

Allianz Lectures: Let's talk about Europe

January 14 – February 25, 2007
at the Residenz Theater, Munich

Sunday, January 14, 11 a.m.

Welcome: Dieter Dorn

Opening remarks: Henning Schulte-Noelle

Visions for Europe

– From interest group collaboration to a community of values

Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Dora Bakojannis, Mario Monti

Moderator: Hans Werner Kilz

Two historic events take place during Germany's Council presidency: the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaties of Rome and the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU, completing the fifth round of enlargement agreed in Athens in 2003. Reason enough to ask how those in Athens, Rome and Berlin rate the chances of closer European integration today.

Sunday, January 21, 11 a.m.

The changing face of Europe

– Germany, the land of immigration

Maria Böhmer, Werner Schiffauer, Lena Gorelik, Senait Mehari, Benjamin Idriz

Moderator: Cathrin Kahlweit

Before long, the majority of young people in Western European metropolises will be either migrants themselves or the children of migrants. In Germany, immigrants are seen primarily as a problem, not as an asset, their success stories read and reported but seldom. Yet can Germany itself succeed if it denies its foreign residents the opportunity to achieve success?

Sunday, January 28, 11 a.m.

Europe's roadmap to global economic leadership

– Economic and ecological challenges

Günter Verheugen, Joseph E. Stiglitz, Hans Joachim Schellnhuber

Moderator: Stefan Kornelius

The Lisbon Agenda pledged that the EU would become the world's most competitive economic area by 2010. In 2005, the benchmark was lowered: 6 million new jobs and 3 percent growth are the new objective. But is that enough if the EU is to become the global economic leader? How likely is it that obligatory climate protection will lead to a new innovative thrust and a third industrial revolution led, once again, by Europe?

Sunday, February 4, 11 a.m.

Divided memory

– How Europe deals with its past

Pierre Nora, Gesine Schwan, Robert Traba

Moderator: Franziska Augstein

The issue of deportation has been an enduring strain on relations between Germany and Poland, but in other geographical areas too, remembering the deportation of ethnic, political and religious minorities remains taboo. How can we reach a multi-perspective understanding of European history?

Sunday, February 11, 11 a.m.

Christian-occidental Europe?

– The Jewish-Islamic contribution

Almut Sh. Bruckstein, Tariq Ali, Nilüfer Göle

Moderator: Andreas Zielcke

Since the 8th century, there has been a Jewish-Islamic culture on the Iberian Peninsula that has shaped philosophy and science throughout Europe. Why is this contribution covered up? Why are non-Christian minorities treated as foreigners? Can Europe be home to Muslims while it denies its own cosmopolitan traditions?

Sunday, February 25, 11 a.m.

Where does Europe end?

– From Kiev to Karachi

Juri Andruchowytch, Hans-Ulrich Obrist, Ilma Rakusa, Ilija Trojanow,

Moderator: Sonja Zekri

Enthusiasm for Europe is strongest at its borders. In fact, what European culture really means becomes much clearer outside of Europe. We follow four authors in their attempt to transcend real and imaginary borders and to converge on an idea called "Europe."