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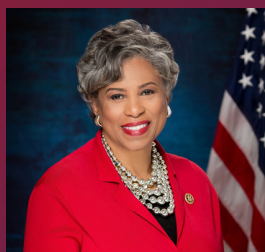
The Future of Transatlantic Relations: Implications of the 2024 US Elections

Brown-Bag Lunch Discussion with
Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) 1993-2019 and **Rep. Brenda Lawrence** (D-MI) 2015-2023

moderated by **Prof. Dr. Jasper Trautsch**, University of Bonn

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Brenda Lawrence represented Michigan's 14th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2015 until 2023. During her time in Congress, she served as Co-Chair of the Democratic Women's Caucus, 2nd Vice Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Co-Chair and Founder of the Congressional Caucus on Black-Jewish Relations. Congresswoman Lawrence's elected public service spanned over 30 years. She was the first African American and the first woman to be elected as Mayor of the City of Southfield. Before she began her career in public service, the Congresswoman had a notable career with the U.S. Postal Service.



Bob Goodlatte represented the Sixth Congressional District of Virginia in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993 to 2019. A continuously-serving member of the House Judiciary Committee, he was elected as the Committee's Chairman in the 113th Congress. In the 108-109th Congresses, he served as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. Congressman Goodlatte furthermore made a name for himself as a leader on internet and high-tech issues, and he served as a Deputy Whip. Since leaving Congress, Bob Goodlatte has been active on the board of directors for the United States Association of Former Members of Congress.

In Europe, we have followed the 2024 US presidential and congressional elections with both interest and concern. The transatlantic partnership faces enormous challenges and its survival is everything but certain in view of rising nationalism, populism, and neoisolationist sentiment on the other side of the Atlantic. At the same time, many of the troubling phenomena we have been witnessing in the U.S. such as divisive polarization, acrid rhetoric, and political gridlock have also come to shape European politics. Against this backdrop, this year's US elections may well set the course for the future of the Atlantic community and Western democracy. What are the elections' consequences for the transatlantic alliance? What do the elections mean for European politics?

To discuss these and related questions and to analyze the results of the 2024 US presidential and congressional elections, former members of the US Congress Bob Goodlatte, Republican from Virginia (1993-2019), and Brenda Lawrence, Democrat from Michigan (2015-2023), will join us for a brown-bag-lunch, to which you are cordially invited. Sharing their political insights with us, they will present their take-aways from the election results and look forward to your questions.

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