



**TPN WEBINAR**  
**TOWARDS TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP – REBUILDING TRUST**  
**BIOGRAPHIES**  
**OF MODERATORS AND SPEAKERS**

**Opening Session**

**16:00-16:20 hrs Brussels**

**10:00-10:20 am Washington DC**



**THE HONORABLE JIM COSTA**

(D – CA)

Jim Costa represents California's 16th Congressional District. He has served the San Joaquin Valley in the U.S. House of Representatives since January of 2005. Raised on a dairy farm in Fresno's Kearney Park area, Congressman Costa is a third-generation family farmer. As a Member of Congress, Costa has applied his farming background to fighting for Valley water, agriculture, and the economy.

A lifelong resident of the Valley, Costa's committee assignments allow him to effectively advocate for the district. Costa uses his position on the Natural Resources Committee to fight for the Valley's fair share of water. This includes securing funding for dams, working to overturn unfair federal water regulations, and increasing Valley water allocations. On the Agriculture Committee, Costa has worked to increase federal support for Valley agriculture through the Farm Bill and other programs. When a milk price crisis devastated the region's dairy industry, Costa introduced legislation to protect Valley dairy families and local jobs. In addition to his committee assignments, Costa is a member of the fiscally-conservative Blue Dog Coalition and has worked with his colleagues to support more responsible budgeting practices.

Costa's work to improve the Valley stretches across the district. During his first term in office, Costa put together a broad-based bipartisan coalition aimed at developing a Regional Water Plan for Central California. He also led the negotiations between the City of Fresno and the State of California that secured the final funding necessary to complete the new Amtrak station in Fresno. During the 109th Congress, Costa played a leading role in the bipartisan effort to secure Highway 99 funding in the infrastructure bonds approved by California voters in 2006. Costa was

also a principal in the successful effort to secure Congressional approval of plans to keep Fresno's 144th Air National Guard Fighter Wing viable well into the future. As the primary author of state legislation to create the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, Costa continues to work with local and state officials to clean up the Valley's air.

Costa's efforts to strengthen Valley agriculture and the economy have been recognized by organizations like The American Farm Bureau Federation who named him a recipient of its "Friend of the Farm Bureau" award. Costa has also received the "Spirit of Enterprise" award by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Costa's work to crack down on violent crime and advocate for victims' rights was recognized by the National Organization for Victim Assistance, which named him recipient of the Donald E. Santarelli Public Policy Award for demonstrating outstanding public policy leadership.

A product of Fresno County schools, Costa is a graduate of San Joaquin Memorial High School and has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from California State University, Fresno. Before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, Costa served for 24 years in the California State Legislature.

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## **JAMES ELLES**

Chairman, Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)

JAMES ELLES was a British Conservative Member of the European Parliament for the South East region of the UK from 1984 to 2014. Since stepping down, he has remained active in a number of fields. Apart from continuing to chair the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) which he founded in 1992, he is a Member of the Steering Committee of the European Internet Forum (EIF) which he co-founded in 2000.

He is also Honorary President of the European Strategy and Policy Analysis (ESPAS) which he started in 2010, examining long-trends to focus on priority challenges facing the EU in the years ahead.



## **DANUTA HUEBNER MEP**

EPP - Poland

Born in 1948. Warsaw I. Master of Arts 1971, Ph.D 1974, Post doctorate 1981, Professor of economics 1992, Warsaw School of Economics. 2004-2009, EU Commissioner for Regional Policy.

2003-2004, Minister for European Affairs. 2001-2003, Secretary of State in charge of European integration, Foreign Ministry. 2000-2001, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe. 1998-2001, Economic advisor to the President of Poland. 1998-2000, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Economic Commission for Europe. 1997-1998, Minister, Head of the Chancellery of the Polish President. 1996-1997, Chief Negotiator for Poland's accession to the OECD. MEP since 2009.

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## Scene Setter

**16:20-17:00 hrs Brussels**

**10:20-11:00 am Washington DC**



**KATI PIRI MEP**

S&D - Netherlands

## Education (qualifications and diplomas)

- **2000-2007** : International relations, University of Groningen

## Professional career

- **2011** : Coordinator, European Thinktank, WBS (Wiardi Beckman Foundation)
- **2011-2014** : Programme Manager, Southern Caucasus and Moldova, NIMD (Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy)

## Political career

Offices held in an international political party organisation or an international trade union organisation

- **2006-2008** : Political advisor to the PvdA Delegation in the European Parliament (Anne Vondeling Foundation)
- **2008-2011** : Political advisor to the Committee on Foreign Affairs / Defence and Security, S&D Group in the European Parliament (advisor to the Delegation for Relations with Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia)

## Other activities

- Member of the Dutch Labour Party

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## AMBASSADOR WENDY SHERMAN

**Wendy R. Sherman** is a professor of the practice of public leadership and director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. In addition, she is a Senior Fellow at the School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. Ambassador Sherman is Senior Counselor at Albright Stonebridge Group and former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. She is currently an MSNBC global affairs contributor and on the USA TODAY Board of Contributors. Ambassador Sherman is the author of ***Not for the Faint of Heart: Lessons in Courage, Power and Persistence*** published by PublicAffairs, September 2018.

