

PRESS RELEASE

„Home Alone? Europe in the Post-American Age“

On September 18, international editors-in-chief, historians and politicians will discuss the new transatlantic relationship, Europe's agenda for the post-American era and the role of the media at the M100 Sanssouci Colloquium in Potsdam.

Potsdam, 29 June 2018: It is quite possible that historians will call Donald Trump's presidency the turn of an era. As the moment, the Pax Americana, the system that shaped the world after 1945, came to an end. Although the United States has always given priority to economic and security interests in case of doubt, its "soft power" has always come from its commitment to democratic values and a liberal world order. As the guardian of democracy and human rights, but also as a protective power and – despite political differences on individual issues – a reliable partner for Europe, the USA is not reliable anymore. What are the remains of the "Old West"? Are the principles of multilateralism obsolete? Will the upheavals in global politics be followed by a European awakening? And do the media still play a role in times of increasingly ambivalent public spheres? International chief editors, scientists and politicians will discuss these questions on September 18 at the M100 Sanssouci Colloquium, which will take place for the first time this year at the Barberini Museum in Potsdam.

Potsdam's Lord Mayor Jann Jakobs: "I am delighted to welcome numerous international media representatives to the M100 Sanssouci Colloquium again - this year for the first time at the Museum Barberini in Potsdam's new city centre. The subject 'Europe in the post-American era' is highly topical and will shape the debate on foreign politics in the coming years. M100 will certainly make a productive contribution."

This year's participants also include Ruth Ben-Ghiat (historian, journalist, author), Klaus Brinkbäumer (editor-in-chief, Der Spiegel), Berthold Kohler (publisher, FAZ), Georg Mascolo (head of research cooperation NDR, WDR, Süddeutsche Zeitung), Patricia Schlesinger (director, RBB), Ursula Weidenfeld (business journalist) and many more.

The debate will be followed by the M100 Media Award ceremony. Previous prize winners include Lord Norman Foster, Dr. Bernard Kouchner, Bob Geldof, Ingrid Betancourt, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Kurt Westergaard, Dr. Vitali Klitschko, the editors of the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and the Italian writer Roberto Saviano. Last year, Russian journalist and media manager Natalya Sindeeva received the award. This year's winner will be announced shortly.

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