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KEYNOTE LECTURE 2011

Sir Christopher Mallaby: “Germany 1990 – the then British Ambassador remembers and reflects”

This year's keynote lecture of the Centre for British Studies will be held by Sir Christopher Mallaby, former British Ambassador to Germany. This lecture will take place on Monday, 7 November 2011, 17.00 hrs, in the Auditorium of the Grimm Zentrum, Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 1, 10117 Berlin. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sir Christopher Mallaby describes his experiences as last British Ambassador in the old Federal Republic and first in reunited Germany. He recalls the controversies during the process of unification. How was unity achieved so astonishingly quickly? Who were the heroes of this success? Were there any serious mistakes? Have the results and repercussions been wholly positive for Germany and Europe?

Sir Christopher Mallaby was Ambassador to Germany from March 1988 to December 1992, one of the most significant stages in 20th century European political and cultural history: the fall of the Berlin Wall and German Reunification. He also worked at the British Embassy in Moscow (1961-1963 and 1974-1977), was a Minister in the British Embassy in Bonn (1982-1985) and Deputy Secretary of Margaret Thatcher's Cabinet (1985-1988), to name just a few of his distinguished positions.

After the lecture there will be time for questions and discussion. The Keynote Lecture 2011 is organised with the generous support of the Stiftung Luftbrückendank.

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