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Prof. Eberle on Tour for the State Department

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RWU Law has a number of faculty members who are sought out for their expertise in the International Law arena, like [Louise Teitz](#) and [Pater Margulies](#), Ed Eberle, expert on Comparative Law, just returned from a visit to Germany, sponsored by the US State Department, and here is Ed's recap of the visit:

“The Berlin conference was sponsored by Der Tagesspiegel, a Berlin newspaper, and dealt with the issue of "Protection of the Private Sphere: Freedom or Security.” The program started with an introductory speech by the US Ambassador to Germany, Philip Murphy. Then I participated in a discussion with Professor Dr. Spiros Simitis, a famous scholar on data privacy. Our topic was "Laws and Values: What Americans and Germans Think about the Private Sphere." I discussed United States law on data privacy, mainly focusing on court cases. There is only one significant US Supreme Court case, Whalen v. Roe. The rest of the law has been made in the lower courts. Professor Simitis and I had a spirited discussion. The second forum was titled “The Range of Data in Practice: Actual Conflicts.” Here the participants were Nancy Libin, Data Control Officer for the US Department of Justice, and Dr. Ole Schroder, the Parliamentary Secretary for German interior ministry.”

“For the Hamburg program, I gave a talk in front of German law students, government officials from the US and Germany, and journalists. My talk was on “Human Dignity, Privacy, and Personality in German and American Constitutional Law,” a topic I have written on extensively. The talk was followed by an interesting and wide open discussion.”

