

Program

4th Berlin Taiwan Conference

“BRAVING THE TEMPEST”

Thursday, December 4th, 9:30am - 6:30pm

Friday, December 5th, 9:30am - 12:30pm

The Berlin Taiwan Conference, held at Pariser Platz in the center of Berlin, brings together participants from civil society, academia, government and business from Germany, Taiwan and beyond to exchange views, explore opportunities for cooperation, examine controversies and create more visibility for democratic Taiwan's diverse society.

Hosted by the German-Taiwanese Dialogue Platform (GTDP).

Conference Chair: Reinhard Bütikofer

Day 1: Thursday, 4th December 2025

Until 9:15	<i>Arrival & registration</i>
9:30 – 10:00	Introduction and Welcome • REINHARD BÜTIKOFER, Co-Chair, German-Taiwanese Dialogue Platform (GTDP) • KLEMENT RUEY-SHENG GU, Head of the Taipei Representative Office in Germany • JUDIT HERCEGFALVI, Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office
10:00 – 11:15	Germany's Taiwan Policy <i>Keynote address by</i> TILL STEFFEN, Member of the German Bundestag, President of the Parliamentary Friendship Group Berlin-Taipei <i>Panel</i> • NOAH BARKIN, Visiting Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) • BERNHARD BARTSCH, Director External Relations, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) • ANGELA STANZEL, Senior Associate, Asia Division, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) Moderator: ANGELA KÖCKRITZ, Head Reporter, China.Table
11:15 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:45	Taiwan's Energy Perspectives <i>Input</i> • Prof. CHIA-WEI CHAO, Research Director, Taiwan Climate Action Network, Adjunct Assistant Professor, National Taiwan University • JÜRGEN LANDGREBE, Former Division Head, Federal Environment Agency (UBA) • NORA SAUSMIKAT, Senior Campaigner, Urgewald • WLADIMIR SLIWJAK, Co-founder, Ecodefense!; Right Livelihood Award 2021 • REINHARD ZEITLER, Deputy Head Climate Research of Bavarian State Ministry of the Environment and Consumer Protection Moderator: MICHAEL SCHÄFER, CEO, GermanZero
12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>

14:00 – 15:30

Taiwan's Maritime Security and Regional Stability*Keynote address by***HEIKO HEROLD**, External Scientific Advisor, German Maritime Institute (DMI)*Panel*

- **Prof. JINWOO CHOI**, Honorary Professor at Hanyang University, Korea
- **Prof. EDCCEL JOHN IBARRA**, Assistant Professor, University of the Philippines Diliman
- **Prof. CHISAKO MASUO**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social and Cultural Studies, Kyushu University
- **Prof. HON-MIN YAU**, Director & Associate Professor, College of International & National Defense Affairs, National Defense University

Moderator: **DANIELA SACCA**, Asia Desk, Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF)

15:30 – 17:00

Ethnic Minorities in Taiwan and Germany: A Dialogue*Panel*

- **Prof. DA-WEI KUAN**, Professor and Chair, Department of Ethnology, National Chengchi University
- **DAWID STATNIK**, Chairperson, Sorbian umbrella association Domowina

Moderator: **PAUL KOHLENBERG**, Programme Officer, Heinrich Böll Foundation (HBS)

17:00 – 18:15

High Tech Cooperation between Germany and Taiwan*Keynote address "From Chip War to Chip Value: Security, Competitiveness, Democracy" by***Prof. MINN-TSONG LIN**, Distinguished Professor at National Taiwan University, GTDP Co-Chair*Panel*

- **FRANK BÖSENBERG**, Executive Director, Silicon Saxony; Chair, Silicon Europe Alliance
- **SANDRA LEHNEKE**, Deputy Director General International Science Cooperation
- **ARMIN REINARTZ**, Director General International Science Cooperation (ret.)

Moderator: **THOMAS YOSHIMURA**, China/Asia Desk, Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)*End of day 1*

Day 2: Friday, 5th December 2025

Until 9:15	<i>Arrival</i>
9:30 – 10:45	An EU-Taiwan Trade Agenda <i>Keynote address by</i> ROY LEE, Former Representative of Taiwan to the EU and Belgium <i>Panel</i> • HEIKE FISCHER, Director, Clinical Research and Regulatory Affairs, Deloitte • WOLFGANG NIEDERMARK, Member of the Executive Board, Federation of German Industries (BDI) • VOLKER TREIER, Chief Executive of Foreign Trade; Member of the Executive Board, Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce (DIHK) Moderator: JACOB GUNTER, Head of Programme “Economy and Industry”, MERICS
10:45-11:00	<i>Short Break</i>
11:00 – 12:15	Faced With External Pressure and Internal Divisions: Where is Taiwan heading? <i>Panel</i> • THOMPSON CHAU, President, Taiwan Foreign Correspondents’ Club (TFCC) • STEPHAN THOME, philosopher and writer; author of <i>Narrow Waters, Dangerous Currents</i> Moderator: Prof. GUNTER SCHUBERT, Professor and Chair of Greater China Studies, University of Tübingen <i>End of day 2 and conclusion</i>

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THE GERMAN-TAIWANESE DIALOGUE PLATFORM (GTDP)

The German-Taiwanese Dialogue Platform (GTDP) is a non-partisan forum fostering civil society exchange and dialogue between Germany and Taiwan.

Co-Chairs: **Reinhard Bütikofer** and **Prof. Lin Minn-Tsong**.



DIRECTIONS

VENUE: European House Berlin, Unter den Linden 78, 10117 Berlin (entrance on Unter den Linden)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: S/U „Brandenburger Tor“ (S1, S2, S25, U5), exit „Pariser Platz / Unter den Linden,” then 3-5 minutes’ walk along Unter den Linden towards Friedrichstraße.

BUS OPTIONS: Bus lines 100 und 245 to „Brandenburger Tor”; from there 3-5 minutes’ walk to the European House.

ARRIVAL TIME: Please plan 10 minutes extra for finding the entrance and passing the security/check-in desk at the lobby.

PARKING: No dedicated parking; please use public transport, bike, or public car parks in the area.