperson of the Federal Foreign Office

2021 - 2023: Spokesperson of the Federal Foreign Office

since Aug. 2023: Consul General in Miami



Mr. Raphaël Trapp, Consul General of France in Miami

An alumnus of the Faculty of Law at the University of Paris XII and the Institute of Administration, Mr. Trapp joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2003.

In 2004, he was assigned to the Budgetary Office at the General Administration Department before joining the Human Rights office of the Ministry (2006-2009).

Starting from 2009, Mr. Trapp was appointed as Legal Advisor at the Human Rights unit of the Permanent mission of France to the United Nations in Geneva (Switzerland).

In 2012, he took over the unit as Head of the Human Rights department of the Mission. He participated in the establishment of the Commission of inquiry on Human Rights violations in Syria, worked more broadly on the universal protection of freedom of speech, and the fight against arbitrary detentions and death penalty.

In 2013, Mr. Trapp joined the French Embassy in Rabat (Morocco) as First secretary at the Political Affairs unit, a period during which he worked in close relationship with the Moroccan civil society.

Back in Paris, at the Secretary General department of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, he served as a Policy officer to follow up management and general Consular affairs; the last year of his posting, he managed the policy officers' team of the Secretary General.

In 2019, he was appointed Deputy permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and the International Organizations in Vienna (Austria) and worked on the nuclear Iranian file, on space affairs and on combatting cybercrime.

MODERATOR

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Markus Thiel is a professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Florida International University, Miami and director of FIU's Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. Dr. Thiel's research interests are the political sociology of the EU and European (Union) Politics more generally, as well as Human Rights and Identity Politics. He graduated with a Ph.D. from the University of Miami in 2005 and has published several EU-related articles and book chapters in peer-reviewed journals including the Journal of European Integration, the Journal of Common Market Studies and others. In addition, his research on the political sociology of the EU produced the monographs 'The Limits of Transnationalism' (Palgrave, 2011) and 'EU Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy' (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017), as well as 5 co-edited volumes on: 'Diversity and the European Union' (with Lisa Pruegl, Palgrave, 2009), 'Identity Politics in the Age of Globalization (with Roger Coate, Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010), 'European Identity & Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging' (with Rebecca Friedman, Ashgate, 2012), 'Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ Claims Shape International Relations' (with Manuela Picq, Routledge, 2015) and 'EU Development Policies between Norms and Geopolitics' (with Sarah Beringer & Sylvia Maier, Palgrave, 2019). Most recently, he published 'The EU's international LGBTI rights promotion: promises & pitfalls' (Routledge, 2021), and co-authored 'The Politics of Social In/Exclusion in Europe' (Palgrave/Springer, 2023, with Ernesto Ficocchetto & Jeffrey Maslanik).

He teaches CPO 3103 Comparative (Western) European Politics, CPO 3104 EU Politics, INR 3214 International Relations of Europe, INR 3502 International Organizations, as well as graduate courses on European/EU Politics, International Organization and Research Design in IR. He supervises doctoral students in the areas of EU Politics, International Organizations and Political Sociology.