



The Centre for European Studies and the Institute of European and Russian Studies invite you to a public seminar:

"Germany after the election: Chances to break the impasse?"

**a public lecture with
Dr. Achim Hurrelmann**

After a series of election defeats in the federal states, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder decided to call an early election for September 18, claiming that the opposition's majority in the second chamber of parliament ("Bundesrat") had produced a deadlock in the country's federal system that prevented his centre-left government from carrying through its program of economic reforms. Current opinion polls suggest that the election will probably result in a change of government, with Angela Merkel's centre-right Christian Democratic Party likely to lead the new government coalition. This lecture will interpret the election results and discuss their implications both for the Germany's domestic and foreign policy and for the workings of the country's federal system.

Achim Hurrelmann is a visiting professor from the Centre of Social Policy Research, University of Bremen (Germany). His research focuses on questions of constitutionalism and on the legitimating of democratic governance, particularly in the European Union.

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