

U.S.-German Futures Forum 2022: The Future of Democracy in a Digital World

November 2-3, 2022
Münster, Germany

Agenda

Wednesday, November 2

1:00 – 1:30pm

Official Welcome and Introduction (*Plenary*)

Dr. Emily Haber, German Ambassador to the United States
Dr. Amy Gutmann, United States Ambassador to Germany

Moderator:

Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook, Senior Advisor, Bertelsmann Stiftung

1:30 – 1:45pm

Presentation of the Bertelsmann Stiftung's eupinions (*Plenary*)

Isabell Hoffmann, Founder eupinions and Senior Expert,
Bertelsmann Stiftung

1:45 – 2:30pm

**“Setting the Scene: Making our democracies fit for 2050”
(*Plenary*)**

Prof. Dr. Maja Göpel, Political Economist and Transformation
Scientist, Co-founder Scientists4Future

2:30 – 3:00pm

Coffee Break

3:00 – 6:00pm

Workshop Sessions

1. Reinforcing Democracy at Home:

Delivering Democracy Digitally (*Meeting Room 1*)

Facilitator:

Keshia Fredua-Mensah, Consultant LEAD

Workshop Expert:

Maximilian Richter, Senior Associate, PUBLIC Deutschland

Faruk Tuncer, Founder and CEO, Polyteia

2. **Advancing Democracy and Human Rights Online Globally:
An Affirmative Vision (*Meeting Room 2*)**

Facilitator:

Kimo Quaintance, Director of Communications, ada

Workshop Experts:

Rebecca MacKinnon, Vice President for Global Advocacy,
Wikimedia Foundation

Allison Peters, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of State
for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, U.S.
Department of State

3. **Defending Democracy: Countering Digital
Authoritarianism and the Misuse of Technology
(*Meeting Room 3*)**

Facilitator:

Dr. Dominik Hierlemann, Senior Advisor, Program
Democracy and Participation in Europe, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Workshop Experts:

Steven Feldstein, Senior Fellow, Democracy, Conflict, and
Governance Program, Carnegie Endowment for International
Peace

Paula Matlach, Analyst, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

4. **Extending Democracy: Integrating Technology for
Democracy in Development Efforts (*Meeting Room 4*)**

Facilitator:

Dr. Cornelius Adebahr, Independent Analyst and Entrepreneur

Workshop Expert:

David Black, Senior Advisor, Center for Democracy, Human
Rights, and Governance, USAID

6:00 – 6:15pm

Conclusion of First Conference Day

Remarks by

Dr. Ralph Heck, CEO and Chairman of the Executive Board,
Bertelsmann Stiftung

6:15 – 7:45pm

Break

7:45 – 9:00pm

Networking Dinner

Welcome Address by Michael Link MP,

Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation at the German Federal Foreign Office

Thursday, November 3

9:15 – 9:55am

Early Bird Session (*Meeting Room 1*)

Presentation of RANGE Crowdsourced Forecasting Platform

Irene Braam, Executive Director, Bertelsmann Foundation

Adam Siegel, CEO, Cultivate Labs

10:00 – 10:45am

Tech Showcases (*Plenary*)

Embedding Democratic Principles and Human Rights in Emerging Tech

Sandro Gaycken, Founder and CEO, Monarch

Safa Ghnam, Associate Program Director, Tactical Tech

10:45 – 11:00am

Presentation of Workshop Results (*Plenary*)

11:00 – 11:45am

Marketplace of Ideas – Further Discussion of Workshop

Results (*Plenary/Meeting Room 1 and 2*)

12:00 – 12:45pm

Networking Lunch

1:00 – 1:05pm

Day One Summary (*Plenary*)

Video presentation featuring workshop “Experts” and NextGen representatives

1:05 – 1:55pm

The Future of Democracy in a Digital World (*Plenary*)

Annalena Baerbock, German Federal Foreign Minister

Antony J. Blinken, U.S. Secretary of State

Moderator:

Ingo Zamperoni, News Presenter, ARD

1:55 – 2:00pm

**Photo-op with Minister Baerbock and Secretary Blinken
(*Plenary*)**

2:00 – 2:30pm

Closing Remarks: (*Plenary*)

Michael Link MP, Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation at the
German Federal Foreign Office

Dr. Amy Gutmann, United States Ambassador to Germany

Moderator:

Ingo Zamperoni, News Presenter, ARD

3:00 – 4:30pm

**Optional guided Tour of Münster City
(*Meeting point close to Main Entrance of Atlantic Hotel*)**