

## Pressemitteilung

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### **Detlef Junker is Honorary Roosevelt Fellow**

#### **Founding Director of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies Is Honored**

The Roosevelt Studies Center (RSC) in Middelburg, The Netherlands, has named the founding director of the Heidelberg Center for American Studies (HCA) of the Ruperto Carola, Prof. Dr. Detlef Junker, Honorary Roosevelt Fellow for life. Professor Junker was honored for the academic impulses he has given the Dutch center for American history. He was a member of its advisory council from 1988 to 2008. RSC director Prof. Dr. Cornelis A. van Minnen presented Professor Junker with the award at the HCA.

Founded in 1986, the RSC explores the Roosevelt legacy in transatlantic relations. Located in the twelfth-century Abbey of Middelburg, the center offers extensive archives, a specialized library, research grants to visit the center as well as lectures and conferences. It is named after three famous Americans whose ancestors emigrated in the seventeenth century from Zeeland to New York: President Theodore Roosevelt (1858 -1919), President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882 -1945) and Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 - 1962). The RSC is subsidized by the Province of Zeeland and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science. Additional support comes from the Roosevelt Institute and the Theodore Roosevelt Association in New York as well as from corporate sponsors.

Detlef Junker was professor of modern history at Heidelberg University from 1975 to 1994 and founded the Schurman Library for American History in 1986. He then became director of the German Historical Institute in Washington D.C. where he founded the German-American Center for Visiting Scholars. From 1999 to 2004 Professor Junker had the Curt-Engelhorn-Chair for American History at the Ruperto Carola. He initiated the founding of the HCA in 2003 and has acted as its founding director since.

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