





The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy:

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 2009 will bring together a diverse group of participants from across the world for a weeklong program of lectures, panel discussions and social events that will look at the role of soft power in contemporary international relations. The speakers during the week will be experts and leading figures from politics, academia, and the private sector. The participants of the Symposium will include students, young professionals, senior academics and diplomats, who will have the chance to consider the future of soft power and cultural diplomacy with fellow participants and leading authorities. In the evenings the participants will have the opportunity to network in social events, enjoy live music and entertainment and to explore Berlin's vibrant nightlife.

The International Symposium comprises a weeklong program of panel discussions and lectures in different locations across Berlin. Each component will be followed by an interactive question and answer session with the speaker. This structure enables the participants to hear a range of informed perspectives on the issues under discussion and then raise points they feel are important for further consideration.

During the evenings the ICD will organise activities and events that will allow the participants to experience Berlin, network and socialise with other participants and the Symposium speakers, and discuss the topics raised during the day.

The International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy will look at the role of soft power in the international environment and will focus on five related themes:

- The approaches of states and international organisations to soft power and the role it plays in their policy making
- The importance of multi-lateral understanding to cooperation on global challenges
- The role of cultural diplomacy in relations between the Western world and the Middle East
- The challenges and opportunities of using art and culture as vehicles of national foreign policy
- The influence of the private sector in the generation and application of soft power





To explore these themes thoroughly from both theoretical and practical perspectives we have selected expert speakers from the fields of academia, politics, and the private sector.

We will hear from individuals with experience in prominent international organisations, including the United Nations, the African Union, the North-Atlantic Treaty Organisation, and the European Union, as well as politicians and former politicians who have played instrumental roles in the development and application of foreign and national policies.

The Symposium speakers will also include professors and academics who have been at the forefront of international relations theory over the past two decades and who have played key roles in pioneering and developing the related concepts of soft power and cultural diplomacy.

Participants of the International Symposium on Cultural Diplomacy 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 Symposium participants in their future activities by providing guidance and advice on possible research topics and helping to support members who plan to organise their own cultural exchange initiatives.





Speakers



Jorge Sampaio

United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations Former President of Portugal (1996 – 2006)

Jorge Sampaio served two terms as President of Portugal, during which time he oversaw the return of Macau to China (1999) and campaigned for the independence of East Timor. His

Presidency was characterised by prudence and moderation, and was notable for its focus on cultural and social issues. Since finishing his presidency, Mr. Sampaio has concentrated his efforts on international peace and security, and in 2007 was appointed to the position of United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations by United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon. The initiative aims to improve cooperative relations across people from different national, cultural, and religious backgrounds, and is co-sponsored by the President of Spain, José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, and the Prime Minister of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. Trained as a Lawyer, Mr Sampaio has been involved in Portuguese politics since 1979 and prior to being elected as President has served as Mayor of Lisbon (1989-1995) and was a member of the European Commission of Human Rights (1979 – 1984).



Joaquim Chissano

Former Chairperson of the African Union (2003-2004) Former President of Mozambique (1986-2005)

Joaquim Chissano has dedicated his life and career to improving international and intercultural relations on the African continent and ensuring Mozambique's development as a stable, peace-

ful, multi-ethnic country. His long and diverse career to date includes time spent as a freedom fighter during the Mozambique independence movement, serving his country as Foreign Minister, Prime Minister (during the transition government), and President. He has also held the position of Chair Person of the African Union and, more recently, UN Secretary General Special Envoy for the affected areas by the Lord's Resistance Army in Northern Uganda. Throughout his life, Mr. Chissano has won praise for his commitment to peace on the African continent and for showing strong governance in his different roles. He was recently awarded the "Prize for Achievement in African Leadership" by the Mo Ibrahim Foundation...



Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga Former President of Latvia (1999 – 2007)

Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga served for two four-year terms as the first female President of Latvia. During her presidency she successfully guided Latvia to European Union and NATO membership whilst maintaining an approval rating of between 70 and 85 percent. Dr. Vīke-Freiberga

has been widely praised for her active involvement in a number of councils and organisations and her knowledge of Latvian folklore and culture. In April 2005, President Vike-Freiberga was appointed by the United Nations Secretary General at the time, Kofi Annan, to promote the comprehensive United Nations reform outlined in the report "In Larger Freedom". In December 2007 she was appointed deputy chairman of the Reflection Group on the European Union's long-term future. An academic by profession, Dr. Viķe-Freiberga earned her PhD in Experimental Psychology at McGill University in 1965.



Speakers



Cassam Uteem
Former President of the Republic of Mauritius (1992 - 2002)

Cassam Uteem is the longest serving President in the history of Mauritius having held the position for nine years. He came under the international spotlight in 2002 when he refused to sign into law a controversial anti-terrorism bill that would have allowed police to hold suspects for

longer periods of time without charging them. Mr. Uteem resigned as a result of this incident, leaving the position just three months before his term expired. Drawing from his experience in the multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-lingual country of Mauritius, since his presidency, Mr. Uteem has become very active in international public politics, notably in promoting parcipitatory democracy and cultural rights. He has had a lengthy political career, having served multiple terms in the Mauritian parliament since 1976 and held the positions of Minister of Employment, Social Security and National Solidarity, as well as Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Industrial Technology. A graduate of Paris VII University (BA in Art, MA in Psychology), Mr. Uteem has been highly praised for his commitment to peace and democracy, and is a member of the international jury for the UNESCO Prize of Education for Peace.



Ints Dālderis
Minister of Culture of the Republic of Latvia

Mr. Ints Dālderis, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Latvia, was born in 1971 and studied at Latvia's prestigious Jāzeps Vītols Latvian Academy of Music before joining the Latvian National Orchestra in 1999. He became director of this institution in 2005, a post he held for four years.

