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“POLISH-GERMAN RELATIONS SINCE 1945: A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION FOR FUTURE KOREAN-JAPANESE RELATIONS?”

Date / Time: Thursday December 1, 2011 / 9:30 a.m. ~ 6:30 p.m.

Place: Lecture Hall (1F), The Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul, Korea

The Polish-German relationship and the Korean-Japanese relationship are both inextricably linked by a complex and traumatic history defined in large part by the Second World War. But today, all four countries share common democratic values and are deeply embedded in the global market economy. In addition, Poland and Germany are members of the European Union, a unique political, social and economic project which was established amidst the ashes of World War II.

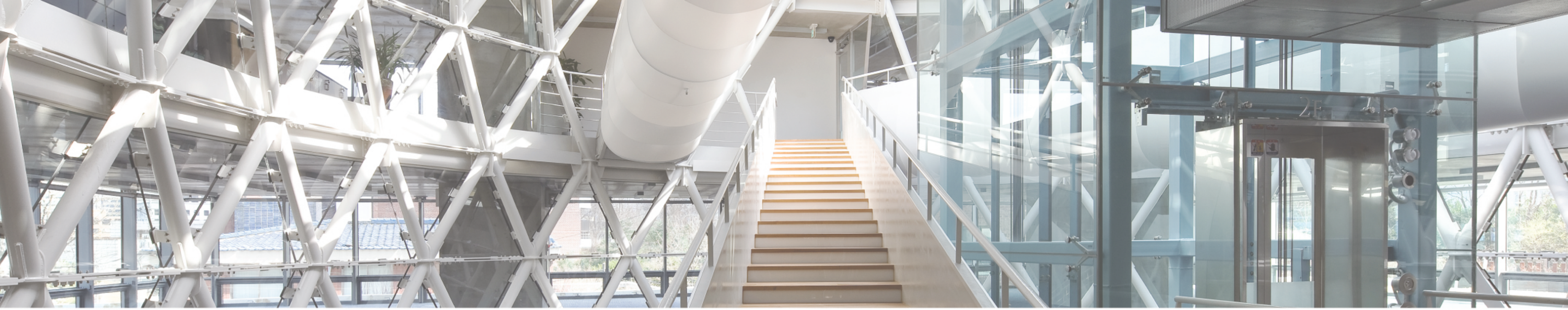
What lessons might the evolution of postwar Polish-German relations hold for Korean-Japanese relations? This seminar, organized by the Polish and German Embassies in Seoul in partnership with the Asan Institute for Policy Studies, will be held to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Polish-German Treaty of Good Neighborhood and Friendly Cooperation. It will explore how Poland and Germany have navigated their complicated history and forged a working partnership. It will also discuss how lessons gleaned from the Polish-German experience might be applied to current Korean-Japanese relations.

Program

9:30~9:40	Registration
9:40~10:00	Welcoming Remarks
	LEE In-ho, Chairperson of the Asan Institute
	Krzysztof Ignacy MAJKA, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland
	Johannes REGENBRECHT, Deputy Head of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany



10:00~12:00	Session I	Political Dimension of Polish-German Relations
	Moderator	Alexis DUDDEN, Professor at the University of Connecticut
	Speakers	Jan Krzysztof BIELECKI, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland
		Klaus HÄNSCH, Former President of the European Parliament
	Discussants	KANEHARA Nobukatsu, Minister of the Embassy of Japan
		BONG Youngshik Daniel, Research Fellow at the Asan Institute
12:00~13:30	Lunch	
13:30~15:10	Session II	Historical Experience and Political Rapprochement
	Moderator	Leif-Eric EASLEY, Professor at Ewha Womans University / Research Fellow at the Asan Institute
	Video Message	Irena LIPOWICZ, Professor at the University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński
	Speakers	Albrecht LEMPP, Chairman and Managing Director of the Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation
		Jerzy SUŁEK, Former Head of Polish Delegation for German Treaty
	Discussants	FUJIOKA Yuka, Professor at Kwansei Gakuin University and Kobe College
		Jennifer LIND, Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College
15:10~15:40	Coffee Break	
15:40~17:20	Session III	Coming to Terms with the Past
	Moderator	Jonathan T. CHOW, Research Fellow at the Asan Institute
	Speakers	Günter SAATHOFF, Co-Director of the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”
		Dariusz PAWLOŚ, Chairman of the Board of the Foundation for Polish-German Reconciliation
	Discussants	SHIN Chang-Hoon, Research Fellow at the Asan Institute
		Alexis DUDDEN, Professor at the University of Connecticut
17:20~17:30	Closing Remarks	
17:30~18:30	Reception	



