

“Transatlantic Perspectives on Liberalization and Democratic Governance”

The first volume of the *Transatlantic Public Policy Series* comprises contributions by members of the Transatlantic Policy Consortium (TPC). Earlier versions of the papers published in this volume have been presented and discussed at the TPC Colloquium in Speyer, Germany, in June 2003 on the theme of Liberalization and Democratic Governance. They centre around subthemes which are critical on both sides of the Atlantic: the role of the state with social and economic actors, policy development and regulatory challenges to the state and the changing nature of democratic institutions and participation. Some contributions represent updated versions of papers originally prepared for the TPC Colloquium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania/USA, in September 2001 on public service ethics at both national and international levels. The earlier publication of these papers fell victim to the terrorist attacks of that time. The volume provides a unique insight into European and US-American public policy issues and thinking. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker made a remarkable contribution on “The Old and New Europe: Alternatives for Future Transatlantic Relations?” Three professors based at the German University of Administrative Sciences contributed to this volume: Stefan Fisch (“The 1832 Mass Rally for Democracy in Germany and Europe in Hambach Castle”), Siegfried Magiera (“The Role of Parliaments in the Future Architecture of the European Union”), and Hans Herbert von Arnim („Institutionalized Political Unaccountability and Political Corruption in Germany“).