

„The New Geopolitics of Global Supply Chain Resilience“

EVENT CONCEPT

FORMAT

Date: **October 20, 2022**

Zeit: **12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.**

Format: **In-person, Chatham House Rules**

Location: **Unter den Linden 26, 10117 Berlin**

SPEAKER

- **Andreas Audretsch** MdB, Vice-Chairman Parliamentary Group Alliance 90/The Greens
- **Bernard Kuiten**, Director a.i. Information and External Relations Division, World Trade Organization
- **Simone Menne**, President, American Chamber of Commerce in Germany e.V.
- **Nadine Schön** MdB, Vice-Chairwoman, Parliamentary Group CDU/CSU (**tbc**)

MODERATION

- **Dr. Stormy-Annika Mildner**, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Germany
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CONTENT

As current geopolitical events and economic trends strain production and trade networks, global supply chains are undergoing a remarkable strategic re-evaluation. The COVID-19 pandemic and rising labor costs together with sanctions and export controls in the wake of Russia's latest invasion of Ukraine have exposed the vulnerability of global value chains. The loss of jobs and incomes for workers worldwide, surging demand and supply chain bottlenecks as well as slowing growth and rising inflation are only some of the conceivable economic and social consequences. While companies are searching for responses to supply chain challenges, policymakers question the reliance on foreign suppliers and devise strategies to protect their own industries and foster strategic independence from manufacturers, for example semiconductors and microchips. However, reconfiguring global supply chains constitutes a time-consuming and costly process that includes new risks such as global subsidy races.

How can governments and business work together to improve the resilience of global supply chains in the current geopolitical environment? How can the European Union diversify dependencies and accelerate the uptake of digital technologies? What concrete measures are required to deal more effectively with political supply chain risks and support the multilateral rules-based trade environment?

Together with a small group of selected participants, we discuss these and many more questions over a light lunch on October 20, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The format will provide ample of room for trustful dialogue with our distinguished guests.

FORMAT / RUN OF SHOW

- The event starts with a light lunch at **12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- At **12:30 p.m.** Telefónica Deutschland opens the discussion with a welcome speech
- A moderated discussion of the speakers takes place from **12:35 p.m. to 13:30 p.m.**
- The moderator opens the session and briefly introduces the topic and the speakers
- The discussion starts with a warm-up question to all speakers and one more individual question to the speakers, followed by a more general discussion with all panelists
- The moderator opens the discussion from **1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for questions and comments from the audience
- Speakers are asked to be on site at least 15 minutes before the discussion (**12:15 p.m.**)

Please note:

- To facilitate a trustful, lively exchange, the event will take place under **Chatham House Rules**
- **Photos** will be taken during the event and published on Aspen Germany's website and social media
- Due to current events, only tested, recovered, or vaccinated persons can participate in this event. We kindly ask you to be able to verify this at the entrance.

AUDIENCE/PARTICIPANTS

The participants of this event comprise an exclusive group of representatives from politics, business, think tanks, academia, and civil society. All participants must comply with the 3G rules.

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