

## News Release

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# German Chancellor Angela Merkel to receive honorary doctorate from Hebrew University

Jerusalem, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 – German Chancellor Angela Merkel is to receive an honorary doctor of philosophy degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem "in recognition of her lifelong dedication to the principles of democracy and in appreciation of her warm and constant friendship for the people and State of Israel."

The award ceremony will take place on April 1, at 10.30 a.m. in the Senate Hall on the Mount Scopus campus. During the ceremony, Chancellor Merkel will deliver what is to be her only public address during her two-day visit to Israel.

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