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Parties, Citizens, and Democracy

Conference on the 80th Birthday of

Director Emeritus
Prof. Dr. Hans-Dieter Klingemann

February 3, 2017
Room A 300

In recent years, democracy, parties, and citizens have been facing a number of challenges: Political communities change; political cultures become more heterogeneous. The mass media and new media affect the structures of communication between representatives and represented. Increasing demand for participation challenges representative democracy and traditional actors such as political parties. Voters have to deal with an increasing complexity of policy spaces. Holding governments accountable becomes increasingly complicated, political representation more complex.

Parties, citizens, and democracy are at the core of Hans-Dieter Klingemann's work, former Director of the WZB research unit "Institutions and Social Change". He contributed to the analysis of transition to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and as former president of the European Political Science Network to the development of political science in the new democracies. The role of parties and the orientation and behavior of citizens that make democracy work are the two key dimensions characterizing Hans-Dieter Klingemann's research. His colleagues at the WZB and beyond will address and discuss these topics at the conference on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Friday, February 3, 2017

9.30 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction
Bernhard Weßels

9.45 a.m.

A Comparison of Political Communities
from Different Civilizations
Dieter Fuchs

10.15 a.m.

Political Culture and Democracy
Christian Welzel

10.45 a.m.

(New) Media and Democracy
Max Kaase

11.15 a.m.

Communication, Media, and
Democratization
Katrin Voltmer

11.45 a.m.

Participation and Political Culture
Steven Weldon

12.15 p.m.

Parties and Their Programmes
Ian Budge

12.45 p.m. Lunch

1.45 p.m.

Parties and Policy Spaces
Franz Urban Pappi

2.15 p.m.

Parties and Their Voters
Hermann Schmitt

2.45 p.m.

Parties and Accountability
Radek Markowski

3.15 p.m.

Do Electoral Systems Matter?
Bernhard Weßels

3.45 p.m.

Political Representation
Jacques Thomassen

4.15 p.m.

Do Political Institutions Matter?
Edeltraud Roller

4.45 p.m. Reception
