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A STANTON SHARP LECTURE

“Bush, Germany, and the Power of Time”

Presented by Jeffrey A. Engel

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George H.W. Bush backed German reunification with a puzzling level of enthusiasm. His strategic reasoning was clear, as he desired to keep a unified Germany enmeshed within NATO. Less obvious, however, is his general forgiveness of Germany's past, for which he was pilloried. Yet history was much on Bush's mind in reaching these decisions. Germans had learned from the past, he argued. Europeans had not. They could not keep the peace no matter their ongoing political consolidation, his administration concluded by reading European history, without Americans in their midst. The puzzle of Bush's German policies thus reveals his deeper faith in the centrality of Washington's global mission.

Jeffrey A. Engel is the founding director of SMU's Center for Presidential History. A former Mellon Fellow, Guggenheim Fellow of the Smithsonian Institute, and Senior Fellow of the Nobel Institute, he has received the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations' Bernath Prize and the American Historical Association's Birdsall Prize, as well as recognition for teaching at Texas A&M University on department, college, and university-wide levels. Author or editor of seven books on American foreign policy, Engel is currently writing *When the World Seemed New: George H.W. Bush and the Peaceful End of the Cold War*.

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