**Germany Symposium 2012:**

**Prospects and Challenges for Contemporary Germany**

**17th Annual International Studies Symposium**

**Saturday, March 31st, 2012**

**Glendon College, York University**

**8:30 Registration and Light Breakfast**

**9:30 - Welcoming Remarks**

**Jr. Research Fellows of the EUCE at York University**

*Undergraduate Student Coordinators*

**Kenneth McRoberts**

*Professor of Political Science and Principal of Glendon College, York University*

**Stanislav Kirschbaum**

*Professor of International Studies and Chair of the Department of International Studies*, *York University*

**Dagmar Soennecken**

*Assistant Professor, Public Policy & Administration, York University*

**Consul General Sabine Sparwasser**

*German Consulate General, Toronto*

**10:15 - SESSION A**

MORNING KEYNOTE | The Euro Crisis: Germany to the Rescue?

Keynote Speaker

**Birgit Mahnkopf**

*Professor, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Berlin, Germany*

Commentator

**Leo V. Panitch**

*Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University;* *Senior Canada Research Chair*

Moderator: Kenneth McRoberts

**12:00 - Authentic German Lunch and Expo**

with

Live Musical Performance by **Nilima**

Catering Provided by **The Prague: Fine Food Emporium**

**1:30 - First Afternoon Sessions**

SESSION B, Roundtable Discussion | The Education System: A Tool for Immigrant Integration or Social Division?

Moderator: **Ulrich Best**

*DAAD Visiting Professor, Department of Geography, York University*

**Onur Suzan Kömürcü Nobrega**

*PhD Candidate, Goldsmiths, University of London*

**Arnd Rupp**

*Principal of the German International School in Toronto*

**Ranu Basu**

*Associate* *Professor, Department of Geography, York University*

**Jill P. Koyama**

*Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education, University at Buffalo the State University of New York, USA*

SESSION C, Roundtable Discussion | Constitutional Challenges: Security Measures

and Human Dignity

Moderator**: Dagmar Soennecken**

*Assistant Professor, Public Policy & Administration, York University*

**Russell A. Miller**,

*Associate Professor of Law and Ethan Allen Faculty Fellow, Washington and Lee University, USA*

**Kent Roach**

*Professor of Law and Prichard-Wilson Chair of Law and Public Policy, University of Toronto*

**Alice Beauheim**

*Political/Legal Analyst, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington DC*

**3:30 – COFFEE BREAK**

**4:00 - Second Afternoon Sessions**

SESSION D, Panel | Promising or Risky Environmental Policies?

Moderator: **Tom Du**

*Renewable Energy Researcher, Sustainable Energy Initiative (SEI)*

**Lutz Mez**

*Coordinator of BC Care; Professor, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany*

**Maya Jegen,**

*Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal*

**Chuck Farmer**

*Director, Conservation Integration Power System Planning, Ontario Power Authority, Toronto*

**José Etcheverry**

*Assistant Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University*

SESSION E, Panel| Germany's Transformed Multilateralism: European Security and the Transatlantic Relationship

Moderator: **Stanislav Kirschbaum**,

*Chair of International Studies, York University*

**Beverly Crawford**

*Associate Director and Associate Research Political Scientist, Center for German and European Studies, University of California at Berkeley, USA*

**Peter Schmidt**

*Honorary Professor, University of Mannheim; Senior Fellow of the Aspen Institute in Berlin, Germany*

**Benjamin Zyla**

*Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa*

**Lt. Col. Kay Kuhlen**

*German Defense Attaché, German Embassy, Ottawa*

**6:00 – Closing Remarks**

**6:30 - Evening Reception**