Welcoming Remarks



LEE In-ho is the chairperson of the Asan Institute, Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University, and president of the Korea Foundation. She was the former Korean Ambassador to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Finland. She received a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University, an M.A. in Soviet Union Regional Studies from Radcliffe University, and a B.A. in history from Wellesley College. She taught history at Barnard College, Columbia University, and Rutgers University before returning to Korea in 1972. Dr. Lee has been appointed to various governmental and semi-governmental commissions and boards, most notably the Presidential Commission on Education, the National History Compilation Commission, the National Commission on Globalization, and to the board of the Korean Broadcasting System.



Krzysztof Ignacy MAJKA is the ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of Korea. He received an M.A. in engineering from Gdansk University of Technology. In 1987 he received an award from the Minister of Science and Education for his outstanding research achievements and has published approximately 60 scientific works. In 1993 he was appointed as the Consul and Head of the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Mumbai. From 2001 to 2008, he served successively as an ambassador to India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. Since 2008 he has been the deputy director in the Asia and Pacific Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is a member of the Gdansk Learned Society and Maharashtra United Nations Association in Mumbai.



Johannes REGENBRECHT is Deputy Head of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Korea. He studied History and French Philology at Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University of Bonn. He started his career at the German Federal Foreign Office in 1987. Following assignments in Mexico City, Moscow and Minsk, he was appointed Deputy Head of mission in Beirut, Deputy Head of the political office of the SRSG of the United Nations Mission in Pristina (Kosovo) and Deputy Head of mission at the German Embassy in Kiev (Ukraine). In his latest assignment before Seoul, he was Head of the Central Asia and South Caucasus division in the political department at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Mr. Regenbrecht ranks as Minister.



Panelists (in alphabetical order)



Jan Krzysztof BIELECKI is the former Prime Minister of Poland, the former Minister for European Integration, co-founder of the Liberal-Democratic Congress and the Executive Director of the European Bank in London. He is currently the chairman of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland. An advisor to key solidarity figures in the early 1980s, he was involved in the historic strike at Gdansk shipyard in 1981. He published a number of articles for both foreign and Polish specialist papers and magazines, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Europe's World*, and many others. He is the co-author of *Histoire de l'Europe* (Delouche Frédérique, 1997) published in Paris.



BONG Youngshik Daniel is a senior research fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. Before joining the Asan Institute, Dr. Bong was an assistant professor at American University's School of International Service. He was also a Freeman post-doctoral fellow at Wellesley College and an assistant professor of Korean Studies at Williams College in Massachusetts. His research focuses on the interplay between nationalism and globalization on security issues including Dokdo and other island disputes in Asia. He is also interested in the field of the U.S.-ROK Alliance and the implications of anti-Americanism. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Korea Observer*, *Political Science Quarterly*, and *Korean Studies*. Dr. Bong holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. from Yonsei University.



Jonathan T. CHOW is a research fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. He specializes in the role of religion in international politics, transnational norms, and Southeast Asian regional politics. Prior to joining the Asan Institute, Dr. Chow taught political science at Amherst College, where he held a Karl Lowenstein Fellowship and a Five College Fellowship. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, where he wrote his dissertation on religious norms and the Catholic Church's opposition to reproductive health legislation in the Philippines. Dr. Chow received a B.A. in political science from Williams College.



