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## **The Obama Presidency - Two Years After the Election**

**Speaker: Dr. Markus Hünemörder, LMU München**

Nearly two years after the highly contested election of 2008, where does the United States stand? Barack Obama campaigned strongly on a message of change and reform, promising to overcome the divisiveness of American politics and address the pressing issues the United States faces. The list of problems is long: the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the fight against international terrorism (no longer called the "war on terror"), the most devastating economic crisis since the Great Depression, and other unresolved issues such as immigration, climate change, and health care. What difference has the new administration made in these and other areas? How do Americans feel about themselves and what does popular culture and satire have to say? This talk (in English) will look at the "state of the union" at the beginning of the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**No fee. Registration for students of the "Gymnasiale Oberstufe" and teachers:**

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