

Invitation

## DEBATE ON EUROPE 2012

### More Europe! – For a New Culture in European Foreign Policy

The series Debate on Europe (“Reden über Europa”) continues in 2012. The next panel discussion on 2 May 2012 at Allianz Forum Berlin questions the EU’s cultural self-conception and the core values of its future foreign policy. In cooperation with More Europe, an initiative of European cultural institutes and foundations.

*“The European Union made human rights one of the central aspects in its relations to other countries and region,”* one could recently read on the European Commission’s homepage. Such statements have often remained unfulfilled promises, whenever political and economic interests were involved. Europe, wanting to see itself as the cradle of human and civil rights, has frequently failed to support democracy movements elsewhere. Human rights organisations have been criticizing the ineffectiveness of sanctions against dictatorships and an arbitrary asylum policy for political refugees from member states for a long time. What core values will the emerging European External Action Service feel obliged to in the future? What will the role of cultural cooperation with third countries be in the future?

Four days before the Avicenna Award ceremony for Iranian Nobel Peace Prize laureate and human rights activist Shirin Ebadi in Frankfurt, she poses the following question in Berlin: *“Does the EU possess a serious human rights policy strategy?”*

The panel discussion on 2 May begins at 6 p.m. at **Allianz Forum Berlin**, Pariser Platz 6.

Welcome: **Henning Schulte-Noelle**, chairman of the board of Allianz SE  
**Johannes Ebert**, Secretary General of the Goethe Institute

Keynote: **Shirin Ebadi**, Nobel Peace Prize laureate 2003, Avicenna Prize laureate 2012

Panelists: **Alexander Graf Lambsdorff**, member of the European Parliament and member in the Committee for Foreign Affairs of the EP  
**Gottfried Langenstein**, President of the French-German cultural broadcasting corporation ARTE und managing director of 3sat  
**Robert Menasse**, Austrian writer and EU expert  
**Pierre Vimont**, Secretary General of the European External Action Service

Moderation: **Malte Lehming**, Der Tagesspiegel.

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