

# **The Idea of the West: Polarities**

conference

**Amerika Haus, Munich**  
**February 29, 2008**  
**9:00-19:00**

9:00-9:15

Opening remarks: Michael Kimmage and Christof Mauch

9:15-11:00

## **I. East/West**

Chair: Michael Hochgeschwender, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

“Both East and West: The American View of Greek Antiquity before 1830”  
Caroline Winterer, Stanford University

Michael von Brück, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

11:15-13:00

## **II. Geopolitics**

Chair: Michael Kimmage

“The Western Atom: Nuclear Proliferation and the Boundaries of the Non-West”  
Michael Gordin, Princeton University

Petra Steinberger, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*

14:30-16:30

## **III. Movable Pieces**

Chair: Christof Mauch, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

“Ist der Amerikanismus ein Katholizismus?”  
Werner Kremp, Atlantic Academy

Maximilian Müller-Härlin, Bundeskanzleramt

“Allan Bloom and the Decline of the West”  
Michael Kimmage, The Catholic University of America

17:00-19:00

**Keynote Address**

introduced by Michael Kimmage

Adam Michnik, *Gazeta Wyborcza*

concluding remarks by Michael Hochgeschwender

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