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Ruprecht Polenz was the Chairman of the German Bundestag's Committee on Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2013. The focal points of his work are foreign and security policy, with regional emphasis on the Middle East, in particular Iran and Turkey and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He is following the political effects of Islam both in this region and beyond with particular interest. Good transatlantic relations with the USA are especially important to him.

Polenz became senior member of the CDU party on April 10, 2000 under the presidency of Angela Merkel. From April to November 2000, he was the Secretary-General of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

Ruprecht Polenz holds a number of voluntary positions: Chairman of the Television Council of the ZDF (a national television broadcaster), President of the German Association for East European Studies (DGO), President of the German Atlantic Association (1997 - 2006), member of the board of trustees of Grünhelme e.V. ("Green Helmets", a humanitarian agency), Chairman and Co-Founder of the Christian-Muslim Peace Initiative (CMFI) (2006-2012), member of the board of trustees of Münster University of Applied Sciences, member of the board of trustees of the Westphalian Heart Foundation, member of the board of trustees of the German-Turkish-Association, member of the advisory council of the European Council on Foreign Relations, member of the advisory council of the Center for Global Politics (Freie Universität Berlin), member of the advisory council of the Atlantic Initiative, member of the advisory council of the USC Münster sports club, and member of the advisory council of the European Law Students' Association (ELSA).

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