

## Call for proposals for Policy Research Conferences

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) announces a call for proposals for a new program of academic policy research conferences. This new program replaces the Research Fellowship Program and seeks to encourage and support academic research on pressing policy issues. The aim of this program is to support a series of transatlantic research-driven conferences of scholars and policymakers working on policy areas that will be selected and change on a yearly basis. This year, GMF will consider proposals in three areas: the rise of China as a transatlantic issue, energy security, and economic policy. Proposals will be accepted concerning all aspects of these policy areas, but we especially welcome proposals that address the following questions:

*The rise of China as a transatlantic issue:* China's growing economy as well as its increasing influence in the world has made it an issue in both the United States and Europe. At the same time, there is considerable transatlantic debate about the implications of China's rise in a range of policy arenas, as illustrated by the clash over lifting the arms embargo to China. How have American and European policymakers perceived the rise of China? How has China taken the United States and Europe into consideration in its foreign policies, including energy, nuclear proliferation, and trade? Is China an issue that will divide the United States and Europe or could it offer a basis for renewed cooperation? Strong proposals will bring together Sinologists with transatlantic experts to engage in research-driven exchange on policy issues.

*Energy security:* As demands for energy continue to rise in the United States, Europe, and the rest of the world, the future of energy supplies has become a pressing foreign policy issue. When many of the world's energy suppliers and distributors are ruled by non-democratic governments, energy security may compete with other strategic policy objectives such as non-proliferation, democracy promotion, and cooperation on terrorism. How have the United States and Europe responded to these challenges? What should American and European policymakers do to ensure greater energy security? What are the domestic implications of different policy scenarios? Strong proposals will bring together transatlantic scholars with energy and regional experts to address concrete cases that highlight the policy implications for both sides of the Atlantic.

*International cooperation on regulation:* Differences in regulation and regulatory models are increasingly the source of new barriers to trade and political friction – some the result of entirely legitimate differences in policy preference, others the result of unnecessary divergence in approach. The United States and European Union have developed a range of bilateral agreements committing governments to improve cooperation between their regulators. But how does transatlantic cooperation affect the developing world and emerging market partners? Does the format for institutional cooperation, and the policy solution adopted, make a difference to those partners? Alternatively, do either the EU or US independently use the power afforded by their domestic market to insist on the export of particular regulatory models in trade agreements with developing world partners – particularly, models which may not be appropriate at their stages of development? If so, how does the imposition of these models impact the prospect of economic growth and

political stability in developing countries? Strong proposals will combine a political economy perspective with a firm evidence base, placing EU/US regulatory cooperation squarely in a global context.

GMF will award a total of six conferences up to \$25,000 for conferences to be held in the 2007-2008 academic year. American and European university-based scholars from any discipline may apply. Conference proposals should include scholars from the United States and Europe, and preference will be given to those proposals with a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Proposals will be evaluated on their intellectual merits, transatlantic cooperation, engagement with the policy community, and potential policy impact through publications or other means.

Interested candidates should submit the following:

1. A one page abstract that gives the organizer's name and affiliation, and that summarizes the purposes and goals of the conference.
2. A tentative timeline and budget of up to \$25,000.
3. A detailed description (max of 10 pages) of the participants, objectives, structure and projected outcomes of the event.
4. A CV of the principal organizer that highlights previous experience in organizing large scale meetings.

Please send all materials by **March 1, 2007** to Oliver Mains, German Marshall Fund of the United States, 1744 R Street NW, Washington, DC, 20009. Further details may be found at <http://www.gmfus.org/fellowships/research.cfm>