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👉💬 One week from today! We are inviting all [University of Cologne](#) alumni, partners, and friends in the Washington [hashtag#DC](#) area to an exclusive networking luncheon on the topic of Democracy and Diplomacy.

Together with the other North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) university liaison offices represented in the United States – [Campus OWL New York & University Alliance Ruhr](#) – and in cooperation with the [Embassy of Germany in Washington, D.C.](#), the [American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation](#), [DFG North America](#), and the [German Center for Research and Innovation \(DWIH\) New York](#), we would like to cordially invite you to this event on the occasion of the Day of German Unity – Tag der deutschen Einheit – 2024.

📅 September 25, 2024, at 12:30 PM.

📍 National Press Club in Washington D.C.

📢👥 The exclusive event will feature opening remarks by Amb. Andreas Michaelis, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States, followed by an expert panel discussion. Panelists [Ambassador Michael C. Polt](#), Emily B. Campbell, and moderator [Ona Ambrozaite](#) will explore the essential role of the rule of law in maintaining functional and sustainable democracies in both the [hashtag#US](#) and [hashtag#Germany](#). They will also discuss the politicization of science and misinformation as well as the importance of academic freedom protection to support evidence-based policy making.

🔒 Due to limited capacity, registration is first-come first-serve. Please reach out to me via eva.bosbach@uni-koeln.de if you would like to attend.

💥 We hope you can join us for this special venture in Washington, D.C. !

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