

# “Review 2015 – Trans-Atlantic Relations”

‘Trans-Atlantic relations under the spell of the Ukraine crisis and Middle-East.’ Round Table Conference

**Activiteit van Duitsland Instituut Amsterdam**

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A common and harmonized trans-Atlantic policy is more than ever essential to successfully overcome the current crises to the east and the south of Europe’s borders. The alliance between the US and its European allies still seems strong, but it needs to be calibrated. A revival of the Pax Americana is not realistic. And while Europe seems to have developed a certain readiness to defend its own borders, it has not led to a substantial increase of its defence expenditures. There is still a lot of uncertainty in regard to the future of American and European foreign and security policies and the robustness of the trans-Atlantic alliance.

In this context, we organize a “Review 2015 – Trans-Atlantic Relations” conference, taking stock of where we stand (to paraphrase the German philosopher Nietzsche), and a possible way forward.

Check [here](#) for the program.

Hans Binnendijk (SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC); Wilfred von Bredow (Universität Marburg); Nadia Arbatova (IMEMO, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moskou); Tony van der Togt (Instituut Clingendael); James Jeffrey (Washington Institute for Near East Policy); Joost Hiltermann (International Crisis Group, Brussel) among others, will be discussing the issues raised. In what direction are American and European politics maneuvering themselves towards? Russia and the Ukraine crises, Syria, Iraq, and IS: how to cut the Gordian knot?

On the eve of this conference, James Jeffrey will hold [a lecture](#) on the topic of 'The West’s Responsibilities in the Middle East: How to Address the Threat of IS?'. 16 April 2015 at Perscentrum Nieuwspoor, the Hague.

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