

ANNUAL REPORT 2017



ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

IN 2008. THE INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL DIPLOMACY LAUNCHED ITS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE ICD, KNOWN AS THE ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL DIPLOMACY

The Academy for Cultural Diplomacy serves as the academic department within the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy with the aims of developing and raising awareness of the theory and practice of cultural diplomacy and related fields by governments and non-state intercultural relations and promoting global peace. Areas of particular academic focus of the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy include intercultural relations, global governance and politics, sustainable economies & creative industries, international law & human rights, and culinary innovation & excellence.

Alongside providing the best possible academic resources to the students, the ICD Academy is fostering a very diverse and internationalised environment, with students, professors, and special lecturers from all around the world. Over the past years the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy has welcomed thousands of academics, diplomats and politicians, journalists, young professionals, students and scholars from across the world to its programs. During the same period, a vast number of current and former Heads of State and Ministers, world-renowned academics, champions for global peace and celebrities have contributed to the Academy events as speakers and partners.





OUR PROGRAMS

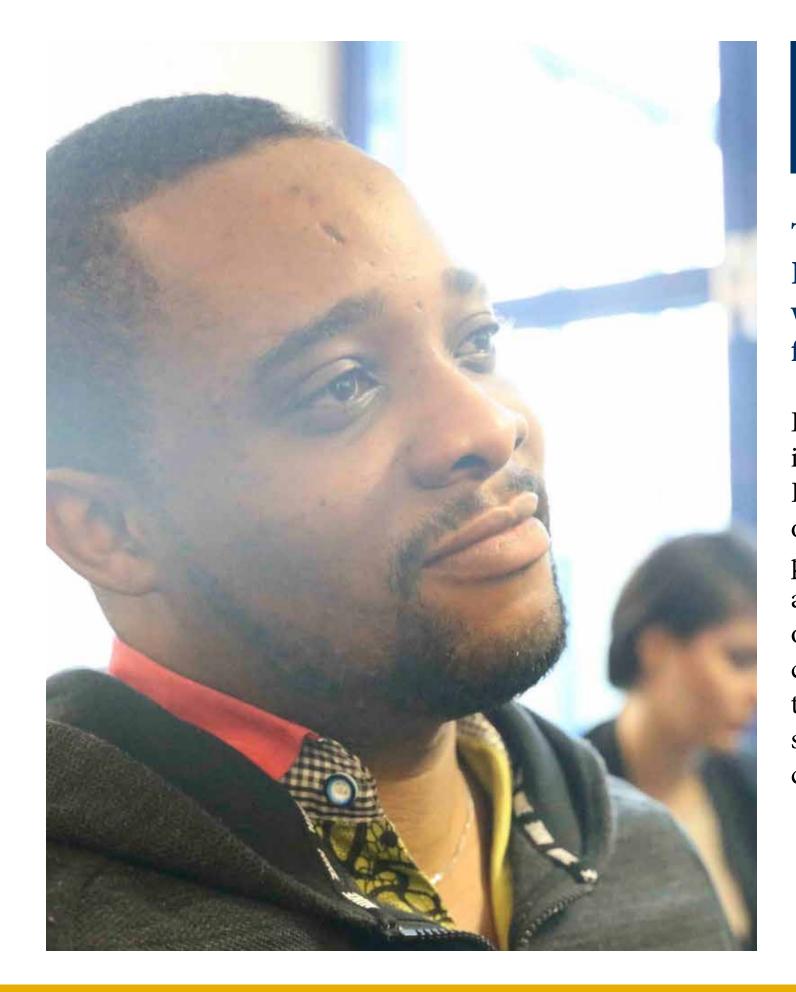


The Center for Cultural Diplomacy Studies offers educational and academic programs in partnership with leading universities, enabling students to explore, analyse and experience cultural diplomacy both in theory and in practice. The CCDS focuses on exploring the balancing between hard and soft power, global governance, the process of globalization in an interdependent world, international economics & business, multiculturalism, intercultural dialogue & exchange, human rights, and religion. We research the ability for culturally based initiatives to further mutual understanding and in turn to foster global peace and stability.

The programs offer high levels of leadership and provide students with the skills to shape their future leadership roles while addressing critical issues challenging the world today. The programs provide advanced knowledge and analytical tools for the study and practice of cultural diplomacy and address the potential that it has in shaping international policies and global strategies.







CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The Center for Cultural Diplomacy Studies developed the Certificate Programs in Cultural Diplomacy in order to offer and provide participants with comprehensive, tailored learning opportunities in a number of related fields.

