

The AmerikaHaus NRW, the Bonn Academy for Researching and Teaching Practical Politics, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and the North American Studies Program of the University of Bonn in cooperation with the US Association of Former Members of Congress cordially invite you to:

## The Biden Presidency: A Critical Evaluation

Panel Discussion with

**Rep. Val Demings** (D-FL) and **Rep. Luke Messer** (R-IN)

moderated by **PD Dr. Jasper Trautsch**, Senior Lecturer, University of Bonn

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:30-8:00 PM (CET)**

**Festsaal der Universität Bonn, Regina-Pacis-Weg 3, 53113 Bonn**

The discussion will be followed by a reception.



**Val Demings** was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Florida's 10th District from 2017-2023. She served on the Committees on Judiciary, Intelligence, Homeland Security, and Oversight and Government Reform. A Florida native,

Demings began her career as a social worker in Jacksonville. She went on to serve 27 years at every rank level in the Orlando Police Department. In 2007, she made history when she was appointed to serve as the city's first female Chief of Police. She was considered as running mate to President Joe Biden in the 2020 elections.



**Luke Messer** served three terms as U.S. Congressman for Indiana's 6th Congressional District from 2013 to 2019. He was the chairman of the Republican Policy Committee for four years where he led hearings on Conservative Clean

Energy Agenda, Women in the 21st Century Workforce and other issues. From 2003 to 2006, he served at the Indiana House of Representatives. Messer currently is a principal at Bose Public Affairs Group, where he counsels clients on state and federal policy matters in Indiana and in Washington, D.C.

Before the 2024 U.S. election campaign begins in earnest and attention shifts fully to candidates, polls and strategies, we will take stock of the Biden Presidency: What has his administration achieved and where has it fallen short? Focusing on political output, we will analyze the changes that have come with Biden's assumption of office, particularly those that go beyond the obvious differences from his predecessor in personality and style. At the same time, we will also reflect on potential continuities between the Biden and Trump presidencies. In which policy fields is Biden closer to Trump than polarized debates suggest? In which areas did Biden initiate an actual change of course?

We look forward to discussing these and other questions with our two distinguished guests, Democrat Val Demings and Republican Luke Messer, who were directly involved in the policy-making process in the U.S. Congress under the 45th and 46th U.S. Presidents. Please join us for a very topical exchange on October 24, 2023.

We kindly ask you to register at <https://www.eventbrite.de/e/725977717897?aff=oddtcreator>