“One Germany – a re-united nation?”

A keynote lecture by

Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan
Co-Founder of the Humboldt-Viadrina School of Governance
and former President of Viadrina University Frankfurt (Oder)

Thursday, October 22, 2009

7:00pm

Altschul Auditorium
420 W. 118th Street

Columbia University

Introduction by and discussion with

Frederick Kempe, President and CEO of the Atlantic Council

Please also join us for a reception following the keynote lecture at Columbia’s Deutsches Haus (420 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10027), hosted by Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Horst Freitag.

Prof. Schwan’s keynote speech is the opening of a one day symposium on “The Fall of the Wall: A Prism for looking at Germany’s recent past and future.” For program information, please see attachment.

The event is a partnership project between Columbia University and NYU.
With generous support from the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany
“The Fall of the Wall: A Prism for looking at Germany’s recent past and future.”
Conference Program

Thursday, October 22
Location: Altschul Auditorium at 420 West 118th Street
(south side of 118th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Avenue, New York, NY 10027)

7:00 pm Welcome
Prof. Andreas Huysen, Columbia University

Greeting
Dr. Horst Freitag, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany

Keynote Address

“One Germany – A Re-United Nation?”
Prof. Gesine Schwan,
HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA School of Governance

Introduction by Frederick Kempe, President and CEO of The Atlantic Council

Q&A with Prof. Gesine Schwan and Frederick Kempe

8:30-9:30 pm Reception
hosted by the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Horst Freitag at Columbia’s Deutsches Haus (420 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10027)

Friday, October 23
Location: Deutsches Haus at Columbia University 420 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10027

8:30-9:00 am Welcome Coffee

9:00-10:30 am Session 1:
Lecture: “East meets East: Transnational Encounters in the Popular Imagination of the Former GDR.”

Prof. Dr. Gabriele Dietze, Humboldt University Berlin/ Distinguished Max Kade Visiting Professor Columbia University

Response: Prof. Anna McCarthy, NYU
Moderator: Prof. Dorothea von Muecke, Columbia University

10:30-10:45 am Coffee break
10:45-12:15 pm Session 2
New German Film
Introductory Lecture: "Wither Germany?: The Minor Cinema of the 'Berlin School' and the Question of the German People"

Prof. Marco Abel, University of Nebraska

Film screening: “Toyland” (Spielzeugland) by Oscar- winning director Jochen Freydank (10 min.)

Conversation between Marco Abel and Jochen Freydank

Moderator: Prof. Stefan Andriopoulos, Columbia University

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch Buffet

2:00-3:30 pm Session 3
Reading followed by conversation and open discussion
"New German Literature"

Discussion between Clemens Meyer (author) and Eric Banks (publisher / journalist)

Moderator: Kathrin DiPaola, Deutsches Haus at NYU

3:45-5:15 pm Session 4
Discussion: Post Wall Politics in Germany and Beyond

Conversation between Prof. Hauke Brunkhorst, Universität Flensburg, Prof. Andrew Arato, New School

Moderator: Prof. Jean Cohen, Columbia University

End of program