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# **Bishop Wolfgang Huber honoured with "LutherRose" 2021. Speaker Joachim Gauck praises the social market economy as the basis of democracy.**

**TRUMPF hosts the 14th Luther Conference of the International Martin Luther Foundation on April 30, 2022. Conference was marked by the Ukraine war and trade policy dependencies on China.**

*Ditzingen, 2 May 2022* - For his life's work, the former Bishop of the Protestant Churches of Berlin-Brandenburg and Schlesische Oberlausitz (EKBO) and Chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Wolfgang Huber was awarded the "LutherRose" 2021. The festive event took place at TRUMPF in Ditzingen. The event was the make-up date for the conference planned for November 2021. It had to be postponed due to the Corona pandemic.

With the prize, the Martin Luther Foundation honours Huber's contentious and fair dialogue between church, society and business. Huber's promotion of building bridges between the official Protestant Church and the Evangelical movement, his tireless commitment to the preservation and renewal of German and international culture as well as his political responsibility based on Christian ethics are also honoured with this award. The laudatory speech for Wolfgang Huber was given by Ellen Ueberschär, Protestant pastor and since 2017 Executive Director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. The former Federal President Dr. h.c. Joachim Gauck gave the keynote speech on the topic "No liberal democracy without a social market economy".

The theme of the accompanying Luther Conference was "Social Market Economy in the Economic War". After an introductory impulse by Prof. Dr. Dr. Nils Ole Oermann, business ethicist at the Universities of Lüneburg and Oxford, the panel participants discussed the current situation, the significance, crisis and future of the social market economy. In view of the Ukraine war, but also the dependence



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on supplies from China, TRUMPF boss Nicola Leibinger-Kammüller pointed out that all theory has to prove itself in practice every day, but it is still important to define the limits of one's own actions as a company.

Further information on the event: [Joachim Gauck hält Festrede zur LutherKonferenz: Internationale Martin Luther Stiftung \(luther-stiftung.org\)](https://www.luther-stiftung.org/en/2022/10/14/joachim-gauck-haelt-festrede-zur-lutherkonferenz-internationale-martin-luther-stiftung)

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Dr. phil. Nicola Leibinger-Kammüller, CEO of TRUMPF, bishop Wolfgang Huber, former federal President Joachim Gauck. (Foto: KD Busch)



Former Federal President Joachim Gauck during his speech on Saturday in Ditzingen. (Foto: KD Busch)





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