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Where are the Intellectuals?
The Absence of Great Minds from Today's Key Political Debates
A PANEL DISCUSSION

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Please join us for a panel discussion with Benjamin Barber, Distinguished Senior Fellow at Demos and author of the bestselling book *Jihad vs. McWorld*; Paul Nolte, Professor of Modern History at the Friedrich Meinecke Institute, Freie Universität Berlin and author of *Generation Reform*; and moderator Christoph von Marschall, US Correspondent, *Der Tagesspiegel*. A reception will follow the discussion.

But even as the role of the public intellectual is more crucial than ever, it is in peril in the US and Europe. The speed of the news cycle is just one factor that undermines deliberative discussion on new ideas and creative policy thinking.

This discussion brings together two eminent public intellectuals to focus on the following questions: Is there a widening rift between the scholar and the practitioner? If so, why? What does that mean for US and European politics? Can we expect changes in the future?

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Some of the most influential policy ideas of the modern era — from the social market economy to the Reagan Revolution to the Third Way — were intellectually underwritten by the work of well-known scholars who stood at the nexus between academia and public policy. Public intellectuals have long elevated debate by infusing the political process with fresh and provocative ideas.