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The **European Union Academic Programme (EUAP) Hong Kong and the Goethe Institute Hong Kong** cordially invite you to a roundtable talk with **Ali Aslan**, renowned host of the international English-language talk-show *Quadrige* of Deutsche Welle TV.



Europe After the German Elections

Roundtable Discussion with Ali Aslan

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and discussants:

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- ◆ Prof. Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Head of Department of Government & International Studies at HKBU/
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Deputy Director of the European Union Academic Programme

Date/Time: 26 September 2013, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

**Venue: WLB109, Lam Woo International Conference Centre, Shaw Campus,
Hong Kong Baptist University, 34 Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong**

Just two days ago on 22 Sept, voters in the EU's biggest member state have elected a new national parliament. Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel and her Christian-Democratic Union (CDU) won the election for the third time with a “super result” - 41.5% of the vote. But her current junior coalition partner Free Democrats (FDP) failed to make it into the parliament. A new coalition government with the Social Democrats (SPD) which won 26% seems likely. What does this mean for the European Union and the Eurozone countries? Can we expect a continuation of the ‘Merkel course’, i.e. a verbal commitment to the ‘ever-closer

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union' coupled with severe austerity conditions imposed on other Europeans? Or will domestic coalition considerations lead to a softening of current economic and EU policies? Will Germans have to guarantee an ever-growing share of Eurozone debts? And what impact will the elections have on other EU plans and policies, for example energy, employment, engagement abroad (in particular Syria and the Middle East) and European-Chinese relations? What role do Germany and the Germans play in the European Union for the next four years?



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