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### Monday, 27th April 2015

**Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz**

**09:00 AM**
**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**
- PROF. DR. ARLENE NIMMERMANN
  Department of Theatre Studies, 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 ALMUG
  Samuel Neaman Institute for National Policy Research, University of Haifa
- DR. SIMONE HEIL
  Prior University of Bremen

**Moderation:**
- PROF. DR. HABIL. BORIS ZIZEK
  Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Education

**09:00 AM**
**BEGINNING OF SECOND CONFERENCE DAY**

### Wednesday, 29th April 2015

**Alte Mensa, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz**

**09:00 AM**
**WELCOME SPEECHES**
- PROF. DR. GEERT KRELL
  Goethe University of Frankfurt
- PROF. DR. MORGAN ZIMMERMANN
  Richard-Koerliner-Center for German History at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

**Moderation:**
- ALFRED WITTSTOCK
  Study Unit Israel, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

**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. ARLENE NIMMERMANN
  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
  University of Bremen

**MODERATION:**
- PROF. DR. ARLENE NIMMERMANN
  Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

### Thursday, 30th April 2015

**Alte Mensa, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz**

**09:00 AM**
**BEGINNING OF THIRD CONFERENCE DAY**

**11:15 AM**
**GERMAN-ISRAEL 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 for Internal Affairs, Sports and Infrastructure

**MODERATION:**
- PROF. DR. GERT MIELKE
  Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Political Science

**FINAL STATEMENT**

Registration is required to participate in the conference. The participation 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