

Amerika Haus e.V. NRW, in cooperation with Auslandsgesellschaft NRW e. V. and the German-American Institutes, cordially invites you to a

Lecture and Discussion

»The Current State of Transatlantic Relations, the United States, and Russia«

with

Dr. Michael Kimmage

Historian

and PD Dr. Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche

Lecturer for Literature and Cultural Studies

June 6th 2017 | 6 p.m.

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During his presidential election campaign in 2016, Donald Trump surprised audiences and political analysts with many radically new approaches to foreign policy. Especially his openly professed sympathy for Russian President Vladimir Putin and his demands for a new direction in US-Russian relations demonstrated a significant break with the Obama-Administration. Surprisingly, since his inauguration in January, the relationship between the two countries has seen no considerable improvement. For Russia, the most important ally of Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad, the US-attack on a Syrian airbase in April was an unexpected and serious offense. In Washington, investigations into presumed illegal Russian contacts of Trumps campaign team put pressure on his administration. Contrary to promises made by Trump during his campaign, US-sanctions against Russia - imposed during the Ukrainian crisis - have not been lifted so far. All this leads to two questions: what will US policy towards Russia look like in the four years to come and what will be Europe's role in this context?

Dr. Michael Kimmage will address these questions in his lecture and in the following discussion. He will take a close look at German-American relations, as well as at the relations between the United States and Russia.



Dr. Michael Kimmage is a professor of history at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. As a guest lecturer, he also taught at several European Universities, among them Freie Universität Berlin and the LMU University Munich. In addition to that, he is the author of two books and of several essays and articles on international relations and transatlantic relations.

Dr. Elisabeth Schäfer-Wünsche is a lecturer (*Privatdozent*) in the North American Studies program at the University of Bonn. Her areas of interest include African-American studies, migration and globalization.



This event will be held in English.

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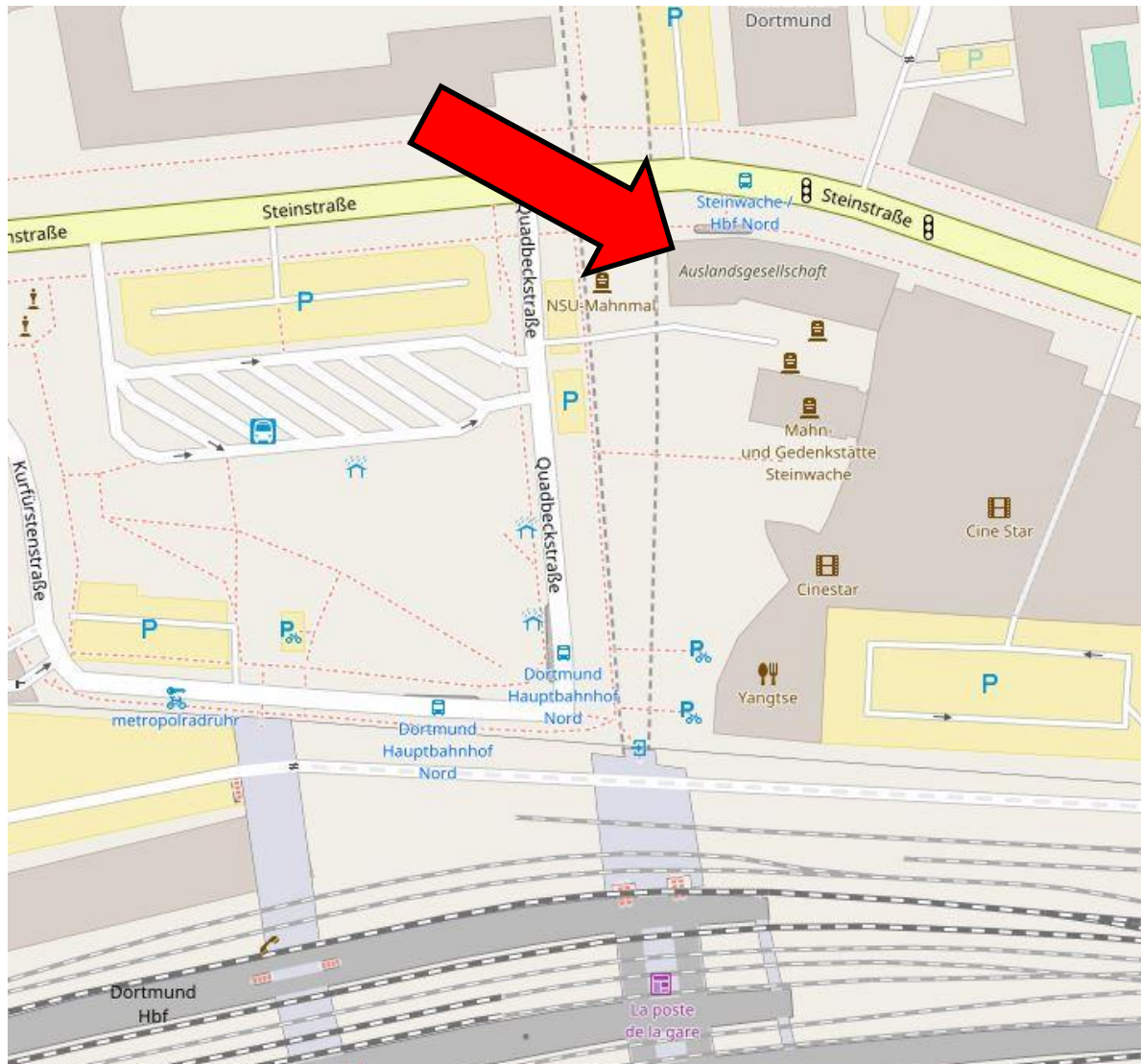
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