

PUBLIC CONFERENCE

THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS IN FOR A ROUGH RIDE - SO ARE WORKERS' AGENDAS SET FOR A ZERO- SUM GAME?

11 December 2024, 18h00-19h30 CET
Thon Hotel EU, Brussels



Programme

Future competitiveness and global leadership will be determined by countries' performance in clean tech and digital industries. China is challenging industrialised countries in a fierce competition. Europe is determined to hold its own - but the impact on business locations, jobs and technological innovation is already being heavily felt. And now the second Trump term is looming, with trade wars and more geo-economic upheavals. How can we avoid that working people on both sides of the Atlantic are played off against each other? How can we balance the tensions between China and the USA in favour of Europe's own interests?

To find common answers to these questions, [FES Just Climate](#) and [FES Future of Work](#) are organising a conference in Brussels on December 11th. The event will bring together experts from EU institutions, trade unions, think tanks, and civil society to discuss prospects of an industrial agenda for the EU and US following the US elections.

We look forward to your participation.

17h30 Registration and refreshments

18h00 **Welcome**

- **Reiner Hoffmann**, Vice-President, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

18h10 **Panel discussion**

Setting the scene & moderation: **Claudia Detsch**, Director, FES Just Climate

- **Sebastian Dullien**, Professor of International Economics at HTW Berlin and Scientific Director of the Institute for Macroeconomics and Business Cycle Research (IMK) at the Hans Böckler Foundation
- **Heather Hurlburt**, Chatham House, Associate Fellow, US and the Americas Programme
- **Bernd Lange**, Member of European Parliament, S&D
- **Esther Lynch**, General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)
- **Todd Tucker**, Roosevelt Institute, Director of the Industrial Policy and Trade Programme

Q&A

19h25 Wrap-up and conclusions

- **Knut Dethlefsen**, Director, FES Future of Work

19h30 Networking reception

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