

The White House Embattled: The U.S. Election 2024

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Donald J. Trump's presidency (2017-21) was a rough ride for Europeans: Trump called NATO obsolete, repeatedly scolded allies, questioned US security guarantees, and cozied up to leaders in Moscow and Beijing. A few months ago, he even suggested to give Russia a free pass to attack financially "delinquent" NATO members. Unsurprisingly, the scenario of Donald Trump's potential return to the White House sends shockwaves through Europe at a time of heightened geopolitical and geoeconomic conflict. The lecture analyzes the severe security challenges Germany, NATO, and the EU currently face and discusses options to weather the storm.

Prof. Dr. Gerlinde Groitl currently serves as Interim Chair of Multi-Level Governance at the University of Freiburg. Her research focuses on questions of international security, grand strategy, transatlantic relations, and global great power competition, and her 2023 book publication interrogates Russian and Chinese revisionism against the US-led liberal international order.