Invitation: Public Webinar
Wunderbar Together 2021 – AICGS/BIGS
Reconnecting the Transatlantic Digital Economy – The Role of Trust in 5G

Organizer:	American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at Johns Hopkins University (AICGS)/ Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security (BIGS)
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Date/Time:	16. June 2021 - 18.00 – 19.00 CEST/ 12.00 – 13.00 pm EDT
Location:	Berlin/Washington D.C. (Online)

Baseline/Situation – Discussing Principles and Policies of the 5G Key Future Technology

"Reconnecting the Transatlantic Digital Economy" – The Role of Trust

The American Institute for Contemporary German Studies at Johns Hopkins University (AICGS) and the Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security (BIGS) invite you to our upcoming public webinar "*Reconnecting the Transatlantic Digital Economy—The Role of Trust in 5G*" on **Wednesday, June 16** from **12:00pm** to **1:00pm EDT** (**18:00-19:00 CEST**).

Ultra-fast 5G broadband cellular connectivity will advance a host of the technologies of the future, including Industry 4.0, autonomous vehicles, virtual reality, drones, and telemedicine. However, the commercial opportunities offered by 5G are accompanied by security concerns about dependencies and vulnerabilities if new networks are built using proprietary technologies from potentially untrustworthy vendors, such as telecommunications equipment providers from China. Both the United States and Germany are strengthening their IT security, but opinions in Washington and Berlin diverge over how to shape digital policies in the context of economic and strategic competition with China. As both countries chart their 5G policies to support a widening array of future digital transformations of societies and economies, they have important opportunities to cooperate but will also need to carefully manage their differences.

Our distinguished speakers, **Stephen C. Anderson**, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and **Stephan Mayer**, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Member of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag, will discuss the respective U.S. and German government approaches to 5G network security, offer their perspectives on economic, technological, and geostrategic competition with China, and examine the implications of policy convergence and divergence in these areas for the transatlantic relationship.

This public webinar is part of the *Wunderbar Together 2021 Initiative* supported by the German Foreign Office and will be convened via ***GoToWebinar***. Please **register your attendance here**

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We hope you will be able to join us. Please contact BIGS Research Fellow Alexander Szanto (alexander.szanto@bigs-potsdam.org) if you have any questions.

Agenda

17:50 CEST (11.50 am EDT) Dial-in/ Access

18:00 CEST ***Trust as the Foundation of the Transatlantic Partnership in the Digital World***

Peter and Tim will moderate a discussion with two distinguished panelists on the Biden Administration's approach toward competition in the digital and technology domain, particularly with regard to 5G, as well as key elements to revitalize the deep-rooted transatlantic relationship.

Stephan Mayer (Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of the Interior and Member of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the Bundestag)

Stephen C. Anderson (Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Communications and Information Policy in the State Department),

19:00 CEST (13.00 pm EDT) Ending