

## **German Economic Model: Myths, Realities and Transferability**

**Karl-Matthias Klause, Embassy of Germany in U.S.**

**March 22, 2013 (Fri.) 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**UNM Continuing Education Auditorium**

1634 University Blvd. NE (at the intersection with Indian School Rd.)

**Followed by AIA member dinner with the speaker**

The German economic model as developed since World War II has not only provided unparalleled prosperity and security for German and European Union citizens. It has also done so while incorporating elements of traditional humanistic and ethical protections for the less fortunate members of society. It melds the rights and duties of entrepreneurs and workers by means of a social partnership with strong unions. Germany has managed the political wonder of re-unification and strong economic development in the era of globalization due to its innovative and competitive export industries, highly skilled workforce, very low youth unemployment and sound public finances, making it a major force for stabilizing the Euro. In his talk, Mr. Klause will address some key questions: Why has Germany fared so well in comparison to other European countries during the recent crisis? What can Americans learn from the German experience? What role will Germany play in the future within the European Union and the rest of the world?

Karl Matthias Klause joined the Foreign Service after studying History, German, English and Philosophy in Münster and Berlin. Before coming to Washington he was the Deputy Head of the division for Near and Middle East Policy, Asia, Africa and Latin America in the Federal Chancellery in Berlin with special responsibility for the Middle East Peace Process. During his career he worked as a special adviser for the Chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee in the German Bundestag and at the German Embassies in Warsaw and London. During this time he also taught German-British relations at the Centre for Anglo-German Cultural Relations at Queen Mary University of London. During his time in Washington a huge field of work was the effect of the sovereign debt crisis in Europe on US-German relations.

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