

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, the arts & Culture and the civil society** 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 for 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 the Symposium.

Symposium Agenda

The change over the past two decades from an international system based on independent nation states to an interdependent world facing global challenges has been widely explored and analyzed. This shift has placed a higher priority on nation states working closely with one another and pursuing sustainable multilateral approaches to tackling global and regional challenges. The International Symposium 2010 will build on the foundation of these discussions by exploring the challenges that lie ahead and the complex

relationship between culture, international relations, and globalization over the next two decades.

This year's Symposium 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 (23rd – 25th May). 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 (26th – 27th May). The final part of the program, "Understanding Afghanistan: Supporting Democracy and Development in Afghanistan - The Path Ahead", held in cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), 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 and will focus on democracy and development in Afghanistan (28th- 30th May).

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

The Participants

The participants of the program will include diplomatic and political representatives, scholars and academics, students and young professionals, practitioners, Media representatives and other interested stakeholders from the private sector and the civil society.

Symposium Speakers

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

Confirmed speakers at the Symposium include:

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 **Isa Gambar** - Former President of Azerbaijan

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

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

Kalonzo Musyoka - Vice President of Kenya

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

Marcia Barrett - Lead Singer of Boney M

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

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

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

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

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

Zhelyu Zhelev - Former President of Bulgaria

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.

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 further information on former speakers please [click here](#)

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

With warmest regards,

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