

Call for Applications

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2010:

"Culture, Globalization, and International Relations over the next Two Decades"

(Berlin, May 23rd – 30th, 2010)

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

On behalf of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, I am writing to you to announce the details of the next International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2010. The ICD's International Symposium is one of the world's leading conferences in the fields of cultural studies and international relations. Held annually in Berlin, the event will bring together **prominent figures from the fields of international politics, academia, arts, culture, and civil society** (to be found below) to speak to an interdisciplinary audience on a variety of important issues and challenges relating to international politics and culture.

We are currently accepting applications to attend the Symposium, and I would be grateful if you could share the announcement with any individuals who you feel may be interested. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support in raising awareness of our upcoming event.

Symposium Agenda

The International Symposium 2010 will be split into three complementary parts. The program will begin by looking in greater detail at "culture" and "identity" and how these terms are used and understood today. During this part of the program participants will have the opportunity to experience Berlin's famous "**Carnival of Cultures**".

The second part of the program will build on these components by considering the role that culture plays in contemporary international relations and the process of globalization. During these three days the concepts of "cultural diplomacy" and "soft power" will also be explored in more detail.

The final part of the program will apply these discussions to one of the key issues that will determine global politics over the coming years – Afghanistan and stability in Central Asia.

The Symposium will be split into the following three parts:

"Defining and Understanding Culture in an International Context"

(23rd - 25th May) more »

A Three Piece Puzzle - "The Relationship between Culture, International Relations and Globalization"

(26th - 27th May) more »

"Understanding Afghanistan and Central Asia: Supporting Democracy and Stability - The Path Ahead"

(28th - 30th May) more »

This final part is being held in cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the German Marshall Fund (GMFUS), UNESCO, the European Commission, the US State Department and in partnership with leading international organizations.

Further details about the event can be found at our website: www.icd-internationalsymposium.org

Social Activities

There will be a number of social events taking place during the International Symposium, which we hope you will be able to join us for, such as:

Berlin's Carnival of Cultures (23rd May 2010 14:00)

On the opening day of the International Symposium, participants will have the unique opportunity to experience Berlin's renowned "Carnival of Cultures": an annual event held to showcase and celebrate Berlin's cultural diversity. With over 4,000 artists performing, and more than 1 million spectators, the parade through Kreuzberg can be compared with London's Notting Hill Carnival and is the highlights of Berlin's cultural calendar. (more)

"Strength in Song":

Live Concert by Marcia Barrett Lead Singer of Boney M (Wednesday, 26th May, 20:00)

The world renowned singer Marcia Barrett (lead singer of Boney M), will speak on the power of music to cross boundaries, reflecting on her experiences in Northern Ireland, Russia, and Georgia. Following her speech Ms. Barrett will perform a live acoustic concert of her greatest hits for the Symposium participants, speakers, and invited guests from Berlin's political and diplomatic communities. (more)

The Participants

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy is open to applications from academics, diplomatic and political representatives, civil society practitioners, journalists, young professionals and students and other individuals with an interest in international relations, cultural studies, and global politics.

To apply to the Symposium, please visit:

http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en_symposium2010_application-form

Participant Papers - The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy encourages research and progressive thought into the fields of culture, globalization and international relations. In this regard, the ICD is welcoming participants of the International Symposium to submit papers on this subject. The papers can cover any topic within these fields, according to your own particular interests and passions. Participants can submit work that they have completed in the past for other purposes, ongoing research or a paper written specifically for the International Symposium. Groups of students are also allowed to submit collaborative pieces of work. To learn more please [click here](#)

Symposium Speakers

We are privileged to include many distinguished individuals among our speakers and guests.

Confirmed speakers for the Symposium include:

Aleksandras Abišala - Former Prime Minister of Lithuania

Dr. Alfredo Palacio - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former President of Ecuador

Ali Ahmad Jalali - Former Interior Minister of Afghanistan

Anatoliy Zlenko - Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Bertie Ahern - Former Prime minister of Ireland

Ana Trišić-Babić - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Christian Manhart - UNESCO - Chief, Section of Museums and Cultural Objects

Daniele Archibugi - Professor of Innovation, Governance and Public Policy, University of London, Birkbeck College

Prof. Dr. Davorin Kračun - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Deputy Prime Minister of Slovenia

