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A PANEL DISCUSSION

A Joint Past for Europe’s Future
National Memory, Bilateral Reconciliation and the
German-Polish Textbook Initiative

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 PM
GERMAN HISTORICAL INSTITUTE
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WASHINGTON DC 20009

In 2007, the foreign ministers of Germany and Poland spurred scholars, teachers and textbook producers to jointly develop a German-Polish history textbook that would be used in the classroom to promote greater understanding between the two countries. As it marks the publication of the first volume of the textbook series Europe – Our History, a panel discussion at the GHI will address the background and the broader themes of the project, and also the main challenges of writing a joint history textbook. Is it possible to forge a path toward a common understanding of history? And how important will a distinctive national narrative be in the future? What is the role of politics and of academia in a project that serves an educational as well as a political purpose?

This panel is part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the signing of the Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Republic of Poland on Good-Neighborliness, Friendship and Cooperation on June 17th, 1991.

Panel discussion featuring Lily Gardner Feldman (AICGS), Igor Kąkolewski (Polish Academy of Sciences), Simone Lässig (German Historical Institute), and moderated by Cathleen Fisher (American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)

6:00 PM  RECEPTION
6:30 PM  PANEL DISCUSSION

This panel is organized in cooperation with the German and Polish Embassies, Washington DC.

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