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Expert on Donald Trump's Second Term in Office

Christoph von Marschall is the diplomatic correspondent for the Tagesspiegel editorial board and the author of several books. Having lived in Washington for many years, he had access to the White House. Christoph von Marschall is one of Germany's most renowned journalists and his expertise is in great demand.

He focuses primarily on international politics, shifts in power between major powers, the USA, transatlantic relations, the European Union (particularly its eastern member states), and relations with China and Russia. Most recently, he has covered the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, as well as their geostrategic consequences.

Born in 1959, Christoph von Marschall studied Eastern European history, ancient history, political science and geography in Freiburg, Mainz and Krakow. After completing his doctorate in 1989–90, he reported for the Süddeutsche Zeitung from Hungary on the mass exodus of East German citizens to the West, as well as the political upheavals in Romania and Bulgaria. In 1991, he joined the Tagesspiegel, heading the opinion page from 1995 to 2005. He covered the integration of Eastern and Central European countries into the EU and NATO, interviewing almost all of their presidents in the process. From 2005 to 2013, he was the US correspondent for the Tagesspiegel, and from 2009, he was the only German newspaper correspondent in the White House Press Corps during Barack Obama's presidency. In 2016, he reported from the US once again, this time on the election campaign that led to Donald Trump's victory. From 2017 to 2018, he was the first Helmut Schmidt Fellow of the Zeit Foundation and the German Marshall Fund, and he lived in Washington once more, where he had access to Donald Trump's White House. He observed the 2024 US election and its aftermath in the US once more as a Global Europe Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center.

Christoph von Marschall has received numerous awards for his work, including the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland in 2005 and the Steuben-Schurz Society Media Prize in 2010 for his books on Barack and Michelle Obama and the Obama presidency. In 2020, he received the Hedwig von Schlesien Prize from the City and University of Wrocław. He is a regular guest on TV discussion programmes such as the ARD Press Club and the Phoenix Round Table, and a regular commentator on WDR.

Topics (Selection):

- Will Trump become a "lame duck"? The mid-term elections and their consequences for power in the US and relations with Europe
- Trump's outrageous demands and Germany's missteps. What the German government must do to lead us out of the crisis and prevent a war with Russia
- Germany can weather a crisis if it wants to. The courage to reform is still lacking, but the country has fought its way out of downturns on several occasions
- Autocrats, aggression, attacks: Is democracy dying?