



**Young Königswinter Alumni Conference 2024
31 May to 1 June 2024**

at the

Goethe-Institut London, United Kingdom

**Under the patronage of the
Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Court of St James's
Miguel Berger**

Draft Programme



Conference Location



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Directions

Public transport

Tube:

South Kensington (District, Circle und Piccadilly Line)

Buses:

9, 10, 14, 49, 52, 70, 74, 345, 360, 414, 430, 452, C1

Night Buses N9, N74, N97

By car:

We would advise not to come by private car: parking spaces are scarce and expensive in this area of London.

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PROGRAMME

THEME: How Do the United Kingdom and Germany View Global Challenges?

This conference is held under the Chatham House Rule.

Please note that the conference schedule is still subject to change.

Friday 31st May 2024

from 15:00 **Arrival at UK Parliament** (please allow at least 30 minutes for search and screening)
An official invitation will be provided, which attendees need to be able to show at the entrance, if demanded by UK Parliament Security. Please bring also a photo ID.

16:00 **Conference Kick-off:
Facing the Same Challenges: The Future for British-German Relations**

A conversation with *Rt Hon Sir David Lidington KCB CBE*
Chairman, British-German Königswinter

At

Grand Committee Room, House of Commons
UK Parliament, Westminster, London SW1A 0AA

from 19:00 **Young Königswinter Alumni Get-Together**

At

The Understudy at the National Theatre
Upper Ground
London SE1 9PX

We will have a proper British-German Pubquiz to get the conference started.

Drinks and food are not included in the conference fee and are to be covered by the participants themselves this evening.

Saturday 1st June 2024

From 9:00 **Check-In & Welcome**

At the

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<p>9:30 – 10:30</p>	<p>Introductory Remarks and Discussion: Global Challenges in 2024: What do the UK and Germany think about them?</p> <p>with Annette Dittert, Senior Correspondent ARD London (German Public Broadcaster)</p>
<p>10:30 – 12:00</p>	<p>Session 1: Dealing with Geopolitical Challenges</p> <p>Chair: Birgit Bujard, Institute for Political Science and European Affairs, University of Cologne</p> <p>Nick Pickard, Director Europe Bilateral, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office</p> <p>Tim Rauschan, Head of the Political Department, German Embassy London</p> <p>Michelle Bolten, Chief of Staff to the Vice Chairman, BlackRock</p> <p>Kai Lücke, Head of Global External Affairs, ZF Friedrichshafen AG</p> <p>Sebastian Drutschmann, Global Security Adviser, Bread for the World</p>
<p>12:00 – 13:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>at the Goethe-Institut</p>
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p>	<p>Session 2: Misinformation, Populism and Elections</p> <p>Chair: Charles Emmerson, Writer and Historian</p> <p>David Frost, The Rt Hon Lord Frost of Allenton CMG, former Chief Negotiator & Europe adviser to Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and former Minister responsible for EU relations</p> <p>Irina von Wiese, Honorary President, European Centre for Populism Studies, Professor of Politics and Law, ESCP Business School, and Councillor, Southwark Council</p> <p>Florian Stöckel, Professor of Political Science, University of Exeter</p>
<p>14:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Networking Break</p>

15:00 – 16:30	<p>Session 3: New Work and New Skills in the Face of Technological Change</p> <p>Chair: Helene Banner, Leadership Keynote Speaker & Consultant, Founder of "Let's Just Be Imperfect, Ladies", formerly European Commission</p> <p>Matthias Graf von Kielmansegg, Managing Director, Vodafone Foundation Germany</p> <p>Annika Müller de Vries, Representative for Deutsche Bundesbank</p> <p>Sara-Ida Kaiser, Deputy Head of Berlin Office, BMW Group</p> <p>Adam Waddingham, Head of Student Support and Wellbeing, UCL</p>	
16:30 – 17:30	<p>Networking Break</p>	
17:30 - 18:00	<p>Walk to the German House</p>	
18:00	<p>Reception hosted by Ambassador Miguel Berger</p> <p>at the German House 34 Belgrave Square London SW1X 8QB</p>	

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Young Königswinter is a conference series of the Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft e.V., Berlin. In keeping with the Young Königswinter tradition, the Young Königswinter Alumni meet at regular and independent alumni conferences organized by alumni volunteers.

Background

Under the patronage of the Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft, the Young Königswinter Conferences today look back on a tradition of more than 60 years of fostering German-British friendship. They aim to foster the intercultural exchange between young Germans and Britons, who at the conferences discuss social and political issues over several days. For many years, the conferences have generated a high level of cohesion between the participants and have become one of the key events in the Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft's portfolio. In 2009, participants of the YKW conferences founded the Young Königswinter Alumni Association (Verein).

The Association is a registered charity in Germany and has its office in Berlin. The alumni's decentralised organisational structure is maintained, however, and they are encouraged to conduct regional activities under the auspices of the Young Königswinter Alumni Association. Enabling meetings and friendships with regard to German-British relations is the Association's central rationale.

First and foremost, the Association aims at institutionalising the alumni network, maintaining and deepening the exchange and creating new points of contact. To this end, it has already initiated a range of activities (event series, lectures and receptions).

Secondly, the Association wants to contribute to the public political debate, with the YKW Alumni representing a group with a great interest in German-British relations. They are successful in their jobs, highly motivated and hard-working, bound together by the common desire to contribute to society and the democratic development of the body politic. The Association wants to promote and actively use the alumni's potential in order to generate an interdisciplinary discourse on current socio-political issues and to encourage common engagement. In doing so, the Association not only considers itself a link between former and future YKW participants, but also as an intermediary between its members and society. In this spirit, it is a particular concern of the Association to stimulate and contribute to a sustained engagement in and for civil society.

The YKW-Alumni Association offers a vibrant and active network in the German-British context. The Association bundles its members' activities and creates a persistent bond, founded in the YKW conferences. The Association offers access to more than 60 years of Young Königswinter Conferences with hundreds of alumni, and the opportunity to engage ambitious and successful people interested equally in cultural and business exchanges. The Association's expanding interdisciplinary network provides an inexhaustible pool for institutionalised civic involvement across party lines.