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# Concluding remarks: synthesis and dialogue

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# Outline

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1. What we aimed for
2. What we achieved
3. What we may improve
4. What we are pleased about
5. What we would like to do next!

# What we aimed for

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1. We sought to provide a broad, but advanced pool of contextualized knowledge on German and European politics + contemporary European perspectives on China.
2. We sought to provide analytical knowledge through comparison:
  1. Different phases of German history and policy fields.
  2. Different European countries with Germany and its policies.
  3. The changing dynamics of European integration and regional and world politics.
3. We sought to develop and present applied social science knowledge to expand analytical and practical political skills.
  1. Multilevel politics
  2. Risk analysis and management
  3. International leadership

# What we achieved

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- Advanced pool of contextualized knowledge:
  - Tamed power in German politics
  - Reform of public administration in federalized Germany
  - The German-European nexus: bound to lead?
  - Europe and Asia: different, equal and bound to cooperate.
- Knowledge through comparison:
  - Is Germany becoming „normal“ at last?
  - The politics of centralization/decentralization.
  - The dynamics of Germany's democratic society
- Present applied social science knowledge to expand analytical and practical political skills
  - Managing a Two-level game.
  - Risk management and self-preservation
  - International leadership through responsible action

# What we may improve

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- Better preparation
- Better timing
- Improved University administration

# What we are pleased about

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- The privilege to serve such a high-ranking, hard-working and engaging delegation as yours
- The experience of earnest efforts to understand our position when there were problems
- The wonderful quotes such as the one from Antonio: „Heidelberg University does not only belong to the German people but to the whole world“!
- The many humorous moment during sessions but also the dinners and trips to Strasbourg!

# What we would like to do next!

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- After some reflection
- To keep the many personal contacts with you: the staff and myself
- To cooperate in shorter more focussed endeavors on specific topics
- To improve and repeat this wonderful seminar format!

# Visualization of synergies

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