

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bucerius Lecture -Celebrating 25 years of the Bucerius Institute

Open Discussion between  
the Mayor of Düsseldorf (Germany), Dr. Stephan Keller  
and the Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Yona Yahav  
Moderation: Prof. Gur Alroy (President of the University of Haifa)

### Greetings:

**Dr. Alexander Graf Lambsdorff (the new German Ambassador to Israel)**

**Prof. Dr. h.c. Manfred Lahnstein (ZEIT STIFTUNG BUCERIUS)**

**Dr. h.c. Sonja Lahnstein (Chairwoman of the German Friends of the University of Haifa)**



**Dr. Stephan Keller** is the Mayor of Düsseldorf since September 2020 and a member of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU). Before he was elected Mayor of Düsseldorf, he served as deputy mayor and city director in Cologne. From 2011 to 2016, he served as Commissioner for law, order, and traffic in the state capital of Düsseldorf. In 2006, he was Alderman for Urban Development, Environment and Municipal Economy at the Association of Towns and Municipalities of North Rhine-Westphalia in Düsseldorf. From 2000 to 2005, he managed the office of the chief executive. From 1999 to 2000, he worked as a

consultant for fundamental issues of the municipal constitution, administrative structure reform, and immigration law at the German Association of Cities in Cologne. He studied law in Bayreuth and Birmingham. He completed his studies with the 1st State Law Examination at the University of Bayreuth, the Master of Laws (LL.M.) at the University of Birmingham (1996), and the 2nd State Law Examination at the Higher Regional Court of Düsseldorf (1999). In 2010, he was awarded a law doctorate (Dr. iur.) from the Ruhr University in Bochum.



**Yona Yahav** is since 2024 the mayor of Haifa. He also served as Mayor of Haifa from 2003-2018. Yahav was a member of the Knesset of the Labor Party from 1996 to 1999.

**Monday, 23.11.2026**

**16:00-17:45**

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