Alexis DUDDEN is a professor of history at the University of Connecticut. She is the author of two books: *Troubled Apologies Among Japan, Korea, and the US* (Columbia University Press, 2008) and *Japan's Colonization of Korea: Discourse and Power* (University of Hawaii Press, 2005). She is also the author of numerous articles. Dr. Dudden is the recipient of several fellowships and grants including a Fulbright to Korea (Seoul National University, 2002-2003) and a Fulbright to Japan (Niigata, 2009-2010). She is currently writing on the history of Northeast Asia's islands disputes from 1850 to the present.



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FUJIOKA Yuka is an adjunct professor of international politics and history at Kwansei Gakuin University and Kobe College in Nishinomiya, Japan. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in history at Kobe University. She received an M.P.P. in public policy from Harvard University, an M.A. in political science from George Washington University, and a B.A. in English literature from Kobe College. She was a Fulbright scholar, Suntory Foundation Fellow, and U.S.-Japan Foundation Leadership Program fellow. Her research interests include ethnic politics and war memory and reconciliation between Japan and other Asian countries. Her publications include "Japan's Postwar Settlement in U.S.-Japan Relations", in the *Journal of Washington Institute of China Studies* (2006) and "Public Diplomacy by Japan's Immigrants in the United States" in *Tumultuous Decade: Empire, Society, and Diplomacy in 1930s Japan* (University of Toronto Press, forthcoming).



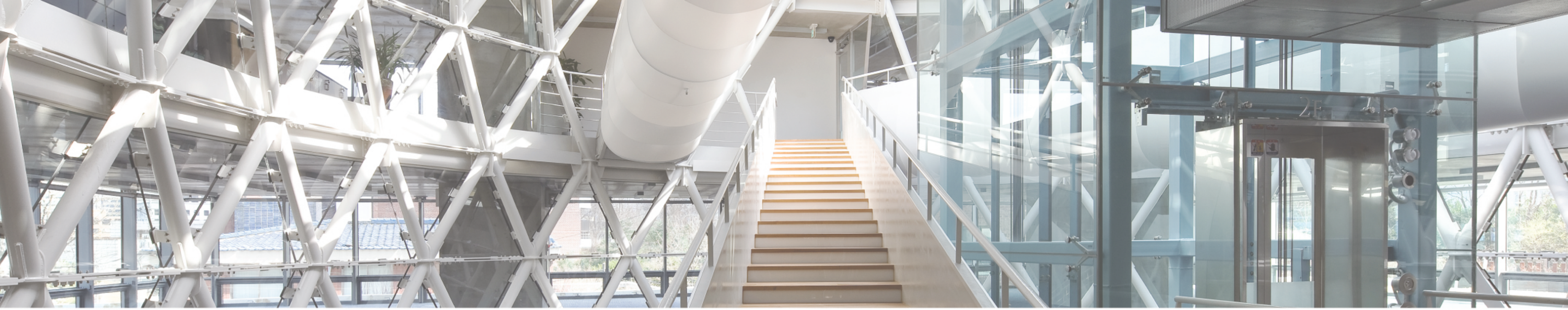
Klaus HÄNSCH was the President of the European Parliament from 1994 to 1997, and the German representative in the European Parliament from 1979 to 2009. His activities in the European Parliament focused on European foreign affairs and security policy, on enlargement of the European Union towards Central and Eastern European Countries, especially Poland, and on the institutional development of the European Union. He was the Presidium-Member of the Convention drafting a European Constitution, and a member of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Constitutional Treaty for the European Union from 2002 to 2004. He has twice been the front-runner for the Social-Democrats in German election campaigns. He is currently a visiting professor at the Economic Academy in Poznan.



KANEHARA Nobukatsu is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Mission for the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Korea. He entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) shortly after graduating from the Department of Law at Tokyo University. He has served in a variety of positions in MOFA throughout the course of his distinguished career, including deputy director of the Russian Division of the European and Oceania Affairs Bureau, director of the U.S.–Japan Security Treaty Division, and deputy director-general of the European Affairs Bureau. He has also lectured on international law and Japanese foreign policy at Waseda University.



