The TUM Language Center participated in a panel discussion in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Silvia and Ms. Elke Büdenbender on September 8, 2021, organized by the Goethe-Institut Sweden and the Swedish Institute on the occasion of the German state visit to Sweden.

The panel discussion highlighted the importance of both the Swedish and German languages and their significance for cooperation between the two countries. The relevance of language skills for the labor market and the aspect of gender equality were also addressed.

**Moderation:** Svante Weyler

**Panelists:**
- **Kurt Bratteby,** Director of the Department for International Relations at the Swedish Institute (Svenska institutet)
- **Jutta Gehrig,** Director of the Goethe-Institute Sweden
- **Elisabeth Wåghäll-Nivre,** Professor of German Literature and Vice President at the Faculty of Human Science at Stockholm University
- **Martin Kauffner,** CFO Lidl Sweden and member of the German-Swedish Chamber of Commerce

**Contributions:**
- **Christina Thunstedt,** Vice Director of the TUM Language Center, Technical University of Munich (TUM)
- **Kristina Knauff,** Lecturer for German at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology Stockholm
- **Tobias Folker,** former student at the Technical University of Munich, now engineer at Sandvik Mining and Construction Tools AB

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