The World Forum on Democracy & Peace

( Launch Event )

"The Growing Threats for Democracy & Global Peace"
&
"Rise of Africa: Africa as a Growing International Power Bloc"

(Berlin, July 27th – July 30th 2022 (Held in Conjunction))
July 27th, 29th & 30th, 2022
ICD House of Arts and Culture
Address: Soltauer Str. 18-22, 13509 Berlin

July 27th, 2022 (Evening)
Amrit Restaurant - Potsdamerplatz
Address: Ebertstraße 14, 10117 Berlin

July 28th (Morning Session)
German Parliament, Committee on Economic Affairs
in the German Bundestag (Paul-Löbe-Haus 4.900)
Address: Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 1, 10557 Berlin

July 28th (Afternoon Session)
Embassy of Croatia to Berlin
Address: Ahornstrasse 4, 10787 Berlin
The World Forum on Democracy & Peace 2022-7

The World Forum on Democracy & Peace launch event will take place in Berlin from July 27-30th, 2022 and will focus on the growing threats to democracy and global peace and the African development process.

The World Forum on Democracy & Peace (2022-7) is a 5-year project that will take place starting from July 2022 and is conducted by the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy in cooperation with global governance organisations, national governments, international corporations and leading academic institutions.

The second decade of the 21st century brought with it new challenges for the international community. In the first decade of the 21st century, the century of the millennium, societies were distracted by high hopes, when globalisation was the trendy currency word and the historic closeness of East and West starting in 1989 was celebrated and embraced. During the second decade of the 21st century, however, the global community has been challenged with major events such as the Arab Spring, the creation of ISIS, the beginning of the growing distance of the relations between the West and the East including China, and the continuation of failing States in Africa and other parts of the World. The withdrawal of America from many of its traditional international partners such as in the Middle East and Europe, and the increase in the doctrine of the previous American President of “America First,” has brought also the West-West relations into a new challenge and even a crisis. At the same time, environmental issues were promoted only in a limited way and other social issues such as poverty and immigration have created crucial crisis in both the US and Europe. These escalating social challenges even brought a senior EU member country, the UK, to exit from the European Union. Already from the start of the third decade of the 21st century, the world has faced a global pandemic, which is hurting citizens globally to this day. The effects of this pandemic, in addition to a series of political crisis in Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ukraine and other countries, serve as a warning that those diplomatic efforts are starting to fail and major conflicts are starting to take over the international policy priorities.

Under these precarious global circumstances, the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy has launched the World Forum on Democracy & Peace (2002-7), with the main aim to use the application of cultural diplomacy in order to improve international relations and by doing so, uniting the great powers of the contemporary world to better face today's global concerns. The vision of the project is to create through its networks & participants, innovative follow-up initiatives and programs in order to further the dialogue and to create a sustainable impact in strengthening international cooperation. The project will lead to increased research and the creation of academic programs in the field of international relation, economics and law.

Delegates & Speakers during the project events include leading politicians, chief diplomats, governmental officials, senior academics, renowned authors, journalists, and celebrated artists and will be conducted through multiple events taking place on 5 continents over the course of the 5-year period. Participation in the project events is open to applicants coming from the governmental and diplomatic fields, academia & scholars, representatives from the civil society and private sector, journalists, artists, young professionals and students.
Wednesday, July 27th 2022

13:30 - 14:30  Registration + (Background Interviews)

14:30  Lecture Series: “Afghanistan Quo Vadis”: The Future of Afghanistan
Moderator: Hans Köchler

14:30  “The First Anniversary of the Taliban Takeover and the Collapse of the Democratic Regime in Afghanistan”
(Lecture & Discussion)

Ali Ahmad Jalali (Former Interior Minister of Afghanistan; Former Ambassador to Germany)

15:00  “The Impact of the International community presence on the formation of Democratic Institutions in Afghanistan 2001-2021: What worked, what did not work and the Way forward”
(Lecture)

Naimatullah Momand (Former Senior Contract Compliance Adviser; Ministry of Mines & Petroleum of Afghanistan)

&

Parwiz Khosraw (Former Governance Officer for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA); Director of Private Education at the Ministry of Education of Afghanistan (2019-2021))

