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**Europe After Brexit: A Conversation
with the Ambassadors of France,
Germany, Slovakia,
and the European Union**

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PROGRAM

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Registration and Light Refreshments

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Panel Conversation, Q&A

Moderator

Christopher J. Brummer
IIEL Faculty Director, Professor of Law

Speakers

Gérard Araud
Ambassador of France to the United States

Peter Kmec
Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States

David O'Sullivan
Ambassador of the European Union to the United States

Peter Wittig
Ambassador of Germany to the United States

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Moderator:

Christopher J. Brummer

**Institute of International Economic Law (IIEL) Faculty Director & Professor of Law
Georgetown Law**

Prior to joining Georgetown's faculty with tenure in 2009, Professor Brummer was an assistant professor of law at Vanderbilt Law School. He has also taught at the universities of Basel, Heidelberg, and the London School of Economics, among others. Professor Brummer recently served as a member of the National Adjudicatory Council of FINRA, an organization empowered by Congress to regulate the securities industry. His most recent book is *Minilateralism: How Trade Alliances, Soft Law and Financial Engineering are Redefining Economic Statecraft* (2014).

Panelists:

G rard Araud

Ambassador of France to the United States

G rard Araud, a career diplomat, was appointed Ambassador of France to the United States in September 2014. He previously held numerous positions within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, notably including that of Director for Strategic Affairs, Security and Disarmament (2000-2003), Ambassador of France to Israel (2003-2006), Director General for Political Affairs and Security (2006-2009), and, most recently, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations in New York (2009-2014).

Over the course of his career, Ambassador Araud has developed specialized knowledge in two key areas: the Middle East and strategic & security issues. As regards the latter, he was the French negotiator on the Iranian nuclear issue from 2006 to 2009. In New York, at the Security Council, he notably contributed to the adoption of resolutions on Libya (#1970 and #1973), C te d'Ivoire (#1975), the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mali and the Central African Republic, and participated in debates on the Syrian and Ukrainian crises.

Ambassador Araud has written numerous journal articles, including recently in "Commentaire," two on the outbreak of WWI and one on the French foreign policy between 1919 and 1939, and another in "Esprit," on the search for a new world order. He is working on an article on the treaty of Versailles.

Peter Kmec
Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States

Peter Kmec, career diplomat of the Slovak Foreign Service, graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 1990 and received his Doctor of Law (JUDr.) degree at the Comenius University in Bratislava. In his 25 years of diplomatic work, Ambassador Kmec has served in Austria, Georgia, Israel, USA and Sweden. He has devoted most of his professional career to strengthening transatlantic relations, including U.S.-Slovak bilateral ties. During his first U.S. posting as Deputy Chief of Mission (2003-2005), he was instrumental in facilitating the U.S. ratification process regarding Slovakia's accession to NATO. In his current position as Slovak Ambassador to the United States (from 2012), he has been actively promoting Slovak economic, trade and innovation potential in the United States.

David O'Sullivan
Ambassador of the European Union to the United States

David O'Sullivan was appointed Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to the United States in Washington, DC, as of November 2014. Ambassador O'Sullivan has a long and distinguished career that spans five decades. He has served in a number of senior official posts in the European public service.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador O'Sullivan served as the Chief Operating Officer of the "European External Action Service" and was responsible for establishing this new EU diplomatic service (one of the largest diplomatic networks with 140 delegations across the globe).

Ambassador O'Sullivan's career includes a number of notable and senior positions within the European Commission including: Head of Commission President Prodi's Cabinet (1999-2000), Secretary General of the European Commission (2000-2005). He has extensive trade experience as Director General for Trade (2005-2010) and Chief Negotiator for the Doha Development Round. He was responsible for overseeing the launch of a number of free trade agreements and concluded the EU's agreement with South Korea. Before joining the Commission, he started his career with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (1977-1979).

Ambassador O'Sullivan graduated from Trinity College, Dublin with a degree in Economics and Sociology and completed post-graduate studies at the College of Europe, Bruges. He holds an Honorary Doctorate from the Dublin Institute of Technology, has been a visiting Professor at the European College of Parma, and was awarded a second Honorary Doctorate from his alma mater Trinity College, Dublin.

Peter Wittig
Ambassador of Germany to the United States

Peter Wittig has served as German Ambassador to the United States since April 2014. Prior to this, he was German Ambassador to the United Nations in New York and represented Germany during its tenure as a member of the UN Security Council in 2011 and 2012. There, he drew on his wide expertise in United Nations matters, having previously served as Director-General for United Nations and Global Issues at the German Foreign Office in Berlin.

Ambassador Wittig joined the German Foreign Service in 1982. He has served at the Embassy in Madrid; as private secretary to the Foreign Minister at the headquarters, then located in Bonn; and as Ambassador in Lebanon and in Cyprus. He was the German Government Special Envoy on the “Cyprus question” (the division of Cyprus). He has acquired extensive knowledge of the Middle East.

Before starting his career in the German Foreign Service, Ambassador Wittig studied history, political science, and law at Bonn, Freiburg, Canterbury, and Oxford universities and taught as an assistant professor at the University of Freiburg.

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