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The Chair for Diplomacy II and the Center for Diplomacy at Andrassy University Budapest  
cordially invite you to the opening event of our new series  
"Cross-cutting Issues In Foreign Policy"

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***US Presidential Elections 2024 – What's At Stake?***

*with*

**Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook, M.A. mult. (LSE, Harvard)**

*and*

**Prof. Dr. Thomas Zimmer (Georgetown)**

**Moderation**

**Amb. Dr. Robert Klinke**

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**Place:** Lecture Hall 1, Andrassy University  
**Date:** Wednesday, 30 October 2024, 17:15-18:30 hrs  
**Registration** [Here](#)  
**Language:** English

The US presidential elections are just around the corner. There are only 6 days to go. Will 2024 be a pivotal year for the West and the rest of the world? Formally, it's about the election of the US president. In substance, it is about the future of American democracy and America's role in the world.

In this discussion, two renowned experts analyze the possible election scenarios and their consequences for Europe and transatlantic relations.

We look forward to your participation and to an exciting debate.

We will round off the evening with a glass of wine.



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**Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook**

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Cathryn is Senior Advisor in the Bertelsmann Stiftung's Europe's Future Program with a focus on transatlantic relations and EU, US and German foreign and security policy. She is also a Non-Resident Fellow with the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi). Previously, she served as Director and CEO of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP). For over a decade prior, Cathryn served as the Executive Director of the Future of Diplomacy Project at the

Harvard Kennedy School. In addition, she directed the HKS Belfer Center's Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship. Cathryn has written widely on foreign policy, negotiation and diplomacy in academic journals and international mainstream media. She holds an undergraduate honors degree in international relations and French civilization from Brown University (1999), a master's degree in European studies from the London School of Economics (2002) and a master's degree in public administration (2010) from the Harvard Kennedy School.

**Thomas Zimmer**

**DAAD Professor at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.**



Thomas is a historian and DAAD Professor at Georgetown University's BMW Center for German and European Studies. His work focuses on the recent history of US democracy and its discontents - specifically on anti-democratic tendencies and impulses on the American Right since the 1930s. His new publication project examines Trumpism as a political, social, and cultural phenomenon in the longer-term context of US history. Prior to coming to Georgetown in 2021, he was Assistant Professor of Contemporary History in Freiburg, Germany. His research on the history of global health politics

after the Second World War won the German Historical Association's Award for the Best Dissertation in International History in 2015-16. Thomas contributes to a number of international lead publications. He also writes the "Democracy Americana" newsletter on Substack and hosts the "Is This Democracy" podcast.



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Robert holds the Chair for Diplomacy at Andrassy University Budapest and is also the Director of its Center for Diplomacy. Before that, he was Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Croatia, and Ambassador and Special Representative of the Federal Foreign Office for relations with Jewish Organizations, Issues relating to Antisemitism, International Sinti and Roma affairs, Holocaust Remembrance. Other

assignments in his diplomatic career have taken him to Brussels, the Sudan, Brasília, Oslo, Prague and Afghanistan. Robert is a graduate of the Security Policy Seminar of the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS) in Berlin. He studied law, Islamic Sciences and European studies in Bonn, Geneva, Strasbourg and Brussels, and passed his second state examination in law in Hamburg.