“A World Without Walls”
Congress Speakers

Séolone Royal
President of the Poitou-Charentes Regional Council;
Former Presidential Candidate for the Socialist Party of France

Zlatko Lagumdžija
Former Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Former Foreign
Minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina

President
Dr. Alfredo Palacio
Former Vice President of Ecuador; Former President of Ecuador

President Sir James
Richard Marie Manshan
Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Seychelles

Luc Van den Brande
Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Flanders

Radmila Sekerinska
Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia

President Emil Constantinescu
Former President of Romania

Mirko Tomassoni
Member of the San Marino Grand and Central Council; Former Captain Regent of San Marino

Senator the Hon.
Alan Baird Ferguson
The 22nd President of the Australian Senate

Jakub Trimble
Former Prime Minister of Northern Ireland; Nobel Peace Prize Laureate in 1998

László Kovács
European Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union;
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary.

Alfred Sant
Former Prime Minister of Malta; Currently Member of Malta’s Parliament

Minister Dr. Igor Lukšič
Minister of Education and Sport of Slovenia

Ivaylo Kalfin
MEP; Former Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Nouza Skalli
Moroccan Minister of Social Development, Family, and Solidarity

Dr. Vasile Puscas
Romanian Minister for European Affairs

Dr. Erkki Tuomioja
Member of Finnish Parliament, Former Finnish Foreign Minister (2000 – 2007)

Ivanis Kasoulides
MEP; EPP Group Vice-Chairman, Former Foreign Minister of Cyprus

H.E. Yusuf Yabl
Turkish MP, Former Foreign Minister of Turkey and Chairman of the European Union-Herzegovina
Commission of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey

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Ivyatro Hildor
Former Minister of Culture of Denmark

Dr. Jo Ritzen
Former Dutch Minister of Education, Culture, and Science; Former Vice-President of the World Bank

Jytte Hildor
Former Minister of Defense

Ensa Hencitou Soglopes
European MP; Former Luxembourgish Minister of Culture and Religious Affairs

Marina Penders
Deputy Minister of Defense of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Ana Krista Babic
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia & Herzegovina

Meir Shalom
Strategic Adviser, the Public Diplomacy Division of the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Israel

Ilan Sztulman
Deputy Director Public Affairs Department, Communications Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Martin Hope
Director Benefux and EU office at British Council

Mark Donfried
Director & Founder, the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy

Dr. András Simonyi
Hungarian Ambassador to the United States from 2002-2007

Anthony Suau
Photographer, 1984 Pulitzer Prize Winner

Dr. Benjamin Barber
Professor of Civil Society and Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, Author of bestseller, Jihad vs. McWorld

Amb. Carlo Ungaro
Former Italian Ambassador, adviser to the Italian contingent of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Herat, Afghanistan

Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović
Croatian Ambassador to the United States

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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 and CiVWorld/Demos 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: An International Congress on Soft Power, Cultural Diplomacy, and Interdependence” (Berlin, 6th – 9th November 2009) 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.

“The Historic Soviet-West Relationship”

“A World Without Walls” will pursue the following specific aims:

• To explore the development of international relations since the fall of the Berlin Wall.
• To analyze the interdependent nature of today’s world and the challenges and opportunities this brings.
• To evaluate the growing importance of Cultural Diplomacy and “soft power” in contemporary international politics.
• To discuss the salient political of contention in today’s interdependent world and to examine the mediating role of soft power.

The following issues will be mentioned and explored:

• Cyprus (Focus: Turkish-Greek Relations)
• Turkey (Focus: Turkey-EU Relations)
• Israel-Palestine (Focus: Israeli-Palestinian conflict)
• Northern Ireland (Focus: inter-religious conflict and the Northern Ireland Peace Process)
• Bosnia and Herzegovina (Focus: Forging a multi-ethnic, multi-religious state identity)
• Scandinavia (Focus: The freedom of the press)
• Belgium (Focus: Intra-national relations between the Flemish, French, & German Communities)
• Afghanistan (Focus: Reconstructing civil society and ensuring stability)
• The Historic Soviet-West Relationship

Celebrating the Fall of the Berlin Wall

On November 9th, the final day of the program and exactly 20 years following the fall of the Berlin Wall, the participants will join in the celebrations and experience this historic occasion together with the citizens of Berlin. Participants will have the opportunity to attend numerous events taking place across the city during the day and will be at the Brandenburg Gate for the Festival of Freedom in the evening.

Congress Participants

The program will bring young leaders from across the world together with an interdisciplinary, international group of leading figures from politics, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

Sustainable Network

Participants of the Congress will become part of a growing international network of people from across the world with different fields of interest and levels of experience who share a commitment to intercultural exchange. Participants will be able to remain in touch with each other through the ICD Online Network. This network represents a medium through which members can exchange information on research, job opportunities, related events, and coordinate their own cultural exchange initiatives. The ICD will help to support the Congress participants in their future activities by providing guidance and advice on possible research topics and helping to support members who plan to organize their own cultural exchange initiatives.

Certificate of Attendance

The participants of the Congress will be awarded an official certificate of attendance at the end of the program. This certificate will confirm attendance and provide details of the speakers who took part during the week and the topics discussed.