



The Latin America Day

Since October 1923 the Lateinamerika Verein or LAV (Association for Latin America) has been organizing the yearly event “The Latin American Day”. This summit commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus on American territory on October 12, 1492 – since then the fortunes of the European and the American continents have been constantly connected. This tradition was only interrupted by World War II and the troubled post-war years.

Since 1991 the “The Latin American Day” is usually celebrated in the first half of October. This conference alternately takes place in Hamburg or in another large German city. This event consists of one day of conferences on Latin America in general, another day of conferences on a specific country and finally a gala dinner, which is an excellent opportunity to meet and exchange information and ideas with other LAV members and with representatives of the diplomatic, political and business sectors from Latin America, Germany and Europe in general.

Keynote speakers at the gala dinner

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1949 – 2021

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| 2022 | Mario Abdo Benítez, Präsident der Republik Paraguay |
| 2021 | Marta Lucía Ramírez Blanco, Vice President and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia |
| 2020 | ONLINE: Alberto Ángel Fernández, President of the Republic of Argentina ONLINE: General Hamilton Mourão, Vice President of the Federative Republic of Brazil |
| 2019 | Manuel Mejía Dalmau, Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador, on behalf of the President of Ecuador, Lenín Moreno |
| 2018 | Sebastián Piñera, President of the Republic of Chile |
| 2017 | Gabriel André Duque Mildenberg, Economic Expert and Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to Japan, representing Foreign Minister María Ángela Holguín Cuellar |
| 2016 | Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament |
| 2015 | Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia |
| 2014 | Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of Chile |
| 2013 | Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal, Minister of Economy, Mexiko |
| 2012 | Ricardo Ricardo Alberto Martinelli Berrocal, President of the Republic of Panama |
| 2011 | José Alberto Mujica Cordano, President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay |

2010 Dra. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Republic of Argentina

2009 Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federal Republic of Brasil

2009 Ambassador Samuel Pinheiro Guimarães Neto, Minister for Strategical Affairs at the President's Office, representing President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

2008 Patrick Manning, Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

2007 Martín Torrijos Espino, President of Panama

2006 Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of Chile

2005 Dr. Tabaré Vázquez, President of Uruguay

2004 Dr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of Paraguay

2003 Daniel Osvaldo Scioli, Vicepresident of Argentina, (representing the President, Dr. Néstor Carlos Kirchner)

2002 Enrique Bolaños Geyer, President of Nicaragua

Ricardo Maduro, President of Honduras

Lineth Saborío, Vice president of Costa Rica

Dominador Kaiser Bazán, Vice president of Panamá

María Eugenia Brizuela de Avila, representative of the President of El Salvador

Raúl Edmundo Archila Serrano, Minister of Energy and Mining of Guatemala

2001 Vicente Fox Quesada, President of Mexico

2000 Prof. Dr. Fernando Henrique Cardoso, President of Brazil

1999 Hugo Chávez Frías, President of Venezuela

1998 Lic. Gonzalo Sanchez de Losada, former President of Bolivia / Chairman of the Board, Minera S.A.

1997 Dr. Günter Rexrodt, Federal Minister of Economic Affairs

Dr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, President of Mexico

1996 Prof. Dr. Roman Herzog, President of the Federal Republic of Germany

Ing. Alberto Kenyo Fujimori Fujimori, President of Perú

1995 Dr. Klaus Kinkel, Federal Minister of Foreign Relations,

Dr. Ernesto Samper Pizano, President of Colombia

1994 Jürgen Sarrazin, Spokesman of the Board of Management, Dresdner Bank AG

1993 Rudolf Hommes, Finance Minister, Colombia

1992 Dr. h.c. Tyll Necker, President of the BDI

Dr. Carlos Menem, President of Argentina

1991 Dr. Jaime Serra Puche, Secretary of Commerce and Industry Promotion, Mexico

1990 Dr. Heinz Riesenhuber, Federal Minister of Investigation and Technology

Dr. Antonio Ermán González, Minister of Economy, Argentina

1989 Helmut Schmidt, Federal Chancellor (retired)

1988 Hans Klein, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation

1987 Dr. Hans Tietmeyer, Secretary of State, Federal Finance Ministry

1986 Dr. Richard von Weizsäcker, President of the Federal Republic of Germany
Lic. Vinicio Cerezo Arévalo, President of Guatemala

1985 Dr. Martin Bangemann, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1984 Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs and Vice Chancellor of Germany

1983 Karl Otto Pöhl, President of the German Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank)

1982 Richard Stücklen, President of the Federal Parliament
Ernane Galveas, Finance Minister, Federal Republic of Brazil

1981 Lothar Späth, Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg

1980 Carl Otto Merkel, owner of Louis Delius & Co. and Chairman of the Board of Management of the Ibero-American Association

1979 Dr. Karl Klasen President of the German Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank) (retired)

1978 Rainer Offergeld, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation

1977 Dr. John Henry de la Trobe, President of the German Federation of Shipowners

1976 Dr. Walter Scheel, President of the Federal Republic of Germany

1975 Dr. Peter von Siemens, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Siemens AG

1974 Dr. Hans Friderichs, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1973 Dr. Walter Scheel, Foreign Minister of Germany

1972 Prof. Dr. Kurt Hansen, Chairman of the Board of Management, Bayer AG

1971 Prof. Dr. Ralf Dahrendorf, Member of the Commission of the European Community

1970 Prof. Karl Schiller, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1969 Dr. Gerhard Stoltenberg, Federal Minister of Scientific Investigation

1968 Dr. Hermann J. Abs, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Deutsche Bank AG

1967 Willy Brandt, Foreign Minister of West Germany, and Vice Chancellor of West Germany

1966 Dr. Walter Scheel, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development

1965 Dr. Felipe Herrera President of the Inter-American Development Bank
Dr. Karl Blessing, President of the German Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank)

1964 Dr. Walter Scheel, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation

1963 Prof. Dr. h.c. Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission, European Economic Community

1962 Dr. Karl Carstens, Secretary of State, Foreign Affairs

1961 Dr. Heinrich Lübcke, President of the Federal Republic of Germany

1960 Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, Foreign Minister of Germany

1959 Fritz Berg, Chairman of BDI (Federation of German Industries)
 Dr. Hermann Lindrath, Federal Minister of the Economic Assets of the State

1958 Dr. Th. Sonnemann, Secretary of State, Federal Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Forestation

1957 Prof. Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1956 Gesandter Dr. W. von Barga, Secretary of State, Department of State

1955 Prof. Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1954 Prof. Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the Federal Republic of Germany

1953 Prof. Dr. h.c. Walter Hallstein, Secretary of State, Department of State

1952 Prof. Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1951 Hans Heinrich Waitz, Copartner at Münchmeyer & Co. and Chairman of the Ibero-American Association Hamburg-Bremen

1950 Prof. Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the Federal Republic of Germany (via radio broadcasting)
 Prof. Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology

1949 Prof. Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Federal Minister of Economics and Technology
 Assistant secretary of state
 Dr. Freiherr Vollrath v. Maltzan, Head of the bureau of foreign trade and payment of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology