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How does politics happen? When we do politics, what are we doing? In answering this question, Richard Freeman returned to Hannah Arendt’s *The Human Condition*, to her sense of action as what happens between people and to the significance she attaches to speech and storytelling. Prof. Freeman will present a case study of a meeting which took place in July 1971 between Henry Kissinger, then US Secretary of State, and Chinese premier Zhou en Lai. Prof. Freeman will further discuss the implications of ‘thinking about doing’ for our understandings of power, translation, and the distinction we make between politics and international relations.

Introductory Remarks Prof. Dr Tobias Debiel, Director of Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research
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