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UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF UNTER DER SCHIRMHERRSCHAFT VON

MALU DREYER
Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate

27th to 30th April 2015

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

RAPPROCHEMENT,
CHANGE,
PERCEPTION
&
SHAPING
THE FUTURE:

50 YEARS OF
GERMAN-ISRAELI AND
ISRAELI-GERMAN
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

27th April 2015

MONDAY

Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz

06:00 PM WELCOME SPEECHES

JOACHIM MERTES

President of the Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate

MALU DREYER

Minister-President of Rhineland-Palatinate

H.E. YAKOV HADAS-HANDELSMANN

Ambassador of the State of Israel

PROF. DR. KRAUSCH

President of the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

KEYNOTE SPEECH

REINHOLD ROBBE

President of the German-Israeli Society

CLOSING WORDS

ALFRED WITTSTOCK

Study Unit Israel, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

28th April 2015

TUESDAY

Alte Mensa, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

09:00 AM BEGINNING OF FIRST
CONFERENCE DAY

09:15 AM 50 YEARS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS:
COMMEMORATION AND REMEMBRANCE AS A
DESIGN ELEMENT FOR POLITICS?

PROF. DR. DR. ALEIDA ASSMANN

Endowed Professorship at the Johannes Gutenberg
University Mainz

PROF. DR. MOSHE ZUCKERMANN

The Cohn Institute for the History and Philosophy of
Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv University

Moderation:

10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK

11:15 AM A CHALLENGE TO THE BILATERAL
RELATIONS: THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN
CONFLICT AND THE ARAB WORLD

PROF. DR. GERT KRELL

Goethe University of Frankfurt

PROF. DR. MOSHE ZIMMERMANN

Richard-Koebner-Center for German History at the Hebrew
University of Jerusalem

DR. H.C. (MULT.) WALTER KLITZ

Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Liberty, Jerusalem

Moderation:

ALFRED WITTSTOCK

Study Unit Israel, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK

02:15 PM IMAGES AND ATTITUDES – YOUTHS OF BOTH
COUNTRIES (GERMANY-ISRAEL) AND THEIR
VIEWS TOWARDS THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTER-
PARTS

PROF. DR. OZ ALMOG

Samuel Neaman Institute for National Policy Research,
University of Haifa

DR. SIMONE HEIL

Prior: University of Bremen

Moderation:

DR. HABIL. BORIS ZIZEK

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Education

03:45 PM COFFEE BREAK

04:15 PM GERMANY AND ISRAEL – A “NORMAL”
RELATIONSHIP?

06:00 PM

PROF. DR. CARLO STRENGER

School of Psychological Sciences/Cohn Institute for the
History and Philosophy of Science and Ideas, Tel Aviv
University

DR. JÜRGEN MÜLLER-HOHAGEN

Dachau Institut Psychologie und Pädagogik

Moderation:

DR. MED. RENATE MARX-MOLLIÈRE

Mainz

Staatstheater Mainz (Glashaus)

07:30 PM THE GERMAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS AS
MIRRORED IN ARTS AND CULTURE

09:00 PM

JOSHUA SOBOL

Playwright, Writer and Director, Israel

PROF. DR. ANAT FEINBERG

Hochschule für Jüdische Studien (HfJS), Heidelberg

PROF. DR. FRIEDEMANN KREUDER

Department of Theatre Studies, Johannes Gutenberg
University Mainz

29th April 2015

WEDNESDAY

Alte Mensa, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

09:00 AM BEGINNING OF SECOND CONFERENCE DAY

09:15 AM „IMAGES OF THE OTHERS“ – THE MEDIAL
COMMUNICATION OF IMAGES OF GERMANY
AND ISRAEL AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE
RESPECTIVE OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY *

DR. PETER FREY

Editor-in-Chief, ZDF, Mainz

DR. DAVID WITZTHUM

Channel 1, Jerusalem / The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

ANDREA BÄHNER

Managing Editor, SWR, Mainz

DR. CHRISTIAN BÖHME

Political Editor at Der Tagesspiegel, Berlin

Moderation:

PROF. DR. JÜRGEN W. FALTER

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Political
Science

10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK

11:15 AM THE PROCESS OF EUROPEANIZATION AND
GERMANY'S POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL

DR. ESTHER LOPATIN

Director of the Center for European Studies at the
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

PROF. DR. LILY GARDNER FELDMAN

American Institute for Contemporary German Studies,
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore

Moderation:

PROF. DR. ARNE NIEMANN

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Political
Science

12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK

02:15 PM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ISRAEL –
A BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP?

H.E. DAVID WALZER

Ambassador of the State of Israel to the EU, Brussels

PROF. DR. GERT WEISSKIRCHEN

former Member of the German Parliament, former
Spokesman for Foreign Affairs

Moderation:

PROF. DR. ARNE NIEMANN

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

04:00 PM GUIDED CITY TOUR (OPTIONAL)

30th April 2015

THURSDAY

Alte Mensa, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

09:00 AM BEGINNING OF THIRD CONFERENCE DAY

09:15 AM ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND GERMANY'S
REASON OF STATE

RUDOLF DRESSLER *

Former Ambassador of Germany to Israel

AMBASSADOR SHIMON STEIN

The Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv
University

Moderation:

DR. DIETER SCHIFFMANN

Former Director of the State Agency for Civic Education
of Rhineland-Palatinate

10:45 AM COFFEE BREAK

11:15 AM GERMAN-ISRAELI COOPERATION IN THE
LIGHT OF NEW SECURITY THREATS

PROF. DR. JOACHIM MEYER

Dept. of Industrial Engineering, Tel Aviv University

ROGER LEWENTZ *

Head of the Interior Ministers' Conference, Minister
of State, Minister for Internal Affairs, Sports and
Infrastructure

Moderation:

PROF. DR. GERD MIELKE

Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Political
Science

FINAL STATEMENT

Registration is required to participate in the conference. The partici-
pation will be free of charge, but there will be admission control.
The time for applications ends on Wednesday, April 15th 2015.

Registration: conference.50-ger-il.com/registration

Eine Anmeldung zur Teilnahme an der Konferenz ist erforderlich.
Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos, der Einlass nur nach Anmeldung möglich.
Anmeldeschluss ist Mittwoch, der 15. April 2015.

Anmeldung: conference.50-ger-il.com/registration

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