



**EVA-MARIA KIEFER**  
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Eva-Maria Kiefer received her Magister degree in American Studies, psychology, and political science from Bonn University. In 2007, she spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania on a scholarship of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), where she gained expertise in political science and wrote an independent study on power shifts in the U.S. government. During her academic studies, she completed internships at the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Institute for International and Foreign Affairs. In November 2009, she wrote her Magister thesis about the "imperial" Bush presidency. In October 2010, Eva-Maria Kiefer joined the HCA as a Ph.D. student. In the winter term 2012-13, she teaches a class on the U.S. Government.

Eva-Maria Kiefer's research focuses on how fear and threat shaped U.S. congressional behavior in the years after 9/11. She argues that the threat after 9/11 was multidimensional. The dissertation will include a case study of laws from the realm of homeland and national security and aspires to explain when different threat mechanisms had an influence on congressional activity. The working title of her Ph.D. thesis is: "U.S. Government in Times of Crisis: How Securitization shaped Congressional Behavior after 9/11."

She presented at the HCA's Spring Academy in March 2012 and discussed parts of her results at the Fifth International Conference of the Graduate School for North American Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, in May 2012.

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