



VIDEO CONFERENCE

INVITATION

**“Brazil after the Elections:
Future Relations between Germany, the EU and South
America's Largest Country”**

*Monday, November 14, 2022
18.00-19.30h (Berlin time)*

Dear Members of Global Bridges and Young Leaders Alumni,

On Sunday, Brazilian political titans and bitter rivals Jair Bolsonaro and Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva face off in a second and final round of elections for president. General elections in the beginning of the month already filled important posts in the country's National Congress and all federal legislative assemblies. Analysts, even those based in distant Germany, say it's the most consequential election in Brazil since the country threw off the military dictatorship 37 years ago: The election also has global significance as it will crucially determine the fate of the Amazon, the world's largest rainforest, which is vital in our planet's ecosystem. Coupled with the tense situation on the food and energy markets resulting from the war in Ukraine, Brazil's sheer size (being as large as continental Europe), its enormous natural resources and strong agricultural sector makes it an exciting trading partner for the future.

Subsequent to the election, the president of Brazil's largest and Latin America's most influential think tank, the Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV), Dr. Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal, will travel Germany to talk to government representatives, business associations and other decision-makers before opening a representative office here in Berlin.

Dr. Leal and other Brazil experts graciously agreed to discuss with us:

- What do the election results mean for future bilateral relations?
- How can Brazil and Germany/Europe cooperate more closely in important sectors such as energy and high-tech? What role does the Amazon rainforest play in this?

- How will Germany's raw materials requirements, and indeed its economy at large, develop, given that trade with Russia and China is becoming increasingly controversial?

Date: **Monday, November 14, 2022, 18.00h (Berlin time) via Zoom**

Topic: **Brazil after the election: future relations between Germany, the EU and South America's largest country. New Partners for Sustainable Economic Growth?**

Speakers: **Dr. Carlos Ivan Simonsen Leal**
President, Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV)

Rafael Haddad
Managing Director, Lateinamerika-Ausschuss der Deutschen Wirtschaft (LADW)

Moderator: **Dr. Hildegard Stausberg**
Honorary member of the board of the Kölner Presseclubs, Latin America expert and former correspondent

To sign up for the event, please contact our Program Manager Mr. Malte Hohlfeld (m.hohlfeld@globalbridges.de), until **November 1, 2022**, at the latest. The video conference will be held in English and will take place via Zoom. Participation is possible via an internet browser and does not require prior Zoom installation. However, there are a few things you should be aware of:

- Dial-in details will be sent via email on Friday, November 11.
- For full participation in the video conference, it is important to allow access to the camera and microphone of your devices.
- To avoid intervening noise, it is recommended to mute the microphone.
- If you experience connection or access problems during the conference, please call the following number: +49 921 02 31 11.
- Since we value an open exchange in a confidential atmosphere, the Chatham House rule applies to all our events.
- If you are prevented from attending at short notice, please cancel your registration with us. For this purpose, please get in touch with Mr. Hohlfeld.

Please find attached the CVs of the speakers and the moderator, as well as a fact sheet.

I look forward to an interesting and frank conversation on this important topic and hope that many Global Bridges members can be part of it.

Kind regards,

Dr. Claudia Winterstein