



Europe Energized?

U.S. political writer Steven Hill and German Green Hans-Josef Fell discuss the challenges of sustainable energy policy – and politics – in the U.S. and Germany

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Steven Hill, Former Director of the Political Reform Program at the New America Foundation and Co-founder of FairVote, is the author of *Fixing Elections: The Failure of America's Winner Take All Politics* (2003) and *10 Steps to Repair American Democracy* (2006). He is travelling Europe this fall to give the Jacquemin Seminar Lecture at the European Commission and present his latest book, *Europe's Promise: Why the European Way Is the Best Hope for an Insecure Age* (2010). According to Steven Hill, the cutting-edge solutions for the 21st century are arising in Europe, not the United States, though many Americans still harbor outmoded ideas about "old Europe".

"Like a reverse Alexis de Tocqueville, Steven Hill dauntlessly explores a society largely unknown to his compatriots back home"

Hendrik Hertzberg, The New Yorker

Hans-Josef Fell is a Member of the German Bundestag and Energy Policy Speaker for the German Greens. Hans-Josef Fell wrote the draft Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG), which was adopted in 2000 in the face of strong political opposition. He was also involved in drafting the law amending the EEG in 2004. The EEG is the foundation for the technological developments in photovoltaics, biogas, wind power and geothermal energy in Germany, which are admired throughout the world. The underlying principle of the EEG has now been copied in dozens of countries.

The discussion will be held in English and moderated by Miranda Schreurs, Director of the Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU) at the Freie Universität Berlin.

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