

**The 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall - "A World Without Walls": An International Congress on "Soft Power", Cultural Diplomacy and Interdependence (Berlin, 6th - 9th November 2009)**

In recognition of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) and CivWorld/Demos are pleased to announce:

## **"A World without Walls"**

**An International Congress on "Soft Power", Cultural Diplomacy and Interdependence**

**November 06th – 09th, 2009, Berlin, Germany**

On the twentieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, as the eyes of the world fall upon Germany's capital once again, the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy will bring together an international group of participants for a four day program of lectures, panel discussions, and seminars lead by renowned figures from international politics and academia.

"A World Without Walls" represents a unique opportunity to reflect on the development of international relations since 1989, the challenges faced by the leaders of the future, and the growing influence of cultural diplomacy and "soft power" in the contemporary political international environment.

The participants will include scholars and academics, political and diplomatic representatives, civil society practitioners, and individuals from the private sector and the media.

The speakers during the program will consist of renowned figures from international politics and distinguished professors in the field, including former Heads of State, former Foreign Ministers, and other European Ministers.

In addition to the academic components, participants will have the opportunity to experience the city's vibrant cultural landscape at a historic moment in the city's history.

I would be grateful if you could forward this e-mail on to any individuals who you feel may be interested.

Further information can be found under: [www.world-without-walls.org](http://www.world-without-walls.org)

- **Confirmed speakers for this event include:**
- Ségolène Royal President of the Poitou-Charentes Regional Council; Former Presidential Candidate for the Socialist Party of France
- Janez Janša Former Prime Minister of Slovenia, President of the Slovenian Democratic Party
- Mike Kenneth Moore Former Prime Minister of New Zealand; Former Director General of the World Trade Organization
- David Trimble\* Former First Minister of Northern Ireland; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate in 1998 (\*Paper to be delivered)
- Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz Former Prime Minister of Poland; Former Foreign Minister of Poland
- President Dr. Alfredo Palacio Former Vice President of Ecuador, Former President of Ecuador
- President Emil Constantinescu Former President of Romania
- Jack McConnell MSP; Former First Minister of Scotland
- Alfred Sant Former Prime Minister of Malta

- President Sir James Mancham Founding President of the Republic of Seychelles
- Luc Van den Brande Former Minister-President of Flanders
- Dr. Zlatko Lagumdžija Former Prime minister and Former Foreign Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Radmila Sekarinska Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia
- Anneli Jäätteenmäki Member of the European Parliament, Former Prime Minister of Finland
- Mirko Tomassoni Member of the San Marino Grand and Central Council, Former Captain Regent of San Marino
- Senator the Hon. Alan Baird Ferguson 22nd President of the Australian Senate
- Minister Dr. Igor Lukšič Minister of Education and Sport of Slovenia
- László Kovács European Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union; Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary
- Dr. Vasile Pușcaș Romanian Minister for European Affairs
- Nouzha Skalli Moroccan Minister of Social Development, Family, and Solidarity
- Dr. Solomon Isaac Passy Former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria, Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE
- Ioannis Kasoulides Member of the European Parliament, Former Foreign Minister of Cyprus, Cypriot Presidential Candidate in 2008
- H.E. Yasar Yakis Turkish MP, Former Foreign Minister of Turkey, Chairman of the European Union Harmonization Commission of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey
- Jytte Hilden Former Minister of Culture of Denmark
- Gerassimos D. Arsenis Greek Former Minister of Defence
- Dr. Jo Ritzen Former Dutch Minister of Education, Culture, and Science, Former Vice-President of the World Bank
- Dr. Erkki Tuomioja Member of Finnish Parliament, Former Finnish Foreign Minister (2000 - 2007)
- Ivaylo Kalfin MEP; Former Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Erna Hennicot Schoepges European Member of Parliament, Former Luxembourgian Minister of Culture and Religious Affairs
- Delia-Domingo Albert Ambassador of the Philippines to the Federal Republic of Germany, Former Foreign Minister of the Philippines
- Dr. Benjamin Barber Professor of Civil Society and Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, Author of bestseller "Jihad vs. McWorld"
- Merethe Stagetorn Defense Lawyer for the Danish Supreme Court
- Martin Hope Director Benelux and EU office at British Council Currently; Former Director British Council Moscow
- Amb. Carlo Ungaro Former Italian Ambassador, adviser to the Italian contingent of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Herat, Afghanistan
- Dr. András Simonyi Hungarian Ambassador to the United States from 2002-2007

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