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Prof. Klaus W. Larres, Ph.D., is the **Richard M. Krasno Distinguished Professor of History and International Affairs** at the University of North Carolina (UNC) in Chapel Hill, NC. At UNC he also directs the **Krasno Global Affairs & Business Council/Krasno Global Events Series**, a public events series with prominent speakers. Previously he held the **Henry Kissinger Chair in Foreign Policy & International Relations** at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, was selected as a Member of the **Institute for Advanced Study (IAS)** in Princeton, NJ, and was a Visiting Fellow at Germany's leading think tank the **German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)** in Berlin. He served as a **Counselor and Senior Policy Adviser** at the German Embassy in Beijing, China, and was a Visiting Scholar at the **Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies of Harvard University**. During the academic year 2023-24 he is a Global Europe & Kissinger China Institute Fellow at the **Woodrow Wilson Center** in Washington, DC.

EXPERTISE:

In his research and writing Larres focuses on the political, economic and security relations between the US-China-EU. He also focuses on transatlantic relations, including NATO, as well as on US, German and British foreign policies, Russia's war on Ukraine, the politics of European integration, and the history of the global Cold War. He has a great interest in global governance and leadership questions, including the politics of Winston Churchill.

OTHER PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

Larres is the former **Clifford Hackett Visiting Professor of European History at Yale University**. He also taught European Politics as a Visiting Professor at **Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)** in Washington, DC. Larres also was a Visiting Professor at **Schwartzman College/Tsinghua University** in Beijing, **Tongji University** in Shanghai and the **Beijing Language and Culture University** and the **University of Milan** in Italy. He was a Senior Fellow at the think tank **Center for Transatlantic Relations** at Johns Hopkins University/SAIS in Washington, DC, was a Visiting Fellow at **St. John's College, Oxford University**, the American Institute of Contemporary German Studies (**AICGS**) in Washington, DC & a Public Policy Scholar at the **Woodrow Wilson Center** in Washington, DC.

Prior to moving from the UK to the U.S. in 2009, Larres was a tenured professor in Politics and *International Relations* at the University of London, the University of Ulster and Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

During his 2018 stint as **Counselor and Senior Policy Adviser** at the German Embassy in Beijing, China, Larres was engaged in the analysis of trilateral relations among China, the US and Germany. He also was involved in contributing to the preparation of Chancellor Merkel's 11th official visit to China as well as in many other issues of German-Chinese relations. On

behalf of the German Ambassador he represented the Embassy and the Federal Republic of Germany at a number of official occasions in China (in Beijing, Shanghai and Qingdao).

In 2016 Larres was a Visiting Fellow at the *Institute for International and Security Affairs* (SWP) in Berlin, Germany's leading think tank, where he dealt with Germany's security and U.S. and China policy, co-organizing briefings for the U.S. and Asia experts at the German Chancellery and the German Foreign Ministry in Berlin in preparation of Chancellor Merkel's 9th official visit to China.

Recently Larres has been appointed as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the **Indian Institute of Technology** (IIT) in Mumbai (India's MIT). He serves on the International Board of the *Bundeskanzler-Willy-Brandt-Stiftung* in Berlin, is a senior adviser to the Chinese-American Friendship Association (CAECA) in Raleigh, NC, is a board member and regular contributor to the Berlin based foreign policy journal *WeltTrends*. He also is a member of the advisory board of the *NC Zeitgeist Foundation* in Charlotte, NC. He is a non-residential research fellow at **Trends Research & Advisory, Abu Dhabi**, UAE, a Council member of the **Gerson Lehrman Group** (GLG) in New York, and the **Council for Global Cooperation**, India.

CURRENT BOOK PROJECT:

"China as a Cause of Tension in Transatlantic Relations" – an analysis of the convergencies and divergencies of the policies of the US and the EU, in particularly Germany, toward China (from the 1970s to the Present).

RECENT BOOK PUBLICATIONS (selection):

- *Uncertain Allies: Nixon, Kissinger, and the Threat of a United Europe* (Yale UP, 2022);
- *Terrorism and Transatlantic Relations: Threats and Challenges*, co-ed. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2022);
- *Dictators and Autocrats: Securing Power Across Global Politics*, ed. (Routledge, 2022);
- *Oxford Handbook of German Politics*, co-ed. (Oxford University Press, 2022);
- *Understanding Global Politics: Actors and Themes in International Affairs*, co-ed. (Routledge, 2020);
- *German-American Relations in the 21st Century: A Fragile Friendship*, co-ed. (2019);
- *Willy Brandt and International Relations: Europe, the USA and Latin America, 1974-1992*, co-ed. (Bloomsbury, 2018)
- *Blackwell Companion to Europe since 1945*, ed. (Blackwell, 2009/20014);
- *The American Secretaries of State and Transatlantic Relations*, ed (Routledge, 2010).
- Most well known is probably Larres' monograph *Churchill's Cold War: The Politics of Personal Diplomacy* (Yale University Press, 2002) and also the co-edited book (in German) *Germany and the U.S.: A History of the Political Relations* (Darmstadt: WBG, 1997) and the monograph (in German) *Politics of Illusion: Churchill, Eisenhower and the German Question* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1995).

EDUCATION & MEDIA ACTIVITIES:

Born in the Eifel region in the German Rheinland, Larres was educated at the University of Cologne (Dr. Phil), the London School of Economics (LSE) and the University of Cambridge in the UK. He has published widely – both books and articles - on contemporary international history and global affairs and frequently gives interviews to the global media. He is often consulted by media organizations & think tanks & international businesses. For further details, see www.klauslarres.org.