Albrecht LEMPP is a member of the board and Managing Director of the Foundation of Polish-German Cooperation. He also translates Polish literature into German. He received a Ph.D. in Slavic Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.A. in Slavic and Journalism Studies from Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. He has published widely on German-Polish affairs and on Polish literature. Prior to joining the Foundation, he worked at the Polish Institute in Darmstadt, Germany and was deputy director at the Adam-Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw. He is the founder of the literature workgroup 'Polska2000' and the founding director of the European Academy Villa Decius in Kraków.



Jennifer LIND is an assistant professor in the Department of Government at Dartmouth College. She is also a faculty associate at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard University. Professor Lind received a Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.A. in Pacific international affairs from the University of California, San Diego, and a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Lind is the author of *Sorry States: Apologies in International Politics* (Cornell University Press, 2008), a book that examines the effect of war memory on international reconciliation.



Dariusz PAWŁOŚ has served as the chairman of the board of the Foundation for Polish-German Reconciliation since February 2008. He received a B.A. in German Studies from Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. He participated in the international talks concerning the compensation for the Polish slave and forced laborers in the Third Reich. In 2007 he headed the Bureau of the Minister of Foreign Affairs' Representative for Polish-German Cooperation. Since 2009 he has been supervising a documentation program at the Institute of National Remembrance and the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage entitled "Human Losses and Victims of the Nazi Terror in Poland under the German Occupation". Since December 2010 he has been participating in a project aimed at revitalizing the area of the former German extermination camp in Sobibór.



Günter SAATHOFF is co-director of the Foundation for Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (Erinnerung, Verantwortung, Zukunft (EVZ)). From October 2000, he was charged with overall responsibility for cooperation with partner organizations and the payments programs of the Foundation EVZ. He was also primarily responsible for the Foundation's international funding programs in the following fields: coming to terms with National Socialist injustice, humanitarian projects, understanding between peoples and culture of remembrance. From 1987 to October 2000, he was an academic coordinator of the working group on domestic and legal policy of the Alliance 90/The Greens parliamentary faction in the German Bundestag. He prepared various parliamentary initiatives that centered on coming to terms with and providing compensation for the injustices suffered under National Socialism. He edited *A Mutual Responsibility and A Moral Obligation – The Final Report on Germany's Compensation Programs for Forced Labor and other Personal Injuries* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).



SHIN Chang-Hoon is a research fellow at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul. He received a B.S. in electrical engineering and an LL.M. from Seoul National University. He earned his D.Phil. from the University of Oxford. He specializes in dispute settlement, law of the sea, international environmental law, and international humanitarian law. He has taught public international law, international organizations, international economic law, and the law of the sea as a lecturer at Seoul National University and Myongji University. He has been an active participant in the international conferences held at the International Maritime Organization and is a member of the Compliance Group established by the 1996 London Protocol to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter.



Jerzy SUŁEK is an academic and a Polish diplomat. He was the head of the Polish delegation during negotiations over the German Treaty (2+4) in 1990, the German–Polish Border Treaty (November 1990), as well as the Treaty of Good Neighbourship and Friendly Cooperation, signed between Poland and Germany in June 1991. From 1997 to 1998, he was a vice minister of National Defense and from 2001 to 2006, he was the director of the Foundation for Polish-German Reconciliation. With 50 years of academic experience, he is the author of more than 400 publications, including his latest book, *On the Way to Mutual Understanding and Reconciliation With Germany* (2009). He is currently a professor of international relations at the Warsaw School of Economics as well as head of the International Department at the College of Customs and Logistics in Warsaw.

Video Message



Irena LIPOWICZ is professor of public law at the University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński in Warsaw and human rights defender for the Republic of Poland. Since 1980, she has been a member of the Solidarność Trade Union and a founding member of its Upper Silesian division. She was also the ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Austria and served as the ambassador of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Polish and German relations. She was awarded the Grand Decoration of Honor in Gold for the Services to the Republic of Austria and the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.