She serves on the boards of the International Crisis Group and the Atlantic Council, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Aspen Strategy Group, and the Massachusetts Women's Forum. Ambassador Sherman led the U.S. negotiating team that reached agreement on a Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action between the P5+1, the European Union, and Iran for which, among other diplomatic accomplishments, she was awarded the National Security Medal by President Barack Obama. Prior to her service at the Department of State, she was Vice Chair and founding partner of the Albright Stonebridge Group, Counselor of the Department of State under Secretary Madeleine Albright and Special Advisor to President Clinton and Policy Coordinator on North Korea, and Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs under Secretary Warren Christopher.

Ambassador Sherman, with a Masters in Social Work, began her career as Director of Child Welfare for the State of Maryland. Later, she managed Senator Barbara Mikulski's successful campaign for the U.S. Senate, served as director of EMILY's List and ran Campaign '88 at the Democratic National Committee for the Dukakis presidential campaign. She served on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, was Chair of the Board of Directors of Oxfam America and served on the U.S. Department of Defense's Defense Policy Board and Congressional Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation and Terrorism.

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## Digital Priorities

17:00-17:30 hrs Brussels

11:00-11:30 am Washington DC



### **TYSON BARKER**

Director of the Tech and Foreign Policy Program,  
German Council on Foreign Relations

**Tyson Barker** was Deputy Director and Fellow at the Aspen Institute Germany responsible for the Institute's digital and transatlantic programs. Barker comes to Aspen from the Brandenburg Institute for Society and Security (BIGS) where he worked on transatlantic cyber security policy. Prior to that, he served as Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs at the US State Department in Washington, D.C. from 2014 to 2015. Prior to joining State, he worked for 6 years at the Bertelsmann Foundation, most recently as the Director for Trans-Atlantic Relations where his portfolio included the European-American economic relationship, US-EU cooperation, the Congressional European Parliament Initiative (CEPI) and tracking rising political leaders in the US and Europe. He has written for numerous publications on both sides of the Atlantic including Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Politico, the Atlantic, National Interest and Spiegel.

Barker was a Fulbright scholar in Austria; a Truman National Security Project Fellow; a recipient of the Taiwan Cultural Exchange Fellowship; a Starr Foundation grant to conduct research on Sino-European relations. Barker has a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's degree from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In addition to his native English, he speaks fluent German and Spanish.



### **PILAR DEL CASTILLO MEP**

EPP – Spain

Born in 1952. Nador, Morocco. Professor of Political Science and Administration. Doctor of Law. Fulbright Scholarship and postgraduate studies, Ohio State University. Member, 'International Political Science Association' (IPSA). Specialist in Political Parties and Electoral Behaviour. Director, New Magazine of Politics, Culture and Art (1994-1996). President, Sociological Research center (1996-2000). Minister of Education, Culture and Sport (2000-2004). Former member, National Parliament for Granada. MEP since 2004.

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## **THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE MURPHY**

Member of Congress, US House of Representatives

U.S. Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy proudly represents Florida's Seventh Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The district includes all of Seminole County and much of northern Orange County, including downtown Orlando, Maitland, Winter Park, and the University of Central Florida. She currently serves on the influential House Ways and Means Committee, where she is a member of the Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support.

Previously, Congresswoman Murphy was a businesswoman and college instructor after serving as a national security specialist in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Defense where she received numerous awards for her distinguished service, including the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service. She worked on a wide range of security issues from counterterrorism to foreign military relations to strategic planning for the department. Prior to her public service, Stephanie was a strategy consultant at Deloitte Consulting.

Congresswoman Murphy holds a M.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University and a B.A. in Economics from the College of William and Mary. She lives in Winter Park, Florida, with her husband and two young children.

