

ECONOMIC FORUM DEUTSCHLAND

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Royal Residence of German Empress Vitoria, Schloss Kronberg

- Event:** **German-American Friendship**, celebrating the enactment of the Constitution of Hessen, a monument to German-American post-war cooperation.
- Occasion:** December 1st 2016 marks the 70th anniversary one of the most important events in modern European history, the enactment of the Constitution of Hessen on December 1st, 1946.
- Speakers:** **Prof. Dr. Rudolf Steinberg**, from 2000 to 2008, President of the University of Frankfurt, Johann von Goethe Universität, where he is today professor emeritus for civil and constitutional law. Prof. Steinberg studied at the universities of Freiburg, Germany, and Michigan University at Ann Arbor, USA. His Topic: **Deutschland in guter Verfassung** (The good state of Germany and its constitution)
- Major General, John L. Gronski, U.S. Army Europe** will address the assembly with a few words.
- Paul Gregory Dolan** born in New York City, was educated in government, foreign relations, economics, history and philosophy at Drake, Georgetown, and The American Universities. Entrepreneur, philanthropist, author, and since 2002, chairman, Economic Forum Deutschland. Topic: **Kronberg – Ancient Pivot of Change**
- Event location:** Schloss Hotel Kronberg, Kronberg's Royal Residence in the Taunus Mountains
- Date and Time:** Thursday, December 1st, 2016, from 6:00 to 9:30 P.M.
- Order of Events:**
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| 6:00 P.M. | Guided tour of the historical royal residence directed by Dr. Jacobs, Ph.D. in history. |
| 7:00 P.M. | Official greeting by the Chairman, Paul Dolan and Co-chairlady, Elke Hoppe-Dolan, of the Economic Forum Deutschland e.V., organizer of the celebration. |

7:15 P.M. Beginning of the lectures in the beautiful library
8:00 P.M. Dinner served with drinks in the library
21:30 P.M. Conclusion of evening

Organizer: Economic Forum Deutschland e.V. (EFD)

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Registration: Seating is limited. Please register soon; latest by the November 28nd. A form for registration is attached; Email, FAX and telephone are all acceptable.
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Depiction of Events: On December 1st, 1946, only 18 months following WWII, the American and German framers of the first democratic German **Constitution for the state of Hessen**, celebrated its enactment. As the ruins of war still smoldered throughout Europe, never, could they have anticipated the far-reaching impact of their work. The success of their work in Hessen served as a model for the German national constitution only 2.5 years later, when, in May 1949, the *Deutsche Grundgesetz*, was adopted. Working under the direction of General Dwight



David Eisenhower's Kronberg staff, together with German legal experts, and after all that had gone before, the framers performed a task of monumental proportions!

Without this shining example of our ability, as nations to work together for freedom and a peaceful, democratic future, would President Harry Truman and his Secretary of State, Gen. George Marshall, have been able to appeal to the magnanimity of the United States Congress to enact the **Marshall Plan** on June 3rd 1948, only one-and-a-half years after the adoption of the Hessen Constitution? Germany and Western Europe would recover with the Marshall Plan, which in turn would serve as the foundation of today's **European Union (EU)**. Each event hinged on the success of the

other. Never before, has Europe known 70 years of peace and prosperity. Barrack Obama recently hailed the EU as ["one of the greatest accomplishments of human history."](#)

Today's world is full of new threatens to freedom, peace, democracy and our privileged way of life. General Eisenhower's framers of the Hessen Constitution remind us, that working together, we can accomplish great goals. Yet, is the German Constitution still a source of stability and a point of orientation for growth, innovation, prosperity and justice. And are German-American relations a match for future challenges?

The Economic Forum Deutschland e.V.

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A variety of activities characterize the association, including **think tanks**, designed to increase national competitiveness; **business and economic summits**, bringing world leaders together to focus on international challenges; programs designed to **strengthen democracy** and political participation; as well as others designed to promote and **strengthen leadership** in Germany.

The Economic Forum Deutschland e.V. also organizes **public forum debates** with jury participation, evaluating the arguments of both *pro* and *contra* sides; a popular method to bring out the best solutions from some of the best minds, as they present and defend their propositions. Underlying all the above activities, is the goal to **strengthen Atlantic relations**.

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