

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.

Conveners Sarah Beringer
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Monday, March 25

David Brower Center

18:00

Welcome

Simone Lässig
German Historical Institute Washington

Michael Göring
ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius

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)

Keynote
Speaker

Matt Matsuda
Rutgers University

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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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 Table 1 Richard Madsen
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 Discussion Ronnie C. Chan
Hang Lung Properties

Manfred Lahnstein
ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerus

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 Table 2 Vinod Aggarwal
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 Table 3 Ulises Granados
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 Table 4 Karen Donfried
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 Speaker Ann Lee
Coterie New York

