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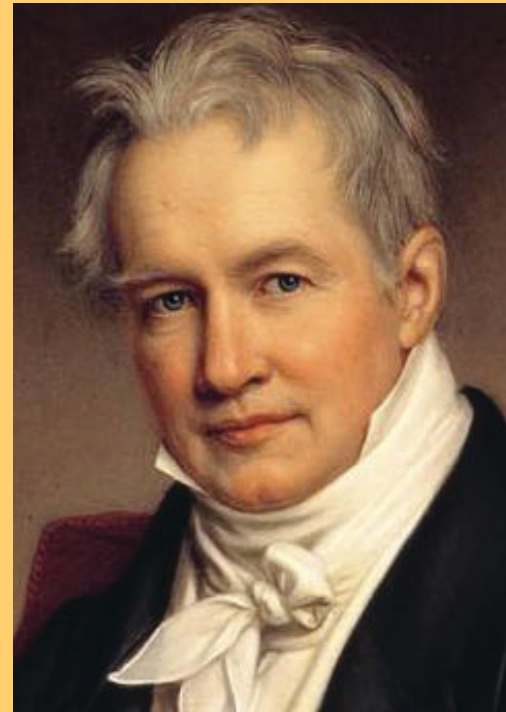
DWIH Joint Lecture Series 2013

“HUMBOLDTS ERBEN” (HUMBOLDT'S HEIRS)

**Alexander von Humboldt. Rethinking Accelerated
Globalisation (Prof. Ottmar Ette, Potsdam)**

Friday, September 27, 3 pm

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Taking up the DWIH's Motto of "Germany Land of Ideas", this Joint Lecture Series aims at paying tribute to the different facets of Alexander von Humboldt's academic achievements. The German House for Science and Innovation (DWIH, Deutsches Haus für Wissenschaft und Innovation) is a consortium of about twenty members for strengthening academic exchange between India and Germany. Heidelberg Centre South Asia (HCSA) of Heidelberg University has initiated this Lecture Series, jointly with the Goethe-Institut/Max Mueller Bhavan, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD). By doing so, we aim at bringing together scholars from the fields of Natural and Social Sciences, as well as Humanities. The Lecture Series will be held over the next few months, with prominent scholars from India and Germany.

In his numerous writings, Alexander von Humboldt (1769 - 1859) has developed the first European theory of globalisation. In fact, over more than seven decades, this tireless traveler, philosopher, naturalist and writer has formulated a complex and groundbreaking response to the second period of accelerated globalisation, far beyond his new discourse on the New World that has inspired the political leaders of the Independencia movement in the former Spanish colonies. His work allows us to rethink the global landscapes of his time and of our time. Is the author of "Cosmos" the author of new cosmopolitics?

Prof. Ottmar Ette has held the Chair of Romance Literature (Romanistik) at the University of Potsdam, Germany from 1995 onwards. He has been instrumental in setting up several high level research groups funded by the DGF. He is a member of the Academia Europaea (Academy of Europe) as well as a Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques.