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**Sigmar Gabriel to join the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
as John F. Kennedy Memorial Policy Fellow in Fall 2018**

Cambridge, MA – The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) is pleased to announce that **H.E. Sigmar Gabriel**, Member of the German Bundestag and Vice Chancellor from 2013-2018, will serve as a John F. Kennedy Memorial Policy Fellow at Harvard during the fall of 2018.

Since the Kennedy Fellowship was established in 1967, the Center has hosted many outstanding German scholars, politicians and journalists to share their experiences and work with the academic community at Harvard. “At a moment when the Transatlantic relationship faces historic strains and Europe is confronted with complex challenges, it is a significant opportunity for all of us to have Mr. Gabriel join the Center,” said Grzegorz Ekiert, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Government at Harvard and CES Director. “Mr. Gabriel brings a unique perspective as a result of his accomplished public service career. Our students and faculty look forward to discussing policy issues and gaining insight from his experiences as one of the most influential politicians in Europe.”

“Harvard is at the center of critical research and debates which affect the future of society and governance,” said Gabriel. “Having spent most of my career in public service, it is a privilege for me to connect with the dynamic intellectual environment at the Center for European Studies. I look forward to sharing my experiences with the community and gaining new perspectives.”

During his tenure at the Center, Mr. Gabriel will deliver the inaugural Guido Goldman Lecture on Germany, which was established to honor the contributions of the Center’s Co-Founding Director, who was instrumental in promoting the study of Germany and transatlantic relations at Harvard. On November 5, 2018, Gabriel will be a speaker at the Center’s flagship annual conference *The Summit on the Future of Europe*. As part of the Fellowship, Mr. Gabriel will also meet with faculty and students in discussion settings and participate in other events at Harvard.

Mr. Gabriel brings a wealth of experience at the local, federal and international level. After serving as Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (2005-2009), he assumed several leading posts, including as Germany’s Minister for Economic

Affairs and Energy (2013-2017), Minister for Foreign Affairs (2017-2018) and Vice-Chancellor of Germany (2013-2018).

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About the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies (CES) was founded in 1969 at Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences to promote the study of Europe and to facilitate the training of new generations of scholars and experts in European studies in the United States. CES was created as an interdisciplinary institution in the social sciences to make possible innovative research and teaching on European history, politics, economy and society. Since its founding, CES has been the site of influential research and has inspired interest in European affairs among Harvard faculty, students and beyond. It has also been the place of extensive intellectual engagement between European and American academics and has trained students who are today among the world's most eminent scholars of Europe and the world leaders of business, public administration, and non-profit organizations.

For more information about the Center, see ces.fas.harvard.edu

Information about the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fellowship, can be found on ces.fas.harvard.edu/opportunities/fellows/jfk-fellows/50th-anniversary-of-the-john-f-kennedy-memorial-fellowship