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Speakers:

Claude Longchamp, *Political scientist, historian and chairman of the board of gfs.bern (Gesellschaft für Sozialforschung, Switzerland)*



President of the board of directors at gfs.bern, political scientist and historian, lecturer at the universities of Bern and Zurich, city hiker in Bern, longtime commentator for SRG media.

Among his core topics are popular votes, elections, parties, political culture, political communication and public opinion. Numerous publications in books, anthologies and scientific journals.

Jo Leinen, *Member of the European Parliament, (S&D, Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands)*



Jo Leinen is a German MEP for the Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (SPD), part of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D) political group. He has been a member of the European Parliament since 1999, where he currently chairs the Delegation for the relations with the Peoples Republic of China. He is also the Spokesperson of the S&D-Group in the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) and a member of the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI). Leinen was President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) from 1997 to 2005 as well as Vice President of the European Movement International from 2003 to 2011 (EMI), before serving as EMI-President from 2011 to 2017. Both, the EMI and the UEF named Leinen honorary President. He took part in the Convention for

the Elaboration of a Charter of Fundamental Rights for the EU. Previously, Leinen was Minister for the Environment in the State Government of Saarland, Germany from 1985 to 1994.

Moderator:

Niklaus Nuspliger, *Correspondent NZZ in Brussels*



Niklaus Nuspliger is a Political Correspondent for the Swiss daily Neue Zürcher Zeitung based in Brussels. Before taking over this position at the end of 2013, he had served as a foreign correspondent in New York City and as a parliament correspondent in Bern. Born in Bern in 1980, he studied political science and international relations in Geneva, Madrid and Sydney. In addition to his work as a journalist, Niklaus has held academic guest lectures and moderated panels in Europe and the United States. His first book «Europa zwischen Populisten-Diktatur und Bürokraten-Herrschaft» on the multi-crisis of democracy in Europe will be published this April with NZZ Libro in Switzerland.