170th Bergedorf Round Table in Budapest

Dear Professor Hübner,

We take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the

170th Bergedorf Round Table

An Ever More Divided Union?
Finding Common Ground after a Decade of Crises

in Budapest,

If the Lisbon Treaty bore testament to widespread optimism about the future of Europe, the ensuing decade revealed a number of divisions and fault-lines throughout the European Union. In light of multiple internal and external challenges ranging from the European debt crisis and Brexit to the relations with Russia and the management of migration and borders, there is an urgent need for member states old and new to find common ground on the future of the European project. To what extent are member states still able to agree on the future configuration of Europe? Can Brussels forge a compromise in the debate on sovereignty and supranationality without compromising its own values?

Against this background, the 170th Bergedorf Round Table will explore the question of European cohesion, the root causes underlying current divisions as well as potential paths towards renewal.

The talks will be confidential. Each session will start with a short introductory statement followed by an open discussion among all participants.
The Round Table will begin with an opening dinner on Friday, 22 March, and will conclude on Sunday, 24 March 2019, in the afternoon. It is a Bergedorf tradition that participants of the Round Table partake in every session of the programme and we kindly ask you to plan accordingly.

Further administrative information will be made available upon receipt of your confirmation.

Please contact Hannah Bergmann at +49 • 30 • 20 62 67 - 84 or bergmann@koerber-stiftung.de concerning any questions you may have.

We would be delighted and honoured to welcome you at the 170th Bergedorf Round Table in Budapest.

Yours sincerely,

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