Each program features lectures, seminars and workshops lead by experts from the fields of international politics, diplomacy, academia, civil society, and the private sector. Certificate Programs offer the opportunity to learn about the innovative field of Cultural Diplomacy over a short period of time, allowing students and professionals with other commitments to participate. The programs offer access to high profile guest lectures, audio-visual content, a large library of reading materials, and professional networking opportunities to promote one's own projects. All participants are awarded an official certificate of attendance upon completion of the program, which provides details of the speakers who took part and the topics discussed. The professional development programs of the CCDS are actively supported by major figures in international politics, academia, the diplomatic community, civil society, and the private sector.

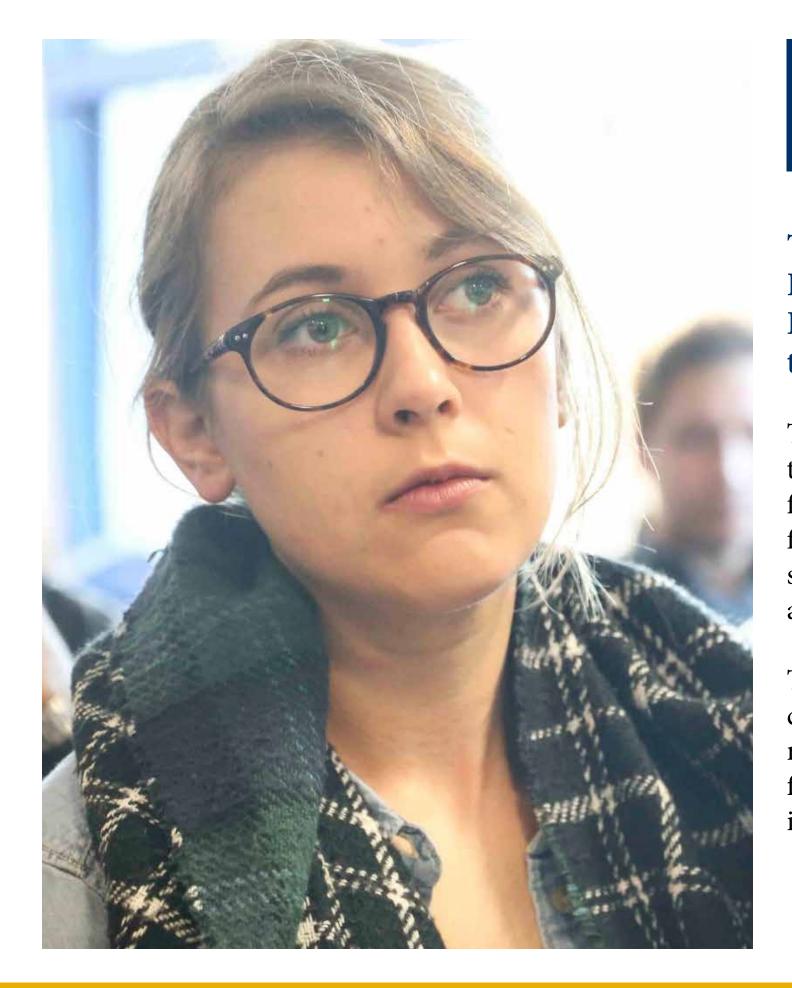
WEEKLONG SEMINARS

The ICD Academy Sessions are week-long programs that explore the role of cultural diplomacy in contemporary international relations.

Each program features lectures, seminars and workshops lead by experts from the fields of international politics, diplomacy, academia, civil society, and the private sector. During their time in Berlin, participants also have the opportunity to take part in cultural and social activities and visit institutions such as the German Foreign Office, the German Parliament, the Berlin City Hall, cultural institutions and Berlin-based embassies. The ICD Institute was established to allow individuals of all academic and professional backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about the subject of cultural diplomacy.

The Academy Session timetables are designed to allow participants the opportunity to discuss salient issues with experts from the field, whilst providing a framework for group discussions amongst each other.





E-LEARNING PROGRAMS

The Center for Cultural Diplomacy Studies has developed the E-Learning Programs in order to offer individuals interested in the field of Cultural Diplomacy and related areas the opportunity to increase their experience in this expanding field.

The E-Learning Programs have been designed to be studied at a distance, giving students the flexibility to study from any location in the world within a structured and supportive framework. The programs are built in a way that allows individuals currently working full time the ability to acquire academic knowledge with maximum flexibility regarding scheduling and learning formats. The programs have been designed in a flexible way to allow students to structure their instruction around their own schedules.

