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Invitation

The Representation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the European Union, together with the Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalisation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt, the Halle Institute for Economic Research, Member of the Leibniz Association, and the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology cordially invite you to attend the following event:

Europe and international migration: research and policy agendas

on 07.06.2018 from 14.00

in the Representation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt to the EU,
Boulevard Saint Michel 80, 1040 Brussels.

The causes of migration from Africa and the Middle East comprise resource alienation on a grand scale, with regard to mineral resources and land grabbing, poverty and discrimination on the basis of ethnic and religious criteria in the struggle for political administration, employment, business opportunities and chances in life in general. Millions of partly well-educated and urbanised people, who do not have the chance to fall back on subsistence agriculture, perceive migration to Europe or North America as their only chance to live a life worth living.

Many thousands of refugees flocked to the EU member states in 2015 and 2016, especially to Germany. Although it may sound unpopular to some: immigration is vital for Germany, as there is no other way to offset demographic change. Another issue is the shortage of skilled workers. In order to make it attractive for well-trained specialists to move to Germany from overseas, a targeted immigration policy is required. In addition, the state must sustainably manage the integration of newcomers into the culture and labour market. This also includes improving social mobility within our society, in order to provide good training opportunities for immigrants. How this country can make economic use of the opportunities presented by immigration is currently still under discussion. Integration is a fundamental part of this debate.

This event will provide a platform to discuss the challenges and opportunities international migration is posing to Europe as a whole and the individual member states. The resulting implications for EU foreign policies and their role in this complex issue will also be considered in the discussion.

- 14.00 Registration and coffee
- 14.30 **Welcome address**
Dr Jürgen Ude, State Secretary in the Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalisation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt
- 14.40 **Economic and Political Causes of Migration from Africa**
Prof Dr Günther Schlee, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle
- Fighting Causes of Flight: Understanding and Influencing Dynamics of Learning and Unlearning Violence**
Dr Carolin Görzig, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle
- 15.00 **Integration of refugees into the (German) labour market**
Prof Reint E. Gropp, PhD, Halle Institute for Economic Research, Member of the Leibniz Association
- 15.20 **EU policy in international relations and the reintegration of migrants**
Yorck Wurms, DG Home, European Commission
- 15.40 **Panel discussion with**
Dr Jürgen Ude, State Secretary in the Ministry of Economy, Science and Digitalisation of the State of Saxony-Anhalt
Dr Carolin Görzig, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Prof Reint E. Gropp, PhD, Halle Institute for Economic Research, Member of the Leibniz Association
Moderation: Yorck Wurms, DG Home, European Commission
- 16.30 Networking reception

There will be simultaneous translation (DE-EN, EN-DE).

Please register by **4 June 2018** by

- emailing sekretariat@lv-bruessel.stk.sachsen-anhalt.de or
- phoning +32 2 741 09 31.

Only a limited number of places are available. We operate a first come first served policy.

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