

CONFERENCES

Königswinter Conference

The Königswinter Conference was established in 1950 with the aim of improving the troubled relationship between Germany and the United Kingdom after the war. Over the years, it has become an outstanding forum in which German and British politicians, high-ranking government officials, business managers, academics and journalists convene for a profound exchange of ideas. Königswinter has created bonds and friendships, helping to improve the understanding of policy differences on topical issues and to work towards common approaches.

- ▶ **Duration** 1.5 days
- ▶ **Number of Participants** 65-70
- ▶ **Time of the Year** Spring
- ▶ **Location** annually alternating between GER/UK

Young Königswinter Conference

The Young Königswinter Conference is a forum created in 1960 to bring together young elites, aged 25 to 32, from Germany and the United Kingdom, to foster mutual understanding and an exchange of ideas not only between the two countries but also between the different political conceptions of the participants. Here, social, political, economic and cultural issues are discussed by a heterogeneous group of participants in a frank and tolerant atmosphere, allowing the participants to gain new insights and perceptions which they then pass on in their private and professional lives. This forum brought about the self-organised Young Königswinter Alumni, a network of former participants.

- ▶ **Duration** 4 days
- ▶ **Number of Participants** 30-40
- ▶ **Time of the Year** Summer
- ▶ **Location** Berlin

Economic Königswinter Conference

The Economic Königswinter Conference was established in 2001 as an annual forum bringing together a small group of Germans and Britons selected from leaders of politics and industry to discuss current and future-oriented issues of economic policy. Among others, the conference covered topics like shifting global balances, paths to economic and industrial recovery in a global economy or paths to economic growth.

- ▶ **Duration** 24 hours
- ▶ **Number of Participants** 30
- ▶ **Time of the Year** Autumn
- ▶ **Location** annually alternating between GER/UK

Defence Königswinter Conference

Defence Königswinter Conferences were started off on the initiative of then Ambassador Sir Michael Arthur and both the German and UK Ministry of Defence. As the traditional Königswinter Conferences gradually started to focus more on issues of economy and finance, Europe and foreign policy, this gave rise to the demand to discuss security and defence policy in a separate, smaller conference.

- ▶ **Duration** 24 hours
- ▶ **Number of Participants** 30
- ▶ **Time of the Year** Autumn/Winter
- ▶ **Location** annually alternating between GER/UK

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