The courses are delivered via an e-Learning platform, designed to help participants meet the course's learning objectives through a self-paced study routine supported by multimedia, required and optional readings, and a wealth of other information adapted specifically to full-time professionals. Students will have access to innovative research and publications in the field and a distinguished and renowned faculty.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES





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(New York City; January 10th - 14th, 2017)

In light of the transitions that are happening in the politics and diplomacy, the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy launched the "Global Summit on Cultural Diplomacy in the United Nations" which is a major event in the field of cultural diplomacy hosted and organized by ICD in partnership with other leading institutions.

The event brought together leading politicians, senior diplomats, celebrated artists, senior academics, and religious leaders.

It focused on The Influence of New US and UN Leadership on International Relations, Economic Development, Innovation, New Markets, & Global Human Rights. Cultural Diplomacy in the UN and took place in New York City. Speakers and delegates during the conference included leading politicians, chief diplomats, leading governmental officials, senior academics, renowned authors, journalists, and celebrated artists. The conference was hosted in the UN building and at a number of important political, historic, and cultural locations across the city.









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(Event Series; Berlin/Germany, March - October, 2017)

The Berlin Economic Forum Project 2014-2024 w(www.beforum.de) is the world's leading project combining the fields of International Economics and Relations, Nation Branding and Cultural Diplomacy with an interdisciplinary and multinational program.

The Berlin Economic Forum Project 2014-24 aims to promote a global dialogue and understanding of the field of international economics and its relations with related disciplines such as politics & diplomacy, business & trade humanities, the arts and beyond.

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In particular, the project raises awareness and focuses on issues such as sustainable development, environmental responsibility, economic inequalities, fair-trade, corporate social responsibility, and socially responsible investments. The Project was established in order to further promote sustainable economies worldwide and the inauguration of the project took place in November 2014 with its launch event in Berlin.

The event series took place from March - October 2017 in Berlin/Germany and was focused on Sustainable Economies, Tourism & Responsible Foreign Investments.





































































Sustainable Economies, Tourism & Responsible Foreign Investments (Event Series; Berlin/Germany, March - October, 2017)















Promoting Global Collaboration, Unity and Peace through Cultural Diplomacy

(Berlin; December 19th - 22nd, 2017)

The Annual Conference on Cultural Diplomacy is the world's leading event in the field of cultural diplomacy hosted and organized by ICD in partnership with other leading institutions at the end of each year.

The 2017 Annual Conference on Cultural Diplomacy focused, on raising awareness and support for activities that promote global collaboration, unity and peace.

The conference aimed to present successful CD practices in the area of conflict resolution and peace building that the field of cultural diplomacy has to offer to the international community for their application to try to remedy and ease these growing global challenges. The event brought together leading politicians, religious leaders, senior academics and celebrated artists together with representatives from areas of conflict in order to establish new institutions and initiatives that help with these challenges using the practice of cultural diplomacy together with other practices and means.







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The project focused on the development and the promotion of the field of cultural diplomacy and its relations with the areas of international relations & economics, globalization, global governance, human rights, arts and culture.



Building Cultural Bridges through Art, Film and Music

(International Event Series; Berlin; February - December, 2017)

The Artistic Cultural Diplomacy Forum 2017 was an international event series intending to explore the potential for art and music to provide a neutral platform for cultural exchange.

Artists and practitioners from the fields of music, film, performance art, digital art, literature, and painting, shared their perspectives alongside renowned artists and leading figures from international politics, diplomacy, academy civil society, and the private sector. "The Power of Film & the Arts to Build Peace" was celebrated during

the conference and examined the immense transformative value that the arts and music hold as vehicles of Cultural Diplomacy. The vision of the conference was to bring an interdisciplinary mixture of celebrated artists, high level representatives from the film industry and practitioners of Cultural Diplomacy in order to prepare an agenda for after the conclusion of the conference, which initiated programs and initiatives that support global peace. Based in Berlin, the event series was hosted in the ICD House of Arts & Culture, the German Parliament and several hotels in Berlin.









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Developing Initiatives to build Cultural Bridges between Germany and Russia

(Berlin; May 1st - 31st, 2017)

There is not a single country which has not been touched by Russia's cultural influence which continues to be a meaningful interchange for discussion and celebration between the Russian people and those of other nationalities.

Cultural Diplomacy, the building of bridges through the sharing of art and culture, has never been more vital for Russia and the Global Community. Instead of focusing on stereotypes or popular impressions, Cultural Diplomacy encourages us to meet each other as individuals from different cultures, and by entering into open discussion and exchange of culture, people can create and strengthen mutual understanding and cooperation.