Emil Constantinescu - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former President of Romania

Dr. Erkki Tuomioja - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Finnish Foreign Minister

Erna Hennicot Schoepges - ICD Advisory Board Member Former Luxembourgian Minister of Culture

Francesco Rutelli - Former Deputy Prime Minister of Italy, Former Minister of Culture

Dr. Guido de Marco - Former President of Malta, Former President of the UN General Assembly

Prof. Dr. Hans Köchler - Professor of Philosophy at the University of Innsbruck

Dr. Humayun Khan - Former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan

Isa Gambar - Former President of Azerbaijan

Ints Dālderis - ICD Advisory Board Member - Minister of Culture of the Republic of Latvia

Jack McConnell - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former First Minister of Scotland

Dr. Jacques F. Poos - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Deputy Prime Minister of Luxembourg

Sir James Mancham - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former President of the Republic of Seychelles

Janez Janša - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Prime Minister of Slovenia (tbc)

Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Haynes - Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation, London Metropolitan University

Dr. Jiri Weigl - Chancellor of the Office of the President of the Czech Republic

Joaquim Chissano - Former President of Mozambique

Jytte Hilden - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Minister of Culture of Denmark

Prof. Dr. John Tomlinson - Director: Institute for Cultural Analysis, Nottingham Trent University

Kalonzo Musyoka - Vice President of Kenya

Kjell Magne Bondevik - Former Prime Minister of Norway

Amb. Luis M. Valdivieso - Former Minister of Economy and Finance of Peru

Marcia Barrett - Lead Singer of Boney M

Marina Pendes - ICD Advisory Board member - Deputy Minister of Defence of Bosnia Herzegovina

Sir Malcolm Rifkind - Former Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom (tbc)

Dr. Miomir Zuzul - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia

Muhammad Umer Daudzai - Chief of Staff to the President - The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Paul-Eerik Rummo - Former Estonian Minister of Culture and Education

Petar Stefanov Stoyanov - Former President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Philip Murphy - US Ambassador to Germany

Sartaj Aziz - Former Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Vice-Chancellor of Beaconhouse National University in Pakistan

Scott M. Thomas - Senior Lecturer in International Relations and the Politics of Developing Countries, University of Bath, UK

Solomon Isaac Passy - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria

Stefan Sofianski - Former Prime minister of Bulgaria, Former Mayor of Sofia

Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former President of Latvia

Dr. Vasile Puscas - ICD Advisory Board Member - Former Romanian Minister for European Affairs

H.E. Yasar Yakis - ICD Advisory Board Member - Turkish MP, Former Foreign Minister of Turkey

Zeine Ould Zeidane - Former Prime Minister of Mauritania

Zhelyu Zhelev - Former President of Bulgaria

For more information about the Symposium speakers please [click here](#).

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD - www.culturaldiplomacy.org) is an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with headquarters in Berlin, Germany. The goal of the ICD is to promote global peace and stability through strengthening and supporting intercultural relations at all levels. Over the past decade the ICD has grown to become one of Europe's largest independent cultural exchange organizations, whose programs facilitate interaction between individuals of all cultural, academic, and professional backgrounds, from across the world.

The ICD board of Advisors includes **President Dr. Alfredo Palacio**, Former President of Ecuador; **President Emil Constantinescu**, Former President of Romania; **President Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga**, Former President of Latvia; **President Cassam Uteem**, Former President of the Republic of Mauritius; **President Sir James Mancham**, Former President of Seychelles; **Janez Jansa**, Former Prime Minister of Slovenia; **Mike Kenneth Moore**, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand; **Dr. Alfred Sant**, Former Prime Minister of Malta; **Radmila Šekerinska**, Former Prime Minister of Macedonia; **Jack McConnell, MSP**, Former First Minister of Scotland. For more information about the ICD Board of Advisors please [click here](#).

Previous events held by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy include "A World Without Walls: An International Congress on "Soft Power", Cultural Diplomacy and Interdependence", which marked the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall (www.world-without-walls.org). In February, 2010, the ICD hosted the Berlin International Economics Congress: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of the Roles of Global Politics & Civil Society in International Economics (www.biec.de).

For more information on speakers who have attended previous ICD events, please [click here](#).

For any additional information please contact us at: symposium@culturaldiplomacy.org

With warmest regards,

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