

## Katharina von Schnurbein



(1973, German) joined the Outreach Team at the BEPA in October 2010. In January 2012 she was appointed Advisor for churches, religious associations or communities as well as philosophical and non-confessional organisations.

She started her career at the Commission in 2002 as Press Officer at the Commission's Delegation in Prague. In 2004 she became Commission Spokesperson for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities and joined the team of the Czech EU Commissioner Vladimír Špidla. Prior to these posts, Katharina worked for the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee at the German Bundestag in Berlin as well as a for an international crisis management consultancy.

Her educational background includes undergraduate studies of Political Science and Slavonic Studies at the University of Bonn, a Master of Slavonic Studies from Oxford University (1997) and a Master of European Studies from the Center for European Integration Studies at Bonn (1999). In 1993-94 she studied Czech language at Charles University in Prague.

Apart from European policies, and politics in Central European countries, she focuses on transatlantic relations. In 2007 she participated in the Marshall Memorial Fellowship of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and was selected as Fellow of the American Council on Germany in 2009.

Katharina is married and has three children. She speaks German, English, French, Czech and Dutch.

Her publications include papers on the 2004 EU-enlargement round and the public discourse in countries of Central Europe. More recently she focused on the development of European Labour Market and Social Policy. Selected publications:

- Für mehr Mobilität auf dem europäischen Arbeitsmarkt. in: Dabrowski/Wolf/Abmeier, Die EU-Erweiterung gerecht gestalten, Paderborn 2010.
- European Labour Market and Social Policy, in: European policies for citizens, 2009 CEPS.
- EU enlargement – EU accession. The will of the people? The interest of the people? in: Journal of European Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok 2002.
- Der tschechische EU Beitritt: Politischer Prozess wider die öffentliche Meinung, ZEI Discussion Paper C105, Bonn 2002