To build stronger bridges with Russian community in Germany, the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy organize a German-Russian Month 2017 in Berlin that brought people together to share knowledge of art, music, literature and other forms of the arts. This event series was another great opportunity to get additional perspective of Russia and to strengthen cultural bridges.



Human Rights and Democracy in Times of Greater Global Insecurity (Berlin; November 24th - 26th, 2017)

The issue of human rights plays a key role in international diplomacy, with human rights records a key factor in determining membership of international organizations, in outlining foreign policy priorities, and in justifying the threat and use of economic sanctions or military action. The BIHRC explored these debates from an interdisciplinary range of perspectives, using a diverse range of case studies.

The program consisted of lectures, seminars, debates and panel discussions that featured leading figures from international politics & diplomacy, academia, civil society, international development, and the private sector.









Utilizing Cultural Diplomacy to Develop Economic and Cultural Bridges

(Berlin; June 1st - 4th, 2017 - Held Parallel to the Berlin Carnival of Cultures)

The 2017 International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in Germany included keynote addresses, lectures, and interactive panel discussions and debates in order to create a platform for new initiatives to be created and proposed.

To complement and support the symposium curriculum, exhibitions hosted parallel to the symposium sessions and sitevisits were arranged. By creating an effective platform for global dialogue and facilitating engagement with key global decision-makers, the symposium aimed to foster greater global trust and

understanding, and facilitate new creative and innovative ways to solve the issues which affect the peace and prosperity of the whole world today. The following issues were mentioned and explored: Germany (Focus: Cultural Diplomacy Projects, Cultural and Economic Bridges in Germany, the German African Relations, the German Asian Relations, German Elections 2017), The European Union (Focus: Cultural Diplomacy Projects, Cultural and Economic Bridges in the EU, Human Rights Issues), The EU-USA-Russian Relations (Focus: Human Rights Issues, the Syrian Crisis, the Ukraine Crisis, NATO Issues, International Trade)









The Political, Economic and Cultural Dimensions

(Berlin; August 16th - 20th, 2017)

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in Africa focused on the opportunities for cultural diplomacy in Africa in the framework of the current transitions and challenges.

In particular, the symposium highlighted the best practices of countries in Africa of practicing cultural diplomacy to educate and to strengthen relationships between groups within their countries and to strengthen relationships between their countries and the global community.





Speakers during the symposium included leading politicians, diplomats, governmental officials, senior academics, journalists, and celebrated artists.

The event took place in Berlin. The conference was hosted at ICD House of Arts & Culture and in a number of important political, historic, and cultural locations across the city.





Utilizing Cultural Diplomacy to Unite the World's Cultures before Hard Power takes the Lead

(New York City; September 19th - 23rd, 2017)

The event took place in Berlin. The conference was hosted at ICD House of Arts & Culture and in a number of important political, historic, and cultural locations across the city.

This Symposium brought an international and interdisciplinary group of practitioners of cultural diplomacy together with high level global governance representatives in order to analyze and to develop new initiatives to promote cultural understanding, global human rights & world peace within the UN.

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the United Nations included keynote addresses, lectures, and interactive panel discussions and debates in order to create a platform for new initiatives to be created and proposed.







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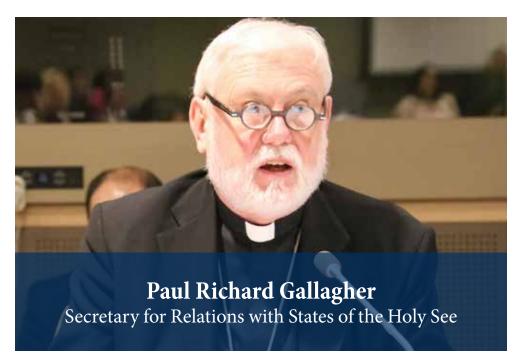














The Political, Economic and Cultural Dimensions

(Berlin; October 15th - 18th, 2017)

The Arab World has a rich diversity of ethnic and religious communities, which includes a population of over 400 million Arabs. The Arab world's ancient civilization, which goes back over 2000 years has offered significant cultural, scientific, mathematic, scholarly and other contributions to global civilization. The Arab world today is keeping up and in some areas is excelling with development of the digital era and its societies are some of the fastest developing and growing in the world.

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in the Arab World focused on the opportunities for cultural diplomacy in the Arab World in the framework of the current transitions and challenges. In particular, the symposium highlighted the best practices of cultural diplomacy to educate and to strengthen relationships between groups within the Arab World and to strengthen relationships between the Arab World and the global community.









