

# The Collapse: The Accidental Opening of the Berlin Wall

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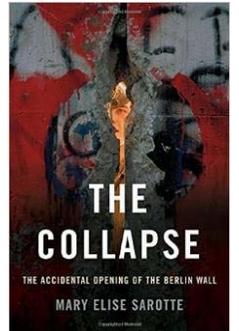
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Prof. Mary Elise Sarotte earned her BA at Harvard and her PhD at Yale. After graduate school, she served as a White House Fellow, and subsequently joined the faculty of the University of Cambridge. She received tenure there in 2004 and became a member of the Royal Historical Society before returning to the United States to teach at University of Southern California (USC), where she is Dean's Professor of History. Sarotte is also a former Humboldt Scholar and member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. She is currently Visiting Professor of Government and History at Harvard University. She has also worked as a journalist for *Time*, *Die Zeit*, and *The Economist*, and appears as a political commentator on the BBC, CNN International and Sky News.

Prof. Sarotte is the author of a number of scholarly publications including her newest book *The Collapse: The Accidental Opening of the Berlin Wall*, which marks the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Wall on November 9. Additional publications include *1989: The Struggle to Create Post-Cold War Europe*, which was a *Financial Times* Book of the Year and won three prizes; *Dealing with the Devil*; and *German Military Reform and European Security*, plus a number of scholarly and popular articles.



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