



**2019 Graduation Ceremony Schedule including the conferral of an honorary doctorate to Federal Chancellor Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Angela Dorothea Merkel**

Date: Saturday, August 31, 2019, 8:00 – 12:25 a.m.

Place: Leipzig Opera House, Augustusplatz 12, 04109 Leipzig

Time	Item	Place	Persons
8:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Accreditation of journalists – Opera House side entrance Goethestraße	Foyer	- Journalists
8:15 – 8:45 a.m.	Photo-shooting of graduates	Opera House entrance, staircase if necessary	- Photographers + graduates - Camera
9:15 – 9:25 a.m.	Musical prelude (part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Ich halte treulich still", Johann S. Bach</li> <li>• "Sag, welch' wunderbare Träume", Richard Wagner</li> </ul>	Stage	- Martin Petzhold - Kathrin Göring - Ugo D'Orazio
9:25 – 9:26 a.m.	HHL imagefilm	Stage	
9:26 – 10:31 a.m.	Welcome and opening Student awards and honors (Schmalenbach Scholar, DAAD, Marketing Prize) Awarding of Student degrees Speeches by the graduates' representatives	Stage	- Prof. Dr. S. Stubner (HHL Dean)  - Kathrin Schmager (HHL) - Students: Raphael Asamer Sarah-Marleen Abay
10:32- 10:37 a.m.	Musical postlude (part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Meine Lippen, sie küssen so heiß", Franz Lehár</li> </ul>	Stage	- Magdalena Hinterdobler - Ugo D'Orazio
10:40 – 11:00 a.m.	Open set change and intermission – no accreditation possible	Stage/hall	
10:30 a.m.	Arrival M. Kretschmer (PM),	Side entrance – post office side	- Dr. M. Kölling (HHL Chancellor) - Prof. U. Schirmer (Director Leipzig Opera)



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10:35 a.m.	Arrival C. Lagarde (CL),	Side entrance – post office side	- Dr. M. Kölling (HHL Chancellor) - Prof. U. Schirmer (Director Leipzig Opera)
10:45 a.m.	Arrival A. Merkel (AM),	Side entrance – post office side	- Dr. M. Kölling (HHL Chancellor) - Prof. U. Schirmer (Director Leipzig Opera)
11:00 – 11:10 a.m.	<b>Start of TV recording with MDR leading the pool (until 12:25)</b> Musical prelude: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg", overture (Richard Wagner)</li></ul>	Stage	- Prof. U. Schirmer (Director Leipzig Opera) - Gewandhaus Orchestra (GWO)
11:10 – 11:15 a.m.	Welcome speech by the Dean of HHL (in German)	Stage	- Prof. Dr. S. Stubner (HHL Dean)
11:15 – 11:18 a.m.	Ceremonial address by the Saxony's Prime Minister		- Michael Kretschmer
11:20 – 11:40 a.m.	Laudatory address (in English) by Christine Lagarde	Stage	- C. Lagarde
11:40 – 11:43 a.m.	Musical performance honorary guest	Stage	- Prof. Ulf Schirmer (Director Leipzig Opera) - GWO
11:45 – 11:55 a.m.	Conferral of honorary doctorate (in German) to Federal Chancellor	Stage	- Prof. Dr. S. Stubner (HHL Dean) - Angela Merkel - Christine Lagarde - Michael Kretschmer
11:55 – 12:15 a.m.	Acceptance speech by Federal Chancellor (in German)	Stage	- A. Merkel
12:15 – 12:25 a.m.	Musical postlude <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Akademische Festouvertüre" (Johannes Brahms)</li></ul>	Stage	- Prof. U. Schirmer (Director Leipzig Opera) - GWO
12:40- 12:50 a.m.	Interviews with HHL-Dean Stephan Stubner/students	Staircase close to Weber-Foyer (Press-Center)	- Journalists, HHL-Dean, HHL students