The Political, Economic and Cultural Dimensions

(Berlin; October 15th - 18th, 2017)













The Political, Economic and Cultural Dimensions (Berlin; November 6th - 9th, 2017)

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy in Central Asia focused on the opportunities for cultural diplomacy in Central Asia in the framework of the current transitions and challenges. The symposium highlighted best practices of cultural diplomacy to educate and to strengthen relationships between Central Asian countries and the global community.

During the program participants had a number of opportunities to network with one another, with the speakers, and with ICD Board Members and partners. Conference participants became part of the ICD. Alumni, a growing international network of people of diverse interests and backgrounds from around the world who share a commitment to intercultural exchange.

Members of the ICD Alumni Group benefit from the following opportunities: Alumni online forum, Advisory Board Networking, ICD support for individual Leadership Initiatives, free access to all ICD research, videos and photos as well as other event documentation. Participants are able to remain in touch with each other through the ICD Networks.





The Political, Economic and Cultural Dimensions (Berlin; November 6th - 9th, 2017)















OTHER EVENTS



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Team and the Institute



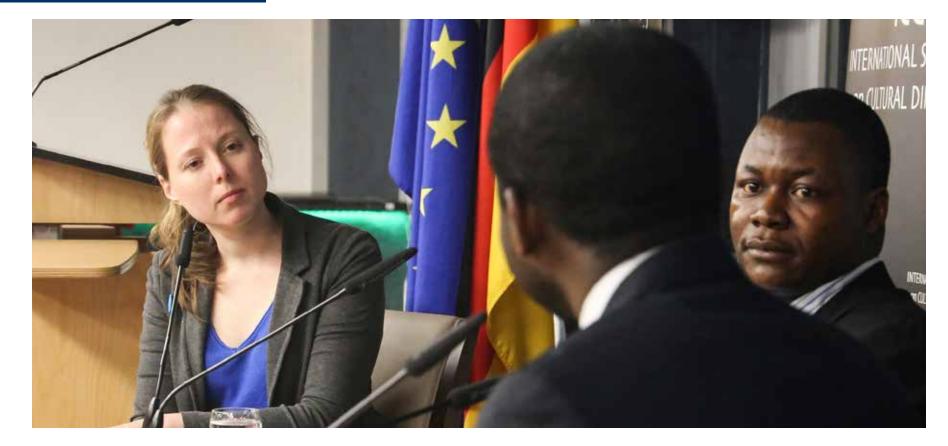








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THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES Berlin; February 24th, 2017









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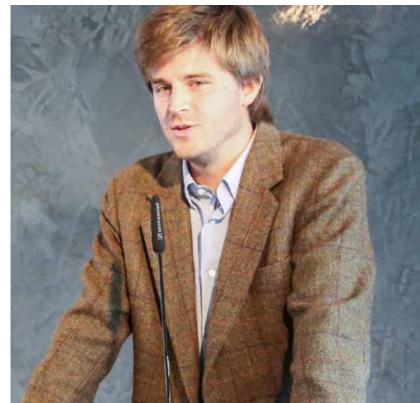






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THE WAR AGAINST ISIS "The Role of Regional Actors"











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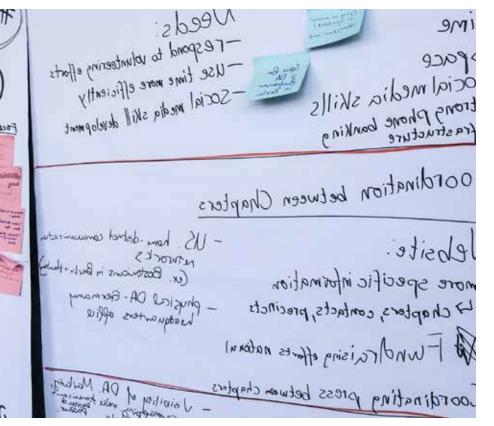




