



## John Kornblum

**Former U.S. Ambassador to Germany**

*Highlights of John Kornblum's impressive career include the famous 1986 President Reagan "Tear Down the Walls" speech*

John C. Kornblum was the US Ambassador to Germany from 1997 until 2001. He has been the special envoy for the Dayton Peace Agreement. Since the end of his service as US Ambassador to Germany, he was Chairman of Lazard & Co. Germany and serves on the supervisory board of ThyssenKrupp Technologies AG and Bayer AG.

### TOPICS:

- The New Relationship between Europe and the US
- Security and Cooperation in Europe
- The Economic Situation
- The New American Politics

### IN DETAIL:

John C. Kornblum has enjoyed a distinguished career in the United States Foreign Service which began in 1964. As a junior officer he served in Hamburg and Washington before being assigned to Bonn as Political Officer in 1969. He held a number of policy related positions at the State Department and he served as US Minister and Deputy Commandant upon his return to Berlin in 1985. He was chosen to be the US Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO in Brussels and was US Ambassador to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), and chief of the American delegation to the 1992 Helsinki Review Conference. He was appointed Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian affairs in 1994 and Assistant Secretary in 1996.

### LANGUAGES:

He presents in English and German.

### PUBLICATIONS:

2003 The German Element

### WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

With over three decades of experience John is recognised as one of the US State Department's leading European specialists, and has an extensive background in the workings of European affairs. He uses his knowledge to show how the United States can strengthen relations with EU partners and achieve common goals. He was one of the architects of the Dayton Peace Agreement and played a central role in conceiving the Administration's strategy for a new security structure in Europe.

### HOW HE PRESENTS:

Well known for his incisive wit, John entertains and mesmerizes audiences with his humorous presentations making him one of the most sought after speakers currently available to talk in depth on the complexities of transatlantic relations.