

KAS Day 2020

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"30 years of German Unity"

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Academy of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

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German reunification constitutes the most significant peaceful transformation in Germany's eventful history and at the same time the culmination of an upheaval in world history. It was initiated by courageous people in East Germany and Eastern Europe and completed by Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor of Unity, whose 90th birthday we are commemorating this year. Thirty years on, we face new, no less fundamental challenges worldwide - the relevance of national solutions, however, is becoming increasingly questionable in the face of global threats such as climate change or a pandemic.

For several months now, the Corona pandemic has been forcing us, including the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, to resort to fundamental changes of our way of life and work. This is why this year's KAS Day will be different from previous years: we will talk about 30 years of German unity with Chancellor **Dr Angela Merkel** and **Donald Tusk**, Chairman of the European People's Party, on www.kas.de, facebook and youtube. Before the discussion, we will present ourselves and our work by digital means and answer your questions from our virtual "KAS-Studio on German Unity". You are cordially invited to follow us and take part in our online event on the Day of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Part 1

"KAS Studio on German Unity"

Presentation of KAS' work

13:00 – 17:15 h

Presentation of KAS' work in the form of digital discussion rounds about "30 years of German Unification"

13:00 – 13:50 h

"30 years after reunification: How do we secure freedom and democracy for the future?"

Opener: Partner Atlas for Germany's Foreign Policy

Participants in the KAS Studio:

Anja Berretta, Head of Regional Programme "Climate Policy and Energy Security in Sub-Saharan Africa", KAS

Dr Ellinor Zeino, Head of the Afghanistan Office, KAS

Maximilian Hedrich, former Head of the Venezuela Office, KAS

Linked to us via video conference:

Jakob Wöllenstein, Head of the Belarus Office of KAS,

Dr Holger Dix, Head of the KAS Country Office Tunisia/Algeria

Moderator: Laura Philipps, Desk Officer for Multilateralism and Systems Competition, KAS

The event will be live-streamed in German/English on www.kas.de and facebook.

14:00 – 14:40 h

"Back to the Future!? Memories of the Kohl Era"

Conversation with:

Andreas Hock, journalist and author of the book "Generation Kohl"

Ms Serap Güler, State Secretary for Integration in the Ministry for Children, Family, Refugees and Integration of North Rhine Westphalia

Moderator: **Dr Kathrin Zehender**, Desk Officer for Contemporary History, KAS

15:00 – 16:05 h

Creative Contributions to "30 Years of German Unity

Moderator: **Angela Elis**, journalist and author

Opener: Workshop Report on Civic Education

"The Sky above Us"

Reading with **Nadja Klier** from the book "Wo warst Du? - 30 Jahre Mauerfall" (Where were you – 30 years after the Fall of the Wall")

(Freya Klier, ed. by Herder Verlag 2019)

"German Unity - How a forbidden thought became reality for me"

Reading with **Prof Dr Richard Schröder** from the book "30 Jahre Deutsche Einheit. Wir sind dabei gewesen." ("30 Years of German Unification. We were there.")

Songs of Unity

Songwriter and guitarist **Matthias Gehler**

and harmonica player **Michael Streckenbach**

30 years of German unity

Poetry slammer **Bas Böttcher**

30 years of reunification

Comic by **Sebastian Lörscher**

"Unity"

Graffiti by **Mark Marquardt**

16:30 - 17:10 h

Conversation with contemporary witnesses - "A life under two systems"

Conversation with:

Hans-Christian Maaß, former KAS scholarship holder

Franziska Schade, KAS scholarship holder

Julia Kanning, KAS scholarship holder

Moderator: **Marcus Schoft**, Desk Officer for Communication, KAS

Part 2

17.30 - 18:30 h

"30 Years of German Unity: Germany within Europe and the World"

17:30 h

Introduction

Prof Dr Norbert Lammert

Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Former President of the German Bundestag

17:40 h

Conversation with:

Dr Angela Merkel, Federal Chancellor and Member of Parliament

Donald Tusk, President of the European People's Party

Moderator: **Cosima Gill**, TV reporter for ARD and WDR, former scholarship holder of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

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