

Sasakawa USA: Views of Japan Series

**“European Views on Asia and Japan:
A Relationship in Need of Engagement?”**

Featuring

Ambassador Volker Stanzel, Former German Ambassador to Japan and China and
Senior Advisor to the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS)

and

Philippe Le Corre, Visiting Fellow on Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and
Europe, Brookings Institution

moderated by

Dr. Daniel Twining, Counselor and Director of the Asia Program, GMFUS

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Program Agenda

2:00pm – 2:30pm	Registration & Networking
2:30pm – 2:35pm	Welcome & Introduction Ambassador James P. Zumwalt , CEO, Sasakawa USA
2:35pm – 3:15pm	Presentation and Discussion Ambassador Volker Stanzel , Former German Ambassador to Japan and China and Senior Advisor, GMFUS <i>Commentator:</i> Philippe Le Corre , Visiting Fellow on Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution <i>Moderator:</i> Daniel Twining , Counselor and Director of the Asia Program, GMFUS
3:15pm – 3:40pm	Panel Q&A
3:40pm – 4:00pm	Audience Q&A

About the Speakers



Ambassador Volker Stanzel is a senior advisor to the German Marshall Fund of the United States, where he mainly focuses on GMF's Asia-related work. He served in the German foreign service from 1979-2013, including tours as the German Ambassador to Japan (2009-2013), Political Director of the German Foreign Service (2007-2009), and German Ambassador to China (2004-2007). He also worked as foreign policy advisor for the Social Democratic Party of Germany, and in 2014 taught at Claremont McKenna College and at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Stanzel is also a senior advisor to the European Council on Foreign Relations and is working on a research project on Japanese-China relations at the Free University of Berlin. He holds a PhD in Japanese Studies from Cologne University and has studied in Frankfurt, Kyoto, and Cologne. He publishes on a variety of political topics, mainly concerning Asian affairs.



Philippe Le Corre is a visiting fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe at Brookings. His research focuses on China's foreign policy, Chinese economic diplomacy and soft power outreach, as well as France, and the future of Europe. He is also a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University's Krieger School of Arts and Science and a senior adviser to Sciences Po Executive Education. Before joining Brookings, he taught at Sciences Po Paris a course on China's international image and a course on U.S.-China-Europe relations, and was a research fellow at the Institut de relations internationales et stratégiques. Le Corre has published widely on Asia and Europe. His latest book, "China's Offensive in Europe," was published by Brookings Institution Press in 2016. His publications include a 2016 Brookings paper titled "China's Global rise: Can the EU and U.S. pursue a coordinated strategy?" (co-authored with Jonathan Pollack) and has contributed to a large number of publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy, China Perspective, and Nikkei Asian Review. Le Corre received a bachelor's in international law and a master's in political science from the Paris I Sorbonne University. He is also the recipient of a certificate in Asian studies from the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales.



Dr. Daniel Twining is counselor and director of the Asia Program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, based in Washington, DC. As counselor, he serves on the executive management team that governs GMF's \$35 million annual operations in research, convening, leadership development, and grantmaking. As director of the Asia Program, he leads a 15-member team working on the rise of Asia and its implications for the West through a program of convening and research spanning East, South, and Southeast Asia. Dr. Twining previously served as a Member of the U.S. Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, as the Foreign Policy Advisor to U.S. Senator John McCain, and as a staff member of the U.S. Trade Representative. He is an Associate of the U.S. National Intelligence Council, has taught at Georgetown University, and served as a military instructor associated with the Naval Postgraduate School. He holds a BA with Highest Distinction from the University of Virginia and MPhil & DPhil degrees from Oxford University, where he was the Fulbright/Oxford Scholar from 2004-07. He writes regular columns for Nikkei and Foreign Policy and has served as an advisor to six presidential campaigns.