



ANLÄSSLICH DES MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY UND DES 50. JAHRESTAGES SEINES BESUCHES IN BERLIN MÖCHTEN DIE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL BERLIN UND DIE SCLC ATLANTA ZU EINEM GEDENK- UND GESPRÄCHSFRÜHSTÜCK EINLADEN.

Hotel Albrechtshof | Albrechtstrasse 8 | 10117 Berlin | ab 9 Uhr | Ansprachen ab 10 Uhr

Im Jahr 2014 findet der amerikanische Feiertag Martin Luther King Jr. Day am 20. Januar statt. Zu diesen Ehren sind die Herren Dr. Charles Steele und Charles Brooks der SCLC Atlanta zu uns gekommen. Wir möchten die Projekte des Martin Luther King Gedenkjahres 2014 in den USA und Deutschland insbesondere in Berlin vorstellen. Die Agenda liegt beim Frühstück aus.

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**Hinweis zur öffentlichen Abendveranstaltung**

18 Uhr | John F. Kennedy Institut FU Berlin | Lansstraße 7-9 | 14195 Berlin | U-Bahnstation Dahlem-Dorf

Thema: Race and Economic Opportunity | The Continuing/Remaining Challenges Before Us and the Scope for Political Action

Schirmherrschaft: Artist und Entertainer Ron Williams »The Power of Love«

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## “Political Breakfast” on Martin Luther King Day, Berlin 2014

Speakers:

**Michael Schulz**, Founder „Freundeskreis Initiative Martin-Luther-King-Memorial

**Markus Meckel**, former German Minister for Foreign Affairs, Freundeskreis MLK-Memorial

**Christoph Stiba**, Secretary General „Bund Evangelischer Freikirchlicher Gemeinden“

**Prof. Irwin Collier**, JFK-Institute for North American Studies, Free University Berlin

**Charles Steele jr**, President Emeritus and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Atlanta

....and others.

What we are planning in Germany 2014:

- Martin Luther King Memorial am Platz der Vereinten Nationen (ehemals Leninplatz) u.a.m.
  - MLK-Gedenken in Berlin am 13. September 2014 unter Schirmherrschaft des Regierenden Bürgermeisters
  - „I have a dream“ - Multimedia-Schülermusical in Cottbus
  - Wanderausstellung Martin Luther Kings Rezeption in der DDR des MLK-Zentrums für Gewaltfreiheit und Zivilcourage Werdau (derzeit in der Sophienkirche Berlin)
  - Weitere Gedenktafeln in Berlin
  - MLK-Musical von Ron Williams
  - Filmdokumentation „Auf den Spuren Martin Luther Kings“, (RTL Stiftung Aufarbeitung und Ökumene)
  - Schülerprojekte auf den Spuren Martin Luther Kings mit Zeitzeugen
  - Europe „Peace Train“ von Berlin nach Prag im August
  - Unterstützung des Projekts Martin Luther King Peace Camps in Rumänien und Bulgarien
- u.a.m.

### **Today's Planning:**

13.30 FEZ speech & talk with young people and the American Ambassador

18.00 Lecture at John-F.-Kennedy-Institut, Room 319 [http://www.ifki.fu-berlin.de/news/steele\\_sclc.html](http://www.ifki.fu-berlin.de/news/steele_sclc.html)

## **On the steps of Martin Luther King in Berlin 1964 - 2014**

Mr. Charles Steele jr, President Emeritus and CEO of the Southern Christian leadership Conference is on a visit to Berlin and Hamburg in Germany for discussions on civil rights projects with young people and to organise a memorial site for Martin Luther King jr as a symbol against daily racism and to honour Martin Luther King as a peaceful fighter for civil rights worldwide.

He is invited by the Initiative Martin Luther King Memorial Berlin

Martin Luther King ("MLK") visited the formerly divided German capital Berlin 50 years ago on September 13th, speaking to the public in Waldbühne (West-Berlin) and Marienkirche and Sophienkirche in East-Berlin. Here in this place, the Hotel Abrechtshof, which has been a Christian hospice in 1964, he opened his visit to Berlin with a „political breakfast“.

As a first step of his visit in Berlin, Charles Steele jr. was invited by the former East German civil rights leader Roland Jahn, who is now the Federal Commissioner for the "Stasi Records Agency", which is safekeeping and securing the archival holdings of the former East German secret police and intelligence organization of the Communist German Democratic Republic, in short called "Stasi".

Charles Steele jr was overwhelmed to get to know the history of this "Ministry of Repression", as Roland Jahn explained it to him. The former German civil rights activist gave an impression, how important Martin Luther King's efforts, declaring that civil rights are essential to democracy and that segregation must end, have been for the East German civil rights movement too. This East German civil rights movement peacefully put an end to the Berlin Wall and the East German dictatorship 30 years ago - „peacefully, as Martin Luther King taught it to us“, Roland Jahn said.

In 1964, when Martin Luther King jr was visiting Berlin, he encouraged the increasingly isolated people in public speeches with the words: „Where people break down the walls of hostility that separate them from their brethren, there it is that Christ completes his ministry of reconciliation. "No man-made barrier could erase the fact that God's children live on both sides of the Wall", MLK made clear.

This should be mentioned in the Martin-Luther-King-Memorial, which is on the way to be built in Berlin - as a symbol against daily racism and to honour Martin Luther King's efforts for a much more civilized world.

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