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Dear members and friends,

The German-American Lawyers' Association in cooperation with Amerika Haus e.V. NRW and Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit cordially invites you to watch and discuss the **first presidential debate**:

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.

Hillary vs. Donald

Panelists: **James D. Bindenagel**
U.S. Ambassador (ret.) and Henry Kissinger Professor for
Governance and International Security, University of Bonn
Derek Kelly
Vice-Consul, US Consulate General, Düsseldorf
Thomas W. Leiser (tbc)
Chairman, Republicans Overseas Germany
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Democrats Abroad Germany, Chair NRW Chapter

Moderator: **Peter Kloeppe**

Welcome: **Dr. Olaf Christiansen**
President, German-American Lawyers' Association
Jan-Frederik Kremer
Regional Director North Rhine-Westphalia,
Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit
Dr. Rainer Minz
President of the Board Amerika Haus e.V. NRW

Venue: **Mediengruppe RTL Deutschland**
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The current US presidential election cycle has brought us two surprising candidates. Donald Trump's nomination came as short of a shock to many republicans and political analysts, who had predicted that the businessman had virtually no chance of winning. At the same time, Hillary Clinton's candidacy as former first lady (and first female candidate for a major US party) is still no

small surprise. Moreover, according to polls, both candidates are the most unpopular presidential nominees ever. Will Hillary Clinton give voters reasons to like her, or at least to not dislike her? Will Donald Trump get on a more traditional campaign or build on his conservative populism? Which candidate will finally win the race to the White House and what effects will this have on transatlantic relations?

The panel will be held in English. Attendance is free of charge.

Please note that the number of participants is limited to 200 persons. Registration will be on *first come first served* basis.

Ms. Selimanjin of Friedrich Naumann Stiftung will take care of the registrations.

Please register until **September 19, 2016** at: <https://shop.freiheit.org>

or send the attached registration to:

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We look forward to welcoming you and your guests.

Best regards,

Dr. Sarah Sammeck