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## Programme

# Embracing the Shift of Powers

*German, British and European Perspectives*

at the Oxford Union



## Agenda - Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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13:30 Registration

14:00 Welcome

14:15 **Panel I: Emerging Economies – Chances, Competition and Cooperation**

*What business models, policies and international regulations are required to ensure that the economic success of countries like India and China translates into a win-win situation for Germany, Britain and Europe? What policies do European entrepreneurs and enterprises expect from the European governments? What is the effect of the European socio-economic model (as compared to, e.g., the American or Chinese models) on competitiveness? How important is innovation, and what should be done to foster innovation?*

**Dr Rebecca Harding**, Managing Director Delta Economics (Moderator)

**PD Dr rer. pol. Heribert Dieter**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

**Professor Clemens Fuest**, University of Oxford

**Navi Radjou**, University of Cambridge

16:45 **Panel II: Education in a Knowledge-based Society**

*Which educational policies are required in times of knowledge-based societies and knowledge-based competition? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the German and British education systems, and what is the level of education they provide compared to that of emerging countries like India and China? What is the relationship between freedom, education and the ability to innovate? Is the level of investment in education sufficiently high in Britain and Germany – or are there alternative approaches towards improving the quality of education, e.g. by promoting competition, individual responsibility and comparability in educational systems? Should the European Union play a stronger role in coordinating national education systems?*

**Sean Coughlan**, BBC (Moderator)

**Professor William H Dutton**, University of Oxford

**Professor Ken Mayhew**, University of Oxford

**Professor Dieter Lenzen**, President, University of Hamburg

18:45 Closing remarks, drinks reception for all participants

19:45 Speakers' Dinner

## Agenda - Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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09:00 Welcome

09:15 **Panel III: Economic and Social Integration Policies in Germany and Britain**

*How can a modern policy on integration be assured in light of mounting tension from demographic, economic and social-cultural changes? What indicators should be employed to measure the success of integration (e.g. average individual wellbeing, economic success, cultural assimilation, formal education?), and what indicators should a modern integration policy consequently aim at? What is the role of labour markets and social policy in integration? What can Germany learn from British experience with and views on integration, and vice versa? Would the concept of a "European identity" be helpful in defining a reasonable outcome of successful integration?*

**Peter Craven**, Deutsche Welle (Moderator)

**Shenaz Bunglawala**, ENGAGE and Muslim Council of Britain

**Sasha Havlicek**, Institute for Strategic Dialogue

**Matthias Matussek**, DER SPIEGEL

11:30 **Panel IV: The European Union – A Global Player?**

*The economic and political rise of countries like China and India is changing the balance of powers: the world will increasingly become multipolar. What are the consequences for the European countries? Is it possible and necessary to define distinct European aims and interests for the global stage? Does this apply equally to economic (e.g. regulation of financial markets) and political (e.g. security policy, role in the UN) areas? What is the future of the traditional partnership of the West between Europe and America? What political instruments could and should the EU apply in pursuit of its aims?*

**Roland Freudenstein**, Centre for European Studies (Moderator)

**Peter Altmaier MP**, Chief Whip of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group

**Anthony Teasdale**, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President of the European Parliament

13:45 Closing remarks, farewell

14:00 Buffet lunch for all participants