

The Haifa Center for German and European Studies
Seminar
Lecture and Open Discussion

**G20 summit 2017 in Germany -
Challenges in an Interconnected World**

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Where is the world economy headed? Many current developments give us cause for concern. The development of the world economy is not keeping pace with expectations. Following the onset of the global financial crisis, the G20 played a crucial role in stabilizing economies and financial markets. Today, some ten years later, the G20 continues to have an important role to play in overcoming the ongoing tangible effects of the crisis. The stability of the global economy has improved since then. As a forum the G20 brings together the leading industrialised and emerging market economies.

It brings together almost two thirds of the global population, more than four-fifths of global GDP and three-quarters of worldwide trade. The G20 has a responsibility to address the urgent questions of our time. The challenges have increased in recent years. Geopolitical conflicts, terrorism, migration and refugee flows, poverty, hunger, and epidemics and increasing climate change place great burdens on societies worldwide and have far-reaching effects on economic development.

Which role does the G20 play? Will it help reducing conflicts, centrifugalism, the increasing fragmentation of the international economic and political order and avoid further exclusion? Will it govern globalisation and trade in an increasingly multipolar world?

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14:30 – 16:00

Library Auditorium [Room 146], Library Building

The lecture will be held in English and will be open to the public