



## Press Release

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### **The American Academy in Berlin Elects Two New Trustees, Emily Haber and Christoph Schweizer**

**BERLIN—June 19, 2024**—The American Academy in Berlin’s board of trustees elected two new members at its spring 2024 board meeting, on May 21, 2024. The Academy extends a warm welcome to **Emily Haber**, former German Ambassador to the United States, and **Christoph Schweizer**, CEO of Boston Consulting Group.

**Ambassador Emily Haber** is a member of Macro Advisory Partner’s Global Advisory Board. She served as German Ambassador to the United States from 2018 to 2023. A career foreign-service officer, Haber was deployed directly prior to her ambassadorial post to the Federal Ministry of the Interior, serving as State Secretary overseeing security and migration at the height of the refugee crisis in Europe. In this capacity, she worked closely with the US administration on topics ranging from the fight against international terrorism to cybersecurity.

In 2009, Haber was appointed Political Director and, in 2011, State Secretary at the Foreign Office, the first woman to hold either post. Earlier in her career, she served at the German Embassy in Ankara. In Berlin, she has served as Deputy Head of the Cabinet and Parliamentary Liaison Division, as Director of the OSCE Division, and as Deputy Director-General for the Western Balkans. Haber also worked both in the Soviet Union Division at the German Foreign Office and at the German Embassy in Moscow, where she served as Head of the Economic Affairs Section and Head of the Political Affairs Department.

**Christoph Schweizer** has been the CEO of Boston Consulting Group since October 2021. Prior to this role, he served as BCG’s chairman for Central and Eastern Europe and the Middle East. He has also served as a member of the firm’s Executive and Operating Committees since 2014.

Schweizer is a member of several leading organizations, including the Business Roundtable and the World Economic Forum’s International Business Council. For the past four years, INvolve People recognized Schweizer as a HERoes Advocate Executive Role Model for his work with Women@BCG related to the hiring, promotion, and retention of women. Throughout his career, Schweizer has worked with clients in healthcare and private equity, and across industries in major transformational programs such as digital and post-merger integrations. He is a passionate supporter of a wide range of social impact activities, in particular those related to sustainability and combatting climate change.

**Sandra Peterson**, chair of the American Academy in Berlin, said: “We are delighted to welcome Ambassador Emily Haber and Christoph Schweizer to our board of trustees. Their remarkable expertise and leadership in international relations and global business will be invaluable to the Academy as we continue to foster transatlantic dialogue and collaboration.”

Over the last two years, the Academy has welcomed four other accomplished trustees: **Benno Dorer**, philanthropist, global consumer and retail goods executive, and former Chairman and CEO at The Clorox Company; **Johannes Huth**, Partner and Chairman, EMEA, at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR); **Carol Kahn-Strauss**, philanthropist and Former Director of the Leo Baeck Institute; and **Tess Lewis**, writer, translator and Academy alumna.



*For more on our board of trustees, please visit [our website](#). Photos are available for download [here](#) (Password: AAB\_Board\_of\_Trustees\_2024). Credit: Courtesy of American Academy in Berlin*

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**The American Academy in Berlin** is an institution of advanced scholarship and practice in the arts, humanities, social sciences, and public policy. Its flagship program is the Berlin Prize Fellowship, a semester-long residency awarded to scholars, artists, writers, composers, and journalists from the United States. Fellows are joined each semester by a number of Distinguished Visitors and guest lecturers, all of whom participate in the Academy's dynamic public programming and engage with their German and European counterparts. Dedicated to sustaining and enhancing the long-term intellectual, cultural, and political ties between the United States and Germany, the Academy is funded entirely through tax-deductible donations from individuals, foundations, and corporate partners on both sides of the Atlantic.

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