BIO & PHOTO: <https://murphy.house.gov/biography/>

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## **Economic Priorities**

**17:30-18:00 hrs Brussels**

**11:30 am-12 noon Washington DC**



## **DR. STORMY-ANNIKA MILDNER**

Head of Department External Economic Policy, BDI

In January 2014, Dr. Stormy-Annika Mildner (M.Sc.) became head of the department "External Economic Policy" at the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI), Federation of German Industries. Since then, she spearheaded the BDI TTIP campaign (2015-2016). As Sherpa she was responsible for the German Business 7 Presidency (2015) and the German Business20 Presidency (2016-2017). 2017-2019 she represented the BDI in the Deutschlandjahr Wunderbar Together,

an initiative by the German Foreign Ministry, the Goethe Institute, and BDI, to strengthen the German-U.S. relationship.

Until December 2013, she was a member of the Executive Board of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), a policy-oriented think-tank based in Berlin. Her fields of interest include international trade and finance as well as commodity markets.

Before joining the SWP, she worked for the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), where she headed the program “Globalization and the World Economy” (2000-2002). From 2005 to 2006, Ms. Mildner was a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy Institute of the Free University of Berlin. In spring 2010, she was a visiting fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies in Washington, where she is still a non-resident Senior Fellow. In fall 2011 she was a visiting fellow at the German Marshall Fund’s Transatlantic Academy in Washington.

Ms. Mildner conducted her Bachelor studies in economics and North American studies at the Free University of Berlin and earned a Master of Science in international political economy from the London School of Economics (2000). She wrote her PhD thesis at the Free University of Berlin on the economic and political rationale of export credit finance in the United States. During her PhD studies, she attended the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) of Yale University (2002-2003).



## **THE HONORABLE RON KIND**

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A native of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Ron Kind has represented Wisconsin's Third Congressional District since 1997.

Ron is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy, Medicare, Social Security, and international trade. He serves on the Subcommittee on Health, and since becoming a member in 2007, Ron has focused his work primarily on that of issues relating to small business, specifically their health care challenges. Ron also serves on the Subcommittee on Trade.

Ron served as a member of the Natural Resources Committee from 1996-2010. His work on the committee allowed him to focus on a tremendously important issue to western Wisconsin – the Mississippi River. As a committee member and the co-chair of the Upper Mississippi Caucus, Ron worked hard to restore the river, combat invasive species, and ensure it remains a thriving resource for recreation and transportation. Though he is no longer serving on the committee, his work to protect and preserve our natural resources continues.

In addition to his committee work, Ron has focused on the issue of agriculture reform, receiving national recognition in 2007 for his work to move the farm bill away from cash-crop subsidies for



wealthy agribusinesses and toward increased conservation to help more farmers in more regions of the country. Ron is also a past Chair of the centrist “New Democrat Coalition” and co-chairs the Congressional Fitness Caucus, the Congressional Organic Caucus, the National Parks Caucus, and the Upper Mississippi River Basin Task Force. He is also the former co-chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus.

Ron is a graduate of La Crosse Logan High School. His success in academics and football there brought him to Harvard University where he earned a bachelor's degree. Later, Ron earned a master's degree from the London School of Economics and a Law Degree from the University of Minnesota.

Washington is still a weekly commute for Ron, he and his wife Tawni still live in La Crosse. They have two college-aged sons, Johnny (1996) and Matthew (1998).



## **DANIEL CASPARY MEP**

(EPP-Germany)

Chairman of the German Delegation, European Parliament

Certified technical economist

Born on 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1976 in Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg

Catholic, married, five children

### **CAREER HISTORY**

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| <b>Since 2019</b>  | Chair of the Delegation for relations with the countries of Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) |
| <b>Since 2017</b>  | Chair of the CDU/CSU-group in the European Parliament   |
| <b>2014 – 2017</b> | Parliamentary executive officer of the CDU/CSU-group in the European Parliament   |
| <b>2009 – 2017</b> | Coordinator (Speaker) of the European People's Party in the Committee on International Trade                                      |
| <b>Since 2004</b>  | Member of the European Parliament   |
| <b>2002 – 2004</b> | MVV Energie AG, Mannheim, authorized representative   |
| <b>1997 – 2002</b> | Studied technical economics, Universität Karlsruhe  |
| <b>1995 - 1997</b> | German armed forces, first lieutenant of the reserve  |



## **POLITICAL FUNCTIONS**

<b>Since 2017</b>	Member of the presidium of CDU Germany
<b>Since 2017</b>	Regional vice chairman of CDU Baden-Württemberg
<b>Since 2011</b>	Member of the presidium of CDU Baden-Württemberg
<b>Since 2010</b>	County chairman of CDU Karlsruhe-Land
<b>Since 2007</b>	Member of the Committee on Europe in the German National Parliament
<b>1999 – 2009</b>	City Council of Stutensee
<b>1995</b>	Abitur at Thomas-Mann-Gymnasium Stutensee