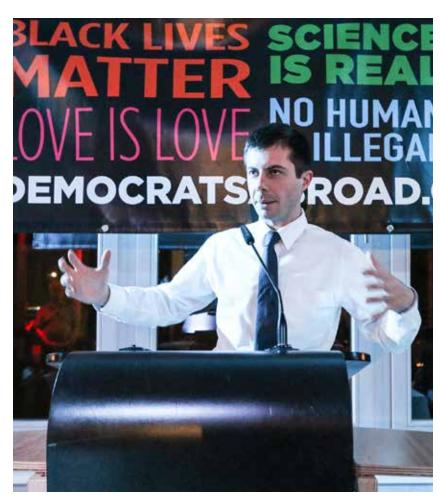










































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RESEARCH PROJECTS

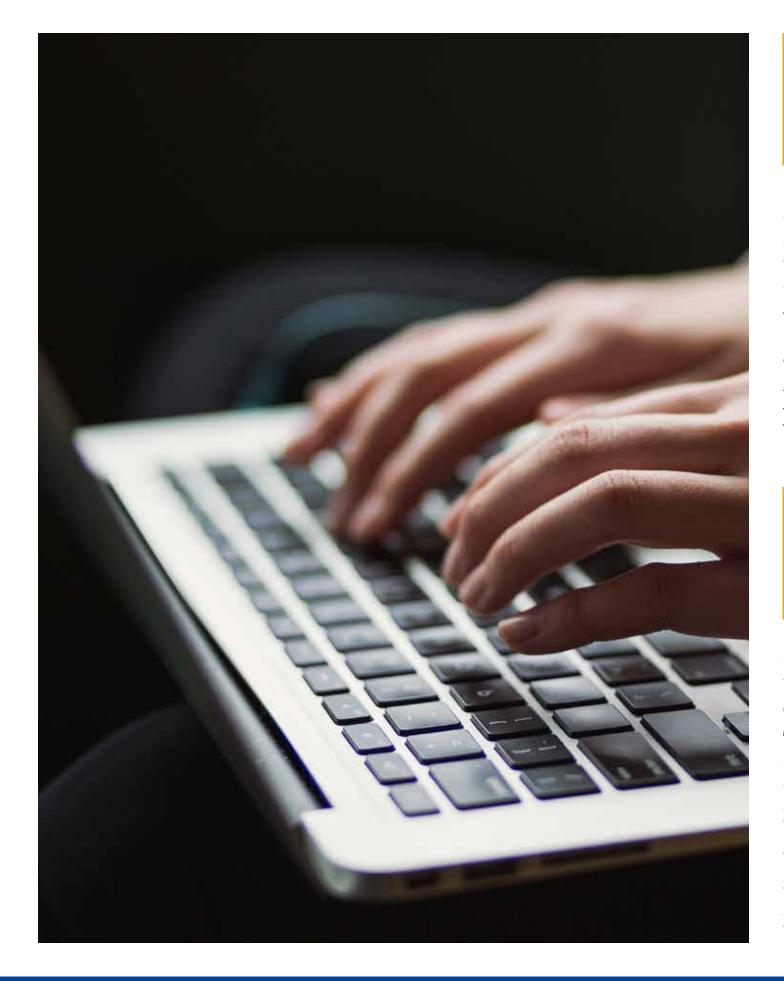




RESEARCH PROJECTS

Cultural Diplomacy Research (CDR) is a program undertaken by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy consisting of components focused on analyzing and interpreting key challenges facing culture and society in the contemporary era.

As the field continues to grow, further research undertaken on the role and potential of Cultural Diplomacy consequewntly develops. CDR therefore focuses on expanding the current understanding of Cultural Diplomacy, as well as the methods for which Cultural Diplomacy can be successfully implemented.



CULTURAL DIMPLOMACY NEWS

Cultural Diplomacy News is a program undertaken by the ICD Institute for Cultural Diplomacy. CD News is an internet resource for the latest developments in the field of Cultural Diplomacy.

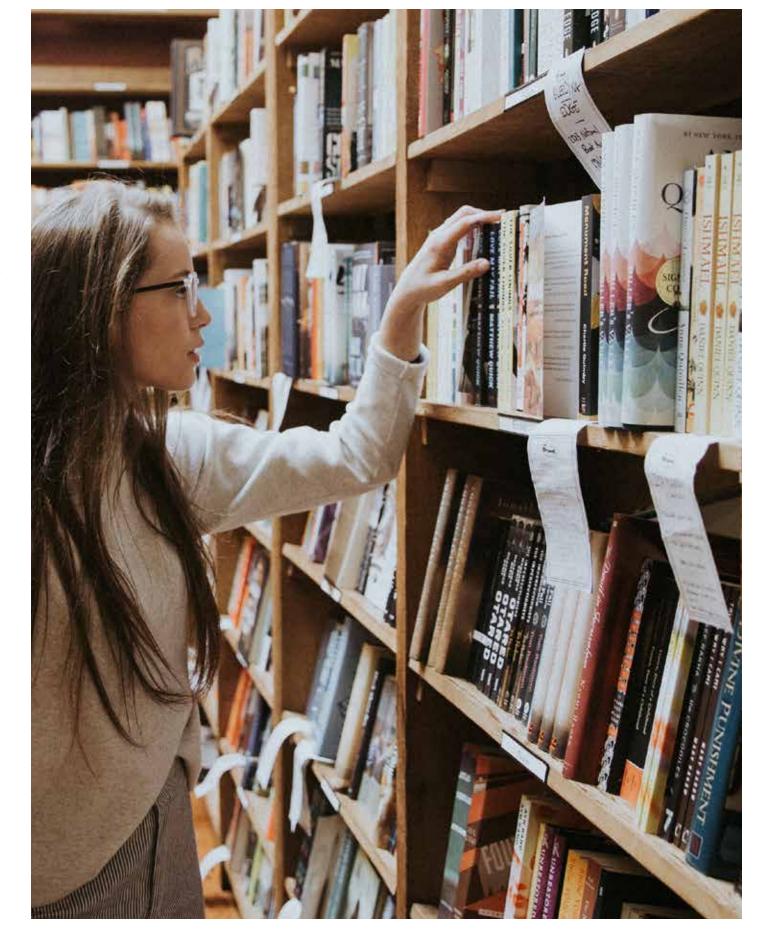
We believe that by providing an informed portal to a diverse and current range of examples of cultural diplomacy, we can increase access to cultural diplomacy, and highlight the potential of this important tool in healing conflicts and strengthening bilateral relations, where traditional diplomacy fails.

