Entangling the Pacific & **Atlantic Worlds** Past & Present

A Symposium Commemorating **Helmut Schmidt**



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About

This symposium addresses one of today's central geopolitical developments: the shift from an international order centered on the Atlantic to one in which the Pacific claims its weight. Helmut Schmidt was a pioneer among Western political leaders in recognizing this transformation and, in particular, the implications of China's growing economic and political influence. The German chancellor strove for a respectful dialogue and a partnership of equals at a time when the world was still divided into communist and capitalist camps. Building on Schmidt's reflections about the remaking of the global order, this symposium will analyze the unfolding situation and its historical background. Scholars, policy experts, and journalists will discuss the changing relationship between the Atlantic and Pacific regions, and the growing complexity of a world with multiple and competing poles.

The Atlantic and Pacific worlds have always been separate yet simultaneously interconnected spheres. Linked by ancient trade networks - most prominently the Silk Road - Eastern and Western civilizations exchanged goods, technologies, knowledge, and people. With the rise of European imperialism, transfers became increasingly imbalanced and dominated by the West. At the turn from the nineteenth to the twentieth century, the Pacific became an arena of global conflicts, not least during the Second World War. The postwar decades were marked by decolonization and the Cold War, whose major proxy wars were fought on shores of the Pacific, as well as by the economic rise first of Japan, then of the "Four Asian Tigers."

With China's ascent and the end of the Cold War, the gradual shift of power from the Atlantic to the Pacific gained momentum. Under Donald Trump, America's "Pacific Century" has taken quite an unexpected turn. The line between friend and foe has been blurred, and international trade tensions are brewing. Beijing's increasingly bold military activity, Pyongyang's nuclear aspirations, and territorial disputes in the South China Sea and beyond further aggravate the tense atmosphere in the Pacific. Economic and military confrontations in the region increasingly threaten the global order.

This symposium in commemoration of Helmut Schmidt aims to enrich the ongoing discussion of the ascendancy of the Pacific by revisiting the multifaceted history of Atlantic-Pacific interconnections. Interdisciplinary in approach, the symposium is envisioned as an opportunity for dialogue and exchange across professional boundaries.

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Monday, March 25

David Brower Center

18:00 Welcome

Simone Lässig

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Michael Göring

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Patrick Heinz

Deputy Consul General, German Consulate

San Francisco

18:30 Shifting Tides: Rise, Resurgence, and

Deep Histories from the Atlantic to the

Pacific

(Registration Required)

Matt Matsuda Keynote Rutaers University Speaker

Registration

All events are open to the public. Due to limited space, please register to attend the keynote lecture (March 25) and fireside discussion (March 26) at

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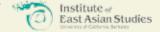
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Pacific Regional Office Berkeley







Tuesday, March 26

Anthony Hall, UC Berkeley

9:30 Imperialism, Decolonization, and the

Cold War in the Pacific Theater

Panel 1 Sarah CM Paine

U.S. Naval War College

David Wolff

Hokkaido University

Wen-hsin Yeh
UC Berkeley

Moderator Lok Siu

UC Berkeley

11:30 The Japan and China Shocks: Atlantic

Debates on Emerging Pacific Competitors

Panel 2 Mario Daniels

Georgetown University

Amy Studdart

German Marshall Fund of the United States

Franz Waldenberger

German Institute for Japanese Studies Tokyo

Moderator Wencke Meteling

Johns Hopkins SAIS

15:00 The Power of Interpretation:

Transformations of China Expertise in

the West

Round Richard Madsen

Table 1 UC San Diego

Shi Ming

Freelance Journalist

Rudolf G. Wagner

Heidelberg University

Moderator Sören Urbansky

German Historical Institute Washington

Alumni House, UC Berkeley

18:00 Helmut Schmidt: The Global Statesman

(Registration Required)

Fireside Ronnie C. Chan

Discussion Hang Lung Properties

Manfred Lahnstein

ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius

Theo Sommer

Former Editor-in-Chief, DIE ZEIT

Kristina Spohr Johns Hopkins SAIS

Moderator Christoph von Marschall

Der Tagesspiegel

Wednesday, March 27

Anthony Hall, UC Berkeley

9:30 The World Economy in a Shifting

International Order

Round Vinod Aggarwal

Table 2 UC Berkeley

Shihoko Goto Wilson Center

Steffen Kern

European Securities and Markets

Authority (ESMA)

Eberhard Sandschneider Free University of Berlin

Moderator Sarah Beringer

German Historical Institute Washington

Wednesday, March 27 Cont.

Anthony Hall, UC Berkeley

11:30 The Global Reach of Security Politics in

the Pacific Region

Round Ulises Granados

Table 3 Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo México

Thanh Hai Do

Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam

Anna Hayes

James Cook University

Andrew Wilson

U.S. Naval War College

Moderator Lukas Danner

Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of

Excellence & Bond University

15:00 The Future of Transatlantic Relations in

the Pacific Century

Round Karen Donfried

Table 4 German Marshall Fund of the United States

Peer Steinbrück

Former Minister of Finance, Federal Republic of Germany

Moderator Jeroen Dewulf

UC Berkeley

17:00 Storm Clouds of a New Order? An

Outlook in the Age of Trump

Keynote Ann Lee

Speaker Coterie New York

