

# INVITATION

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## England is different

**TALK by and DINNER with Dr. Rudolf G. ADAM, former acting German ambassador in London**

Dear fellow Oxbridge alumni,

Jointly with the Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf we invite you to join us to listen to a talk given by Dr. Rudolf G. Adam on the occasion of the (probable) referendum in Great Britain on its future as a member of the European Union.



**Date & Time:** 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 6pm

**Venue:** Haus der Universität, Schadowplatz 14, 40212 Düsseldorf

Rudolf Adam's talk will have the title "England is different" and is to be the first event in a series of similar events dealing with the "BrExit" and its historical background, exploring the question "Is Britain different?". After the talk there will be opportunity to have dinner with Dr. Adam.

Rudolf G. Adam spent most of his career in the German diplomatic service. He was born in 1948 and read history in Tübingen and Oxford. After graduation from Brasenose College, Oxford in 1971 and a DPhil as a Rhodes-Scholar in Oxford 1974 he served as a political advisor in the German embassies in Singapore, Beijing and Moscow.

From 2001 to 2004 he was vice-president of the German Intelligence Service BND. The last years of his diplomatic career he spent as the acting German ambassador in London.

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Rudolf G. Adam published on such diverse topics as the Italian renaissance and European security politics and is now preparing a comprehensive work on present-day England and the historical circumstances that may explain some of its misgivings about the EU.

About the “[Die naive Empörung der Deutschen](#)” Dr. Adam contributed to the debate on state surveillance in the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* in 2013, for example, an article much-talked about for giving a more realistic view on the secret services here and there.

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To reserve a place for the dinner afterwards at a secret place in old town we request prepayment of the amount of 25 € per person, nonrefundable, into the account:

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of the signatory on the left making the same reference. The amount will be credited towards your bill on the evening. Please note that we can count and process your reservation only after receiving your payment.

With very best wishes,

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