15:30 - 16:30  Panel Discussion: “Afghanistan Quo Vadis” - The Future of Afghanistan
Moderator: Hans Köchler
Panellists: Ali Ahmad Jalali, Atefa Qeyam, Naimatullah Momand, Parwiz Khosraw

16:30 - 17:00  Coffee Break + (Background Interviews)

17:00 - 17:30  Threats for Democracy & Global Peace: Perspectives from Bangladesh
(Lecture & Discussion)

Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan (Ambassador of Bangladesh to Germany)

17:30 – 18:00  Reception

18:00 – 19:00  Travel Time

19:00 -  Group Dinner
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Friday, July 29th 2022

10:00 - Lecture Series
Moderator: Hans Köchler

10:00 - 10:30 - "The Palestinian Culture of Identity II - The Evolving Self-Identification of Palestinian Refugee Children in Jordan: Reflections on Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Resolution"
(Lecture & Discussion)
Samar AlBarghouthi (PhD. Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt)

10:30 - 11:30 - "Political Transcendence through Soft Diplomacy Education"
(Keynote Speech & Discussion)
Hassan B. Diab (Former Prime Minister of Lebanon)

11:30 - 12:00 - Coffee Break

12:00 - "Why the UN?" Reimagining Preventive Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution and the Role of women4diplomacy
(Keynote Speech & Discussion)
Katalin Bogyay (President, 36th UNESCO General Conference; Former Ambassador of Hungary to the United Nations)

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch Reception

14:00 - Lecture Series – African Development
Moderator: Barros Rui Duarte

14:00 - 14:30 - "The Challenge in Transforming the AU Agenda 2063 and the UN-SDGs in the Midst of Global Crisis"
(Lecture & Discussion)
Francis Adams (UN-SDGs Policy Expert)

14:30 - 15:00 - "What are the Threats to Democracy in Sub-Saharan African region?"
(Keynote Speech & Discussion)
Rui Duarte Barros (Former Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau)

15:00 - 15:30 - Nigeria Presentation"
by Regina Ingekem Ocheni (Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Nigeria to Berlin)

15:30 - 16:00 - Coffee Break

16:00 - 16:30 - "Ghana Presentation"
by Joseph Djaba (First secretary, Embassy of Ghana to Berlin)

16:30 - 17:00 - Panel Discussion: “Africa as a Block Power: Challenges & Opportunities”
Moderator: Michael Asiedu-Adjei
Panellists: Rui Duarte Barros; Francis Adams; Joseph Djaba

17:00 - 18:00 - Burundi Special Event
with Appolonie NIBONA (Ambassador of Burundi to Germany)

18:00 - African Cultural Event- “WE LOVE AFRICA” (Outdoors Party Event)
A Celebration with African Food, Drinks, African Fashion and Cultural Items, and Music
Supported by the Embassy of Nigeria and the Embassy of Ghana
Agenda »

Saturday, July 30th 2022

10:00  Lecture Series
Moderator: Didem Aydurmus

10:00 - 10:30 “The Challenges of Food Security in the Context of the World Crises”
(Lecture & Discussion)

Lufter Xhuveli (Former Albanian Minister of Environment, Forests and Water, Agriculture and Food)

10:30 - 11:00 “Climate Change Politics: Overt Barriers and Untold Realities”
(Lecture & Discussion)

Didem Aydurmus (Member of the Executive Committee of the Left political Party (die Linke)

11:00 - 12:00 Interactive Discussion: “The Threatened Planet”: Democracy and the Challenge of Climate change”

Panellists: Didem Aydurmus, Lufter Xhuveli

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 - 14:00 Panel Discussion - “The Rise of Identity Politics and Populism as a threat to Democracy”

Moderated by: Jaydeep Purkar
Panellists: Didem Aydurmus, Hans Köchler, Katalin Bogyay, Hrant Bagrtyan, Dragoljub Popovic, Weronika Priesmeyer-Tkocz

14:30 14:30 FIESTAS PATRIAS PERU 2022 (Latino Cultural Event in celebration of the 201 Anniversary of the independence of Peru)

Let's celebrate together with a program, full of culture, tradition, dance, art, music of all kinds-Life Music, Bands and DJ’s, delicious typical food, and many more surprises...