BERLIN GLOBAL

Berlin Global is an online news agency that reports on Berlin's culture, politics and economy and examines how cultural diplomacy is practiced and implemented in Berlin. The reporting of this news is sourced from different sectors including governments, the Berlin diplomatic community, the business sector, civil society, academic and research institutions. During the year 2016 Berlin Global has managed to increase both in quality and quality of the content published on the platform. The change in the editorial policies and the close working relations between the management and the journalists has also been reflected in the increase of traffic and in the number of unique visitors.

HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES

The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance for Human Rights & Global Peace (IPAHP) is committed to the ongoing struggle to ensure basic global human rights standards throughout the world. In pursuit of this goal, the IPAHP has initiated its Human Rights Program, which is composed of projects that are dedicated to the most urgent issues and global challenges of the time. Each of these Human Rights Projects include human rights initiatives on different levels, which are all fully interactive and open to the general public. These Projects are based on the fundamental principles in the UN Charter and major multilateral agreements, aiming to inspire decision-makers to promote the implementation of these principles. As such, the IPAHP is seeking to inspire and engage governments, decision makers and individuals to become advocates and leaders, in order to ensure universal human rights. Besides that, it is also exercising and Implementing cultural diplomacy practices as the main tool in order to support its engagement in promoting human rights standards around the world.





ICD HOUSE OF ARTS & CULTURE



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ICD House is a multi-purpose location that has been designed to provide an independent forum for interaction and exchange between groups and individuals from Berlin's diverse communities including politicians, diplomats, cultural practitioners, academics, civil servants, and private sector representatives.

ICD Academy House of Arts and Culture is a building compound located in Soltauer Str. 18-22, 13509 Berlin, Germany. The ICD House of Arts & Culture serves as the Headquarters of the ICD Institute for Cultural Diplomacy and its institutions below.

- The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy.
- The Inter-Parliamentary Alliance for Human Rights and Global Peace.
- The Organization for Youth Education and Development.
- Furtwangen University (HFU), Germany.
- The University of Bucharest.



THE HOUSE OF BERLIN CULTURES PROJECT 2014-17

"BRINGING THE BERLIN COMMUNITIES TOGETHER THROUGH EVENTS & MUSIC" (BERLIN; 2014-17)

The House of Berlin Cultures Project 2014-17 was a 3 year old project organized by the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin. The primary aim of the House of Berlin Cultures Project 2014-17 was to bring the Berlin communities together through music & events such as concerts, theatre, dance events, parties, performance art, and other forms of cultural activities. In addition, the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin invited specific cultural communities in Berlin to come together, rarely have the opportunity to come together in an effort to build very much needed bridges in a City that is getting more and more culturally diverse each day. The organization of this project was possible thanks to the great facilities of the ICD House Building.





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The House of Berlin Cultures Project 2014-17 aimed to promote global dialogue and understanding through the field of culture. Thanks to this Project, different communities of Berlin had the opportunity to show their most characteristic cultural events in order to establish a relationship of exchange and participation towards other cultural communities of Berlin. Concerts, parties, theater, cinema, gastronomy and many more were some of the events that brought Berlin to the world in an attempt to open the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy to a more generalized public.

The Project had the vision to create a meeting point open for everybody in order to raise awareness and approach the different cultures existing in Berlin, and the rest of the world creating a space for dialogue, understanding, and joy.

