The Project on Europe and the Transatlantic Relationship
Transatlantic Policy Making

The Future of Diplomacy Project. A career diplomat, Ambassador (Ret.) Nicholas Burns is the program’s founder and its Senior Associate. Burns served as the U.S. Ambassador to NATO (2001-2005), Ambassador to Poland (1998-2001), and State Department Spokesman (2001); served as the National Security Advisor and Deputy Secretary of State to President George W. Bush; and served under three U.S. Secretaries of State on the Middle East Peace Negotiations Team. Burns is a long-time student of Russia and Eastern Europe and is a frequent participant and speaker at the Munich Security Conference and other conferences and on-campus workshops.

The project’s specificity in the focus on the transatlantic relationship has led to a number of highly influential partnerships, including with the Munich Security Conference, the Munich Security Conference Foundation, the University of Munich’s Faculty of Law, and the Bergedorf Campus of the University of Hamburg. The project has also convened a group of senior statesmen and practitioners to serve as its Senior Associates, including former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former British Ambassador to the U.S. David O’Sullivan, and many others.

The project’s goal is to bring together the best minds from transatlantic countries to teach the next generation of leaders about the complex issues that affect the relationship between the United States and Europe. The project’s goal is to promote the understanding of the transatlantic relationship and to prepare the next generation of leaders to effectively navigate the challenges that the relationship faces.

The project’s partnerships and collaborations have enabled it to bring together the best minds from transatlantic countries to teach the next generation of leaders about the complex issues that affect the relationship between the United States and Europe.
Research, ideas, and leadership for a more secure, peaceful world.