How do collective memories and lessons based upon them impinge upon foreign policy in the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001? How have the effects of collective memory and political culture changed in response to the terrorist attacks not only in America, but the world over? Has the post-9-11 world mobilized certain memories or lessons over others? Did the attacks create a new traumatic memory that has engendered new lessons and policy responses? How have the attacks and the mobilized memories affected foreign policy precepts, collective identities, specific policies and bilateral relations among allies and antagonists? These questions are explored in this conference, the first of several planned symposia co-sponsored by the Initiative in Memory and Politics, Program for Jewish Civilization and the BMW Center for German and European Studies, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, Washington Office.

All events to be held at Georgetown University (unless specified otherwise) in the Executive Conference Room, Intercultural Center (ICC) 7th Floor
Sunday, February 20, 2005

8:30  Breakfast

9:00  Welcome
      Eric Langenbacher
      Department of Government, Georgetown University

9:15  Introductory Comments
      Yossi Shain
      Director, Program for Jewish Civilization
      Department of Government, Georgetown University

9:30-11:30  Panel 1: Asia and the United States

Paper 1
      Michael Kazin
      Department of History, Georgetown University

Paper 2
      Thomas Berger
      Department of International Relations, Boston University

Commentary
      Gerrit Gong
      Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University

11:30-1:00  Lunch

1:00-3:00  Panel 2: Europe and the Transatlantic Partnership

Paper 1
      Werner Weidenfeld
      Director, Centrum für angewandte Politik, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, Germany

Paper 2
      Charles Kupchan
      School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Commentary
      Felix Philipp Lutz
      Schiller International University
      Heidelberg, Germany

3:00-3:30  Coffee Break

5:00  Introduction
      Dieter Dettke
      Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Keynote Address
      “9/11 in the Rearview Mirror: Contemporary Policies and Perceptions of the Past”

      Omer Bartov
      Department of History
      Brown University

      Riggs Library, Healy Hall

6:30  Conference Dinner
      President’s Room, Healy Hall (by invitation only)
Monday, February 21, 2005

9:00   Introduction   Robert Lieber
        Department of Government

Keynote Address   “Memories in the Middle East and Peace Negotiations”
        Ambassador Dennis Ross
        Counselor and Ziegler Distinguished Fellow
        Washington Institute for Near East Policy

10:30-12:00   Panel 3: Israel and Jewish Diasporas

Paper 1   Yossi Shain and Tanja Flanagan
        Department of Government, Georgetown University

Paper 2   Rabbi Andrew Baker
        American Jewish Committee

Commentary   Lily Gardner-Feldman
        American Institute for Contemporary German Studies

12:00-1:00   Lunch

1:30-3:00   World War II, the Holocaust, and the post 9/11 World in Historical Perspective

Paper 1   Jeffrey Herf
        Department of History, University of Maryland
        College Park

Paper 2   Anson Rabinbach
        Director, Program in European Cultural Studies, Princeton University

Commentary   Dan Diner
        Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University

3:00-3:30   Concluding Discussion   Eric Langenbacher
        Yossi Shain (moderators)
        Department of Government

3:30   Farewell   Dieter Dettke
        Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Washington