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5th Berlin Taiwan Conference

Focus on Taiwan

Thursday, November 12th, 9:30am - 5:00pm

Friday, November 13th, 9:15am - 1:30pm

Venue: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Simon-Bolívar-Saal, Potsdamer Straße 33, 10785 Berlin

Conference language: English

The Berlin Taiwan Conference, held at Potsdamer 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.

Organised by the European Academy Berlin (EAB) for the German-Taiwanese Dialogue Platform (DTDP), in cooperation with the German-Taiwanese Society (DTG).

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Day 1: Thursday, 12th November 2026	
09:00–09:30	**Arrival, registration and welcome coffee**
09:30–09:45	**Welcome and opening** CARSTEN MÜLLER, Member of the German Bundestag; Chair of the Committee on Legal Affairs; Co-Chair, DTDP DR. KLEMENT RUEY-SHENG GU, Head of the Taipei Representative Office in Germany SOPHIE-CAROLINE ZILLESSEN, Deputy Chair and Managing Director, DTG
09:45–10:00	**Video greeting** Speaker to be announced
10:00–10:15	**Opening input** AMBASSADOR FRANK HARTMANN, Head of the Asia Department, Federal Foreign Office
10:15–11:30	**Panel 1 Taiwan in the World: The Island's Pivotal Role** BONNIE GLASER, Managing Director, Indo-Pacific, German Marshall Fund of the United States CHRIS HORTON, Journalist and Author ("Ghost Nation") LUKE DE PULFORD, Executive Director, Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) JOHANNES VOLKMANN, Member of the German Bundestag, Committee on Foreign Affairs Moderator: PROF. DR. GUNTER SCHUBERT, University of Tübingen; Director, European Research Center on Contemporary Taiwan (ERCCT)
11:30–11:45	**Coffee break**
11:45–12:45	**Panel 2 Taiwan's Local Elections: Analysis of Topics and Relevance** DR. DAVID DEMES, Vice Chair, Taiwan Foreign Correspondents' Club STEPHAN THOME, Author ("Schmales Gewässer, gefährliche Strömung") Moderator: CLAUDIA WESSLING, Director Communications and Publications, MERICS
12:45–14:00	**Lunch break**
14:00–14:15	**Video message** KEITH KRACH, Chairman, US-Taiwan Business Council

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14:15–15:30	**Panel 3 New Perspectives for German-Taiwanese Trade** DR. NIKOLAS KESSELS, Director Economics & Global Affairs, German Electro and Digital Industry Association (ZVEI) MICHAEL SHENG-HUNG CHUNG, Head of the Economic Division, Taipei Representative Office in Germany NATHAN KAISER, Vice President, Swiss-Taiwan Chamber of Commerce WOLFGANG NIEDERMARK, Member of the Executive Board, Federation of German Industries (BDI) DR. VOLKER TREIER, Member of Executive Board, Director of Foreign Trade at German Chamber's Organisation (DIHK) Moderator: THOMAS YOSHIMURA, Policy Advisor China, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation
15:30–15:45	**Coffee break**
15:45–17:00	**Panel 4 German-Taiwanese School Partnerships** DR. HUESAN DO-VAN KAMPEN, Bildungsnetzwerk China gGmbH (joint initiative of Stiftung Mercator and the Goethe-Institut) ANDREAS HILSBOS, Headmaster, Ernst-Ludwig-Schule, Bad Nauheim; former Head of the German School Taipei JENS OTTE, Headmaster, Bruno-H.-Bürgel-Grundschule, Berlin Moderator: RAFAEL KLABISCH, Project Officer Asia Division, Heinrich-Böll-Foundation
17:00	**End of day 1**
Evening 17:00- 22:00	Optional visit to the Taiwanese Night Market at Markthalle Neun, Kreuzberg

Day 2: Friday, 13th November 2026	
09:00–09:15	**Arrival and welcome coffee**
09:15–09:30	**Video message** LUTZ GÜLLNER, Head of Office, European Economic and Trade Office in Taiwan (EETO)

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09:30–10:30	**Panel 5 Comparing Taiwan's and Germany's High-Tech Agendas** CHRISTINE CHOU, International Affairs Officer, Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) DR. TOBIAS HOFFMANN, High-Tech Agenda Germany Administrative Office, Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) PROF. MINN-TSONG LIN, National Taiwan University; Co-Chair, DTDP DR. ANDREA LÜBCKE, Member of the German Bundestag, Committee on Research, Technology, Space and Technology Assessment Moderator: DR. HOLGER BECKER, Chief Scientific Officer, microfluidic ChipShop; Deputy Chair, DTG
10:30–10:45	**Coffee break**
10:45–11:45	**Panel 6 All-of-Society Resilience: Learning Together** SINEAD HSI-YI CHEN, Science Media Center Taiwan (SMC) HELENA QUIS, Research Fellow Comprehensive Defence, European Defence in a New Age (EDINA) PROF. WEN-LING TU, President, Research Institute for Democracy, Society and Emerging Technology (DSET) DR. FRITZ HELGE VOSS, THW State Commissioner for Bavaria; Member of the Federal-State Working Group on Civil Defence Moderator: DR. DANIELA SACCÀ, Programme Officer Asia, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation
11:45–12:00	**Coffee break**
12:00–13:00	**Panel 7 Taiwanese Citizens in Germany: Geht es gut?** CATHERINE LEE-BOSS, Board Member, Taiwan-Freundeskreis Bambusrunde e.V., Hamburg PROF. SHU-CHEN LI, TU Dresden; President, Saxon-Taiwanese Society (STAGE) e.V. PEY-FEN FUH, Lawyer and Counsel, Frankfurt a. Main JAN PRATZKA, Deputy Mayor for Economic Affairs, Digitalisation, Human Resources and Security, City of Dresden Moderator: DR. ANGELA STANZEL, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)
13:00–13:30	**Concluding Dialogue: Cooperation between Taiwan's and Germany's Civil Societies** PROF. MINN-TSONG LIN and CARSTEN MÜLLER, Co-Chairs, DTDP Moderator: DR. CHRISTIAN JOHANN, Director, EAB
13:30	**End of conference**

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

Co-Chairs: **Carsten Müller** and **Prof. Lin Minn-Tsong**.

DIRECTIONS

VENUE: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Simon-Bolívar-Saal, Potsdamer Straße 33, 10785 Berlin
PUBLIC TRANSPORT: S/U „Potsdamer Platz" (S1, S2, S25, U2), exit „Potsdamer Platz," then 3-5 minutes' walk along Potsdamer Str.
BUS OPTIONS: Bus lines 200, 300, M41 and M48 to „Potsdamer Platz"; from there 3-5 minutes' walk to the Staatsbibliothek
ARRIVAL TIME: Please plan 10 minutes extra for finding the entrance and passing the registration.
PARKING: No dedicated parking; please use public transport, bike, or public car parks in the area.

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