

Invitation to the digital workshop discussion

"Cold War 2.0? What the Conflict between China and the U.S. Means for Europe."

Tuesday 19 January 1:00 p.m. German Time

the Bertelsmann Stiftung and the University of Kassel invite you to a digital workshop discussion on January 19, 2021 at 1:00 pm:

Cold War 2.0? What the conflict between China and the USA means for Europe.

Speaker: **Dr. Peter Walkenhorst** (Bertelsmann Stiftung, Senior Project Manager Program Germany and Asia).

COVID-19 has plunged the world into an unprecedented crisis, exacerbating many global problems and conflicts. This includes the systemic conflict between democratic and authoritarian states that has been simmering for years. The debate about the performance of democratic and authoritarian systems centers on China. As an economically successful, technologically advanced and power-politically ambitious autocracy, the People's Republic seems to question the supposed superiority of Western democracies, their values and their open market economies. This conflict has already flared up between the U.S. and China in recent years and is also having an impact on Europe. This presents Germany and Europe with far-reaching decisions. Ursula von der Leyen has proclaimed a "geopolitical commission" for her EU presidency, which is to re-consider Europe's role in the world. In the German government, too, defining the position between the U.S. and China is a top foreign policy priority.

After the health and economic crisis, is the world possibly heading for a harsh confrontation of political systems or even a new Cold War?

Germany needs a broad societal debate on these questions. Together with the University of Kassel, the Bertelsmann Stiftung would like to contribute to this debate in a digital workshop. We want to discuss with you how the system conflict is affecting Germany and what action is needed and possible as a result.

Please register for the event under the following link: <https://www.bertelsmann-stiftung.de/index.php?id=595>

The participation code is: 3J98BO

Please note: After confirmation of receipt, you will receive the final information and the participation link to the webinar in a separate email a few days before the event.

We are very much looking forward to your participation.

You can find a teaser for the event here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pq9lsB2-g5Q&feature=youtu.be>.

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