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Summitry and the German Question*

Resolving the German question after 1945 has often been considered in terms of domestic politics – a story written around the Berlin Wall in 1961, Brandt's *Ostpolitik*, and the *Wende* in 1989. Drawing on their new book *Transcending the Cold War*, Kristina Spohr and David Reynolds explore the diplomatic dimension, especially the significance of key summit meetings. Their talk will address decisive moments such as the Brandt-Stoph icebreakers at Erfurt and Kassel in 1970; the Guadeloupe meeting of 1979 when Helmut Schmidt brought the *Bundesrepublik* to the West's 'top table'; the place of Germany in the dramatic Reagan-Gorbachev encounters of the mid-1980s; and the summitry between Bush, Gorbachev and Kohl which facilitated the peaceful reunification of Germany and with it the end of Europe's Cold War.

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Gemeinsam haben sie das Buch *Transcending the Cold War: Summits, Statecraft, and the Dissolution of Bipolarity in Europe, 1970-1990* herausgegeben, das diesen Herbst bei Oxford University Press erschienen ist.

Moderiert wird der Vortrag von Dr. **Ilse Dorothee Pautsch**, Leiterin der Aktenedition "Akten zur Auswärtigen Politik der Bundesrepublik Deutschland", Institut für Zeitgeschichte München - Berlin.

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