

*The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy is pleased to announce...*

## **The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2010: *Culture, Globalization, and International Relations over the next Two Decades***

**(Berlin, May 23<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)**

### **Call for Applications**

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy is currently accepting applications to take part in the International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2010. The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy is one of the world's leading conferences in the fields of international relations and cultural studies. Held annually in Berlin, the event brings together **prominent figures from international politics, academia, and the arts** to speak to an interdisciplinary audience about a variety of important issues and challenges relating to international politics and culture. I encourage you to help raise awareness of this activity by passing this information on to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. Thank you in advance for your support in raising awareness of this symposium.

#### **The Program**

The International Symposium 2010 will focus on the relationship between culture, international relations, and globalization through a program of lectures, panel discussions, debates, and cultural activities. We are also pleased to announce that, in cooperation with the **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**, this year's program will include a special focus on democratic development and nation-building in Afghanistan.

The Symposium program will be split into 3 complimentary parts: "Defining and Understanding Culture" (23rd – 25th May), "The Relationship between Culture, International Relations and Globalization" (25th – 27th May), and "Understanding Afghanistan: Supporting Democracy and Development in Afghanistan - The Path Ahead" (28th – 30th May), which will be held in cooperation with NATO.

#### **The Participants**

The participants of the program will include diplomatic and political representatives, scholars and academics, students and young professionals, and other interested stakeholders.

The online application form for the International Symposium 2010 can be found here:

[http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en\\_symposium2010\\_application-form](http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en_symposium2010_application-form)

Further details about the event can be found at our website: [www.icd-internationalsymposium.org](http://www.icd-internationalsymposium.org)

#### **The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy**

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD - [www.culturaldiplomacy.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.biec.de)).

Information about the ICD's recent event "A World Without Walls" can be found under:  
[http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en\\_symposium\\_world-without-walls](http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/academy/index.php?en_symposium_world-without-walls)

**Speakers hosted by the ICD at recent events include:**

**President Dr. Alfredo Palacio**, Former President of Ecuador  
**President Jorge Sampaio**, Former President of Portugal  
**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  
**Ségolène Royal**, President of the Poitou-Charentes Regional Council  
**Janez Jansa**, Former Prime Minister of Slovenia  
**Mike Kenneth Moore**, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand  
**Mart Laar**, Former Prime Minister of Estonia  
**Jack McConnell, MSP**, Former First Minister of Scotland  
**Dr. Alfred Sant**, Former Prime Minister of Malta; Member of Malta's Parliament  
**Radmila Šekerinska**, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia

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

For any additional information please contact us at: [symposium@culturaldiplomacy.org](mailto:symposium@culturaldiplomacy.org)

With warm regards,

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