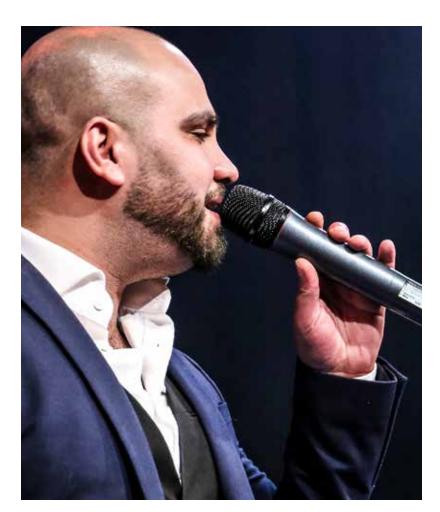
































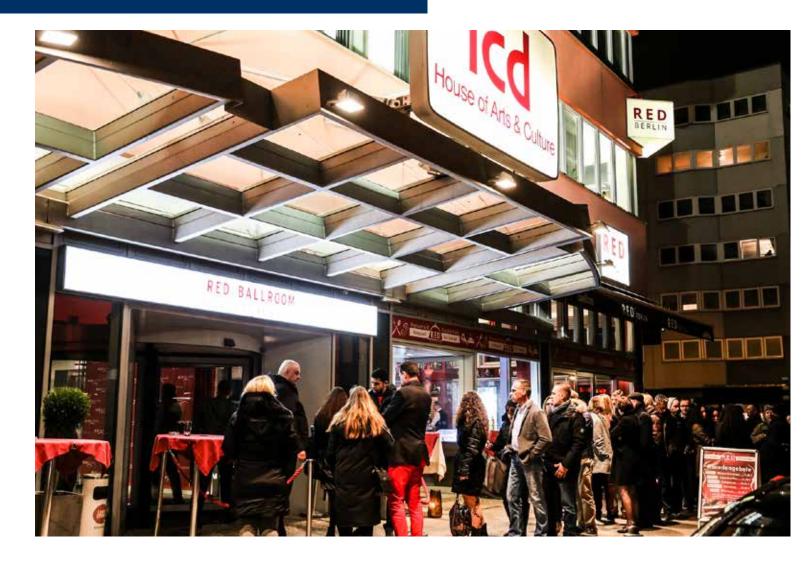


















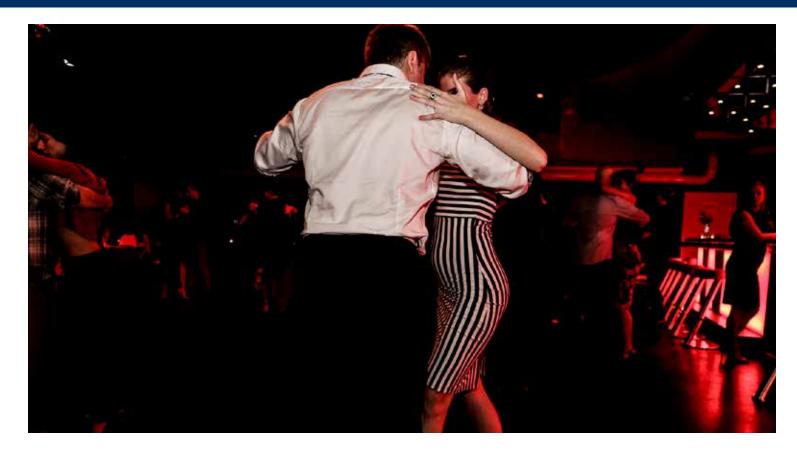






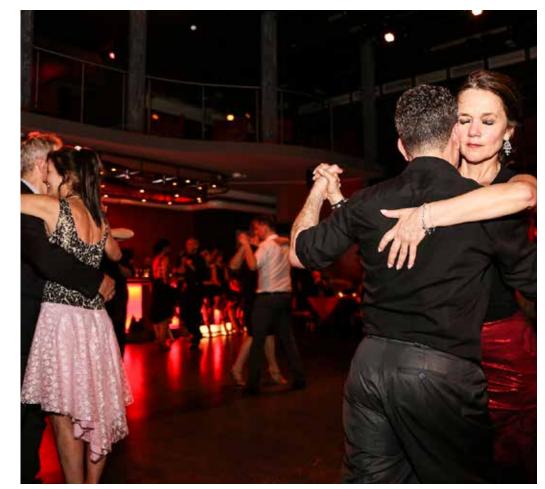




































































THANKYOU

We hope to work with you in the future

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