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**MONDAY**

28th April 2015

Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz

06:00 PM

WELCOME SPEECHES

JOACHIM MERTES
President of the Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate

MALU DREYER
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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

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 ALMOD
Samuel Neaman Institute for National Policy Research, University of Haifa

DR. SIMONE HEL
Prof. University of Bremen

Moderation:

DR. HABL. BORIS ZIZEK
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Institute of Education

03:45 PM

COFFEE BREAK

04:15 PM

GERMANY AND ISRAEL – A "NORMAL" RELATIONSHIP?

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
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GERMANY'S POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL

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12:45 PM

THE PROCESS OF EUROPEANIZATION AND GERMANY’S POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL

PROF. DR. ESTHER LOPATIN
Director of the Mildorfer Center for European Studies at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzlia

PROF. DR. LILY GARDNER FELDMAN
American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya

PROF. DR. JOACHIM MEYER
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THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ISRAEL – A BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP?

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**TUESDAY**

29th April 2015

Alte Mensa, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

09:00 AM

BEGINNING OF SECOND CONFERENCE DAY

11:15 AM

IMAGES OF THE OTHERS – THE MEDIAL COMMUNICATION OF IMAGES OF GERMANY AND ISRAEL AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE RESPECTIVE OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY

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**THURSDAY**

30th April 2015

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

RODOLPH DREISCHER *
Former Ambassador of Germany to Israel

AMBASSADOR SHIMON STEIN
The Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University

Moderation:

DR. DIETER SCHIEPFMANN
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 MIELKE
Dept. of Industrial Engineering, Tel Aviv University

ROGER LEWENTZ *
Head of the Interior Ministers’ Conference, Minister of State, Ministry for Internal Affairs, Sports and Infrastructure

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