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2021 Transatlantic Policy Symposium (TAPS)
CALL FOR PAPERS

***Building Better Partnerships:
Transatlantic Cooperation with the Developing World***
Friday, February 12, 2021

The transatlantic relationship is commonly discussed through the lens of a specific policy area — or in the context of broader geopolitical shifts, such as the resurgence of ‘great power competition.’ Less attention has been given to the impact of EU and U.S. cooperation with, and influence in, the developing world. As the international system is changing, developing states are demanding more equal partnerships.

Many of the present challenges facing the global community are interconnected. The West benefits from globalization and trade liberalization, often at the expense of the developing world. Conflicts and climate change drive migration towards the EU and the United States, where populists instrumentalize anti-immigration sentiment to undermine liberal democracy. Yet, while the EU is positioning itself for a more active international role, the United States is retreating from global leadership. Additionally, Russia and China are spreading their influence by offering alternative governance and development models. Concomitantly, regional organizations such as the African Union (AU), Mercosur, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), have boosted economic, social, and political cooperation in their respective regions. Consequently, more equal partnerships and greater collaboration between the EU, United States, and developing countries are needed to meet these challenges.

The 2021 Transatlantic Policy Symposium asks you to analyze the challenges and opportunities facing the United States, Europe, and countries in the developing world. What specific problems must be addressed, what are the solutions, and who must rise to meet this challenge so that stable, mutually beneficial relationships are created? We welcome analysis from your respective academic discipline (Political Science, Economics, History, or Cultural Studies) and your regional expertise.

Submission Requirements:

- First Stage: **submit an abstract by Friday, 15 November 2020** that clearly states your research question and your corresponding argument. Please also indicate which academic discipline(s) you are drawing from. Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words in length.
- Second Stage: If selected, your participation in the conference will be contingent on the **submission of a full paper by Friday, 10 January 2021**. Full papers should be at least 3,000 words in length.
- Both abstracts and full papers must be in English using Chicago style citations.
- Participation is open to currently enrolled Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students.
- Please include a résumé or CV in English with your abstract submission.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The TAPS conference will be hosted virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presenters should be prepared to give their presentation virtually and be familiar with using Zoom. If you anticipate any difficulties accessing a stable internet connection on the day of the conference, please contact us.

Modest monetary prizes will be awarded to the best papers at the conclusion of the conference.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 November 2020
Submissions should be made via email to taps@georgetown.edu with “Paper Submission 2021: YOUR SURNAME” as the subject line.

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