

## The Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft

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invites you to a lecture entitled

## Royal/Dynastic Aspects of British-German Relations

with

### Prof. Dr. John R. Davis

on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 19 hrs (CET)

Venue: Frankfurter Presseclub, Ulmenstraße 20, 60325 Frankfurt and virtual (via Zoom\*)

**Please register for the Pressclub by September 13 and for Zoom by September 17 at [dbg-rheinmain@t-online.de](mailto:dbg-rheinmain@t-online.de). \*Registered Zoom-participants will receive login details on September 18.**

#### Biography

Prof Dr John R. Davis is Programme Director of Heritage Management at Historic Royal Palaces (HRP). HRP is the organisation that manages six royal heritage sites – the Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace, Hampton Court Palace, Banqueting House, and Hillsborough Castle and Gardens. John is also Honorary Professor at Queen Mary University of London. He studied at Aberdeen University and Glasgow University in Scotland. He also attended Kiel University and the Leibniz Institute of European History in Mainz and was a Visiting Fellow at St John's College, Oxford University. His research and publications have ranged widely across British-German relations - economic, commercial, political, and cultural; modern British, German, and European history and international relations; the history of exhibitions; and heritage and heritage management.

#### Synopsis

The close Germanic connections of the British royal family are well known. Much has been written regarding the Hanoverian and Victorian dynastic links and their consequences in the twentieth century. Such connections attract strong interest, particularly among those interested in the biography of monarchs and the history of monarchy but also within the contexts of domestic politics and international relations. Yet such Germanic influences have also left a lasting physical mark on tangible royal heritage in buildings and collections. This illustrated lecture will focus on the buildings and collections associated with monarchy. It will reveal that Germanic influence lasted much longer than generally recognised – up to a millennium or more. It will show how extensive and varied British-German connections were. It will also reveal, however, how Germanic influences left their mark on Britain's royal heritage for numerous reasons not necessarily directly connected with dynasty. The lecture will seek to enhance understanding of the significance of dynastic connections in terms of transnational material cultural transfer and exchange before and within a context of nation states. It also, however, will show how Britain's tangible royal heritage today provides a great deal of evidence of a long-lasting and multifaceted British-German exchange in material culture.

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