In 2006 he joined the Council of the State Culture Capital Foundation as well as becoming a member of the National Board of Culture. On March 12 this year, Mr. Dālderis was appointed Latvia's Minister of Culture.



Dr. Vasile Puşcaş
Romanian Minister for European Affairs

Dr. Vasile Puşcaş is a Romanian politician, author, and international relations scholar who, as Romanian Chief Negotiator with the European Union from 2000-2004, was seen by many as the architect of Romania's accession to the EU in 2007. A Deputy of the Romanian Parliament

for two terms with the Social Democratic Party (2000-2004, 2004-2008), Dr. Puşcaş was appointed to the position of Head of the European Affairs Department of the Romanian Government in December 2008 by Premier Emil Bloc. Prior to his political career Dr. Puşcaş's positions included Chairman of the Institute for International Studies at Cluj Napoca (1999-2000), Professor of International Relations at Cluj Napoca (1995-2000), and Dean of the Faculty of Political Science at Bogdan Voda University (1998-2000). He has also served Romania as Councillor Minister and Deputy Ambassador at the Romanian Embassy in the United States.



Speaker



Borys Tarasyuk

Member of Ukrainian Parliament, Former Ukrainian Foreign Minister (1998 – 2000, 2005 – 2006)

Borys Tarasyuk is a Member of the Ukrainian Parliament (2002-2005, 2006, 2007 – present) and Chairman of the Parliament Committee on European Integration. He has served two terms as Ukrainian Foreign Minister (1998-2000, 2005-2007). Mr. Tarasyuk has contributed significantly to the development of Ukraine's foreign relations with a number of important states and international organisations, including the United States, Russia, NATO and the CIS. His efforts to activate the peacekeeping potential of Ukraine in combination with active diplomacy have helped transform Ukraine into a recognised contributor of European security and stability. A career diplomat, Mr. Tarasyuk has also served the Ukraine as Ambassador to the UN (1981-1986), Ambassador in Brussels (1995-1998, BENILUX, NATO, WEU), Deputy Foreign Minister (1992-1994), and First Deputy (1994-1995). He holds the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (since 1992), and is the Founder and Director of the Institute for Euro-Atlantic cooperation, an independent think-tank.



Dr. Erkki Tuomioja

Member of Finnish Parliament, Former Finnish Foreign Minister (2000 - 2007)

Politician and author Dr. Erkki Tuomioja is one of Finland's most widely read and influential politicians of the last two decades. As Finnish Foreign Minister during Finland's presidency of

the European Union in 2006, he held the position of spokesperson on European foreign policy and was one of the first to call for an immediate cessation of hostilities in the 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict. Recognised as having a strong anti-war stance, Dr. Tuomioja is also a celebrated author of 18 books and his account of his grandmother and her sister, A Delicate Shade of Pink, won the Finnish non-fiction Finlandia Prize in 2006. Dr. Tuomioja has been a member of the Finnish parliament since 1991, a position he also held from 1970-1979.

Professor Dr. Joseph S. Nye Jr. (by recorded video lecture)

University Distinguished Service Professor and Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations, Harvard University

University Distinguished Service Professor and Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations, Harvard University Professor Dr. Joseph S. Nye Jr. is a renowned political theorist who developed the concepts of "soft power" and "smart power" and, together with Professor Dr. Robert Keohane, co-founded the neoliberal theory of international relations. He currently holds the position of University Distinguished Service Professor at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he has been active since 1964, and his previous positions include Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs during the Clinton administration. Through his books, which include "Power and Interdependence" and "Understanding International Conflicts", and his positions on the editorial board of Foreign Policy and the Board of Directors for the International Council on Foreign Relations, Prof. Dr. Nye can be considered one of the most influential scholars on American Foreign Policy over the past two decades. Prof. Dr. Nye will be delivering a video lecture on the role of "soft power" in today's multipolar international environment.



Speakers



H.E. Mr. Ahmada R. Ngemera Ambassador of Tanzania to Germany

His Excellency Mr. Ahmada R. Ngemera is the current Ambassador of the Republic of Tanzania in the Federal Republic of Germany. He was assigned to this post from the Tanzanian Ministry of Trade and Industry, where he had spent a large part of his career and held numerous posi-

tions including Director and Permanent Secretary. Ambassador Ngemera has also held the position of Deputy Secretary General of the East African Community, an intergovernmental organisation comprising Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.



Dr. Gunter Pleuger

Former German Ambassador to the United Nations (2002-2006)

Dr. Gunter Pleuger served as Germany's Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 2002 to 2006, during which time he represented Germany as an elected member in the United Nations Security Council (2003-2004). Whilst sitting on the Security Council, Dr. Pleuger gained

public recognition as the representative of Germany's position against the planned invasion of Iraq by the United States. Having begun his career in the German Foreign Service in 1969, Dr. Pleuger has served as State Secretary, Political Director, and Head of the Political Division of the Federal Foreign Office. He has also worked as an advisor to the Foreign Minister on all operative political issues. Dr. Pleuger is the President of the European Unviersity Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), Germany.

Professor Dr. Cynthia Schneider

Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy, Georgetown University 61st Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of the Netherlands (1998 – 2001) (ICD Advisory Board Member)

Prof. Dr. Cynthia Schneider served as Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of the Netherlands during the Clinton administration. During this time she launched a number of important scientific and cultural initiatives, including an international conference on biotechnology (2000), and a millennium project between Dutch Students and World War II survivors. A graduate in Fine Arts from Harvard University (BA, Ph. D), Prof. Dr. Schneider currently teaches Diplomacy and Culture at Georgetown University, and leads the Arts and Culture Initiative within the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. An expert on cultural diplomacy, Prof. Dr. Schneