



INTRODUCTION ABOUT THE SPEAKERS AND THE AUTHORS

Claus Leggewie

Claus Leggewie is a German political scientist and head of the Institute for cultural science Essen, Germany.

Claus Leggewie was born in 1950 in Wanne-Eickel. His publications deal among other topics with cultural globalisation, European history, democracy in non western societies and political and scientific communication in digital media. Leggewie is co-publisher of the monthly series on German and international politics "Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik".

Gesine Schwan

Gesine Schwan is the President of the Viadrina University and coordinator of the German-Polish affairs for the Federal Government of Germany.

She is a political science professor and is advocating a deeper understanding of Poland in Germany as well as enhanced cooperation between the two countries since long. Her enthusiasm and support for the first European Green Summer University was great and we are happy that she is our host at the end of August. She is a member of the Socialist party SPD, which has put forward her candidacy for the President of Germany (elections in 2009).

Sylvie Goulard

Sylvie Goulard is the president of the European Movement France.

She is a researcher at the "Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI)" and an advisor on foreign affairs. She has studied political science at Sciences Po (Paris) and is an alumni of the well-known French ENA academy. For her book "Le coq et la perle" Goulard was awarded the Europe Book Prize which seeks to promote European values, and to contribute to European citizens' better understanding of the European Union as a cultural entity.

Adam Krzemiński

Adam Krzemiński is a Polish journalist and commentator, frequently featured on German television and radio (e.g., the weekly Sunday TV show hosted by Werner Höfer), specialized in German-Polish relations and history.

Considered as "one of the leading publicists of Poland", he has been editor of the Polish weekly Polityka since 1973, has been guest editor of the German weekly Die Zeit and has written for many other international publications. His books include "Polen im 20.



Jahrhundert: ein historisches Essay" (Munich: Beck, 1993). Krzemiński was awarded the Goethe Medal in 1993 and the Essay Prize of the Polish P.E.N. Club in 1996. He is Chairman of the German-Polish Association.

Frank Bsirske

Frank Bsirske is the president of ver.di services union (Vereinte Dienstleistungsgewerkschaft e. V.) of Germany.

He is the son of an employee at Volkswagen AG and a nurse. He got his A-levels in 1971. After having studied political science, he was secretary on education for the socialist youth of Germany - "Die Falken" in the district of Hannover. In 1987 Bsirske became member of staff of the party "Grüne Alternative Bürgerliste" of Hannover, and in 1989 obtained the position of secretary of the ÖTV -Trade union for public services - in the district administration of Hannover. From then on he stayed in the trade union administration on evolving positions until 1997. Bsirske returned to work for the city of Hannover in the organisational department until 2000 and started reform projects for citizen-friendly public administration.

Geert Mak

Geert Mak was born in Friesland, The Netherlands in 1946. He worked as a journalist for the weekly De Groene Amsterdamer and the daily NRC Handelsblad. He is one of the Netherlands' most successful non-fiction authors.

His previous works include The Angel of Amsterdam (1992), Amsterdam: A Brief Life of the City (1994), Jorwerd (1996) and In Europe (Pantheon, 2007), which is an account of Geert Mak's travels across Europe. In 1999 a Dutch newspaper, NRC Handelsblad commissioned Mak to visit places significant for the history of the twentieth century, by way of a "last inspection". The Bridge (Harvill Secker, 2008) describes the cultural effect of the Galata Bridge in Istanbul and the people who use it. His books have been translated into several languages.

Zülfü Livaneli

Zülfü Livaneli is a popular Turkish folk musician (singer and composer), a novelist, newspaper columnist and a film director who has been highly popular for decades. He is also a prominent left-wing and social-democrat politician and was a member of the Turkish parliament for one term.

He is most known for his fusion of Turkish folk music with contemporary music, in much the same way as Pete Seeger and his contemporaries in the United States. His collaborations with Mikis Theodorakis of Greece have been noted as a gesture of bringing together the two countries. Livaneli has been a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador since 1996.

In the 2002 Turkish elections, Livaneli was elected to the Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi (Grand National Assembly of Turkey) as the Deputy for Istanbul for the Cumhuriyet Halk Partisi (CHP). Livaneli resigned from the CHP in early 2005. Following his resignation from the party membership, Livaneli continued in his position in the Grand National Assembly as an independent until the end of that term.

Ondřej Liška

Ondřej Liška was born in 1977 in Brno (South Moravia, Czech Republic). He is currently the Minister of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic.

Liska has been a politician in the Czech Green Party (Strana zelených) for many years, where he has held various positions. Ondřej Liška also worked as an advisor on regional affairs for the Green Party in the European Parliament.

In 2006, Liška was one of the first Greens in the Czech Republic to be elected to the Czech Parliament. At the age of 29, he was nominated Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Czech Parliament. Liška was made a Minister in 2007.

Herta Müller

Herta Müller is a novelist and was born in Nițchidorf (Nitzkydorf), Timiș County.

She is the daughter of displaced Swabian farmers. She did German and Romanian literature studies at the Timișoara University. Her first book, written in Romanian, was published in 1982, and appeared only as a censored version, as with most publications of this time. Over the following years, she received many lectureships at universities in Germany and abroad. She currently lives in Berlin. Müller is a member of the German Academy for Writing and Poetry in 1995, and other positions followed. In 1997, she withdrew from the PEN centre of Germany in protest of its merge with its former German Democratic Republic branch. Many of Müller's works reflect aspects of her own history. Reisende auf einem Bein (1989) for example portrays the problems of resettlement in the west, and the feelings of alienation that plague the political exile.

Dorota Masłowska

Dorota Masłowska was born 1983 in Wejherowo, and grew up there. Her debut book *Wojna polsko-ruska pod flagą biało-czerwoną* was translated to English as either *White and Red* in the UK or *Snow White and Russian Red* in the US). Largely controversial, mostly because of the language seen by many as vulgar, cynical and simple, the book was praised by many intellectuals as innovative and fresh. Among the most active supporters of Masłowska were Marcin Świetlicki and *Polityka* weekly staff, most notably the renowned writer Jerzy Pilch. A notable example of post-modernist literature, her book became a best-seller in Poland and Masłowska won several notable awards as well as general support among the critics.

Yuri Andrukhovych

Yuri Andrukhovych is an Ukrainian poet, prose writer and essayist.

He was born in 1960 in Stanislav. He is credited with having radically renewed Ukrainian poetry in the mid 1980's. The poetical group The Bu-Ba-Bu (Burlesque-Blaster-Boffoonery) established by him and his friends, poets Viktor Neborak and Olexandr Irvanets, has forever buried the accepted standards of 'socialist realist' poetry, proposing a new poetical quality, dominated by literary game, carnivalism, urbanism, and total aesthetical freedom.

During the European Green Summer University he will read from his essay on his travels through Europe "Mein Europa" and from other parts of his works.

George Gachechiladze

George (Gia) Gachechiladze is the Secretary General of the Green party of Georgia.

He has led the Green party which has had several members of parliament in Georgia over the last decade. He fought for democratic and free elections which were finally held in 2003 and were claimed to be "the most transparent process in the history of Georgia" by the Georgian Green Party.

Sivan Kartha

Sivan Kartha is director of the Stockholm Environment Institute climate and energy programme.

His research focuses on policy analysis relating to climate change, assessments of renewable energy technologies, and sustainable development strategies. As Coordinator of the Stockholm Environment Institute's Climate Program, his climate change research includes technical and methodological aspects of international agreements, as well as questions regarding equitable sharing of responsibility for addressing the climate challenge. He has also been involved in capacity building activities in countries in Asia, Latin America, and Asia.

Tarja Cronberg

Tarja Cronberg is the Minister of Labour of Finland.

She is a former Member of the Finnish Parliament (2003 - 2007), representing the Green League. She was elected as the chairperson of her party in 2005. Cronberg has been the director of the Copenhagen Peace Research Institute. She has two Ph.D. degrees, in technology (from Lund University, Sweden) and in economics (from Copenhagen Business School, Denmark). Cronberg has worked in various positions in both business and education, such as an associate professorship at the Technical University of Denmark.

T. Sarath Fernando

Sarath Fernando works with the Movement for National Land and Agricultural Reform (MONLAR), which represents 1.8 million smallholders.

He farms one eighth of an acre with his family and is committed to what he calls 'ecological agriculture'. Sarath feels that this model of small, sustainable farming means better diversity, as farmers can grow what they need, not what the market - or the government - tells them to grow. The emphasis is not on creating a surplus of crops, but on communities sharing what they have. He regularly writes on issues relating to poverty reduction, economic growth, climate change and globalisation.

Déirdre de Búrca

Déirdre de Búrca is an Irish Senator for the Green Party.

She was previously an elected member of Wicklow County Council and Bray Town Council. She was first elected in 1999 for the Bray district, and has returned with an increased vote in 2004, when she was voted to the Town Council. She was born in near Dublin, and is one of the most high-profile members of the Green Party in Ireland. She has played a prominent role in explaining the shift in her party's thinking in relation to Europe, which was reflected in the vote by 63% of the Green Party membership in January 2007 to support the Lisbon Treaty.

Reinhard Bütikofer

Reinhard Bütikofer is a politician for the German Alliance 90/The Greens party and one of the two current party leaders, together with Claudia Roth.

In 1984, he was elected to the town council of Heidelberg and became member of the Green party, the starting point of his political carrier with Alliance 90/The Greens. In 1988, he was elected in the Landtag (state parliament) of Baden-Württemberg. He was Member of the Landtag until 1996. After a "family year", in 1997 Bütikofer became co-chairman of the Baden-Württembergian Green party. One year later he was elected secretary general of the party. In December, 2002 he became co-chairman of the federal party. On 3 March 2008 he announced not to stand again as a party chairman but to run for European Parliament in 2009.

Claudia Roth

Claudia Roth is a German Green Party politician and one of the two current party chairs, together with Reinhard Bütikofer.

In July 1989, she was elected for the first time as a Member of the European Parliament for the Greens. Amongst other things, she was a member of the new Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs, the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Sub-Committee on Human Rights. She was chairperson of the Green Group in the European Parliament from 1994 to 1998.

Claudia Roth ended her work as an MEP when she became part of the Alliance 90/The Greens parliamentary group in the Bundestag after the German federal elections in 1998. In October 2002, she was elected to the Bundestag as Bavarian lead candidate for Alliance '90/The Greens.

Michaele Schreyer

Michaele Schreyer is a German politician from Alliance 90/The Greens. She served a European Commissioner for Budgetary Affairs from 1999 to 2004. Before that she had been a member of the Berlin state Parliament for eight years.

Michaele Schreyer studied economics and sociology and wrote her PhD thesis on "Transfer policy and fiscal federalism - problems of the allocation of responsibilities". She continues her academic career through engagements at the Otto-Suhr-Institute for political sciences in

Berlin and the Hertie School of Governance. Schreyer is Vice-president of the European Movement Germany.

Dan Boyle

Senator Dan Boyle, nominated in August 2007 was subsequently appointed as Deputy Leader of the Senate. He was elected to the position of Party Chair of the Green Party in October 2007.

Dan Boyle was the first Green Party councillor to have been elected to Cork City Council in 1991. In 2002 he was elected to Dáil Eireann for the constituency of Cork South Central. He has served as a member of the inter-parliamentary delegation to the Organisation for Security Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the National Forum on Europe.

He has published bills on the Reform of Public Appointments, Ethical Investment, Reform of the Presidential Office and the criteria for running for elections.

A prominent member of the Green Party, he has formulated many policy papers, including Taxing Smarter; Supporting Volunteering; Pension Provision; Democratic Communities and Towards Greater Social Justice for All and also on the Prohibition on Fur Farming.

Marjane Satrapi

Marjane Satrapi is an Iranian and French contemporary graphic novelist, illustrator, Academy Award-nominated animated film director, and children's book author.

Satrapi grew up in Tehran and witnessed, as a child, the growing suppression of civil liberties and the everyday-life consequences of Iranian politics, including the fall of the Shah, the early regime of Khomeini, and the first years of the Iran-Iraq war. She used to live in Vienna after coming back to Teheran, she finished Visual Communication studies.

Satrapi became famous worldwide because of her critically acclaimed autobiographical graphic novels *Persepolis* and *Persepolis 2*, which describe her childhood in Iran and her adolescence in Europe.

Persepolis was adapted into an animated film of the same name, which debuted at the Cannes Film Festival in May 2007 and involved such voices of Chiara Mastroianni, Catherine Deneuve, Sean Penn, and Iggy Pop. The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in January 2008.

Piotr Serafin

Minister Piotr Serafin is the Undersecretary of State of the Office of the Committee for European Integration, National Aid Coordinator for Phare Programmes and Transitional Measures.

He graduated from the Warsaw School of Economics (economy) and from the faculty of law and administration at Warsaw University (law). He also obtained a diploma of postgraduate studies in the field of European integration at the University of Sussex and has been the scholarship holder of the US Department of State and Ministry of the French Foreign Affairs. In 1998 began his work in UKIE (State of the Office of the Committee for European Integration) as the EU budget and institutional matters specialist. He also cooperated with the Chief Negotiator for Polish EU membership as well as was the coordinator of works and negotiations concerning financial perspective for years 2007-2013 and several times was a

member of the delegation of Poland for the summits of the EU heads of states and governments. Since 2004 he is director of the Department of Analysis and Strategy in UKIE. He was also the consultant in the field of preparation for the EU membership and assessment of the regulation effects for the governments of Ukraine, Croatia and Turkey as well as OECD/SIGMA. In 2007 he was the special adviser of Regional Policy Commissioner Danuta Huebner.

Philippe Lamberts

Philippe Lamberts, born in 1963 in Brussels, Belgium, was elected in May 2006 as co-spokesperson of the European Green Party. He is a member of the Belgian Green party Ecolo and a member of its political council, which he joined in 1993. From 1999 to 2003, Lamberts was adviser on international affairs and defence to the Belgian federal Vice-Prime Minister Isabelle Durant. He was member of the city council of Anderlecht (Brussels) from 1994 until 2006.

Lamberts is nowadays focusing his energy on the European Green Party, helping transforming it into the vector of the joint actions of Greens in Europe. He is currently leading the working group on the economy, which aims at producing a common position paper of the European Greens by spring 2008.