

## Mosel bridge - good news

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**23 May** - See [this report](#) in the New York Times that summarises the current precarious state of play.

I'm delighted to report that our [press briefing at Hot Spot in Berlin](#) on Sunday evening seems to have borne real, juicy, anti-bridge fruit.

Not only did it result in a front page report on the influential *Süddeutscher Zeitung*, it also engendered favourable coverage in *Die Welt*, *Der Spiegel*, *Bild* and this morning a most sympathetic piece in *Die Zeit* by Ijoma Mangold, who was at the event on Sunday, in which, Stuart Pigott (pictured) explains, 'he charts the history and politics of the *Hochmoselübergang* mit razor-sharp precision. He ends with the plea, "the *Hochmoselübergang* must not be built in the 21st century!"

'Another direct hit on Hendrik Hering [the Rheinland-Pfalz minister in charge of both wine and transport]! In combination with yesterday's excellent piece in *Bild*, this is a deadly combination. Just imagine simultaneous blows from *The Times* and *The Sun*.'

Here are links to some of the relevant articles that resulted:

<http://www.welt.de/die-welt/vermischtes/article7158806/Das-Himmelreich-aus-Beton-bald-an-der-Mosel.html>

<http://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/0,1518,688501,00.html>

[http://www.fr-online.de/in\\_und\\_ausland/panorama/2536357\\_Joschka-Fischer-kaempft-um-Weinberg.html](http://www.fr-online.de/in_und_ausland/panorama/2536357_Joschka-Fischer-kaempft-um-Weinberg.html)

Older coverage:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/apr/08/wine-germany-riesling-autobahn>

<http://www.tagesspiegel.de/weltspiegel/Mosel;art1117,3079134>

<http://www.taz.de/1/zukunft/umwelt/artikel/1/albtraum-fuers-himmelreich/>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/7569807/New-German-motorway-threatens-prime-riesling-region.html>

And Stuart Pigott is scheduled to debate the bridge with Hendrick Hering on SWR TV on 21 Apr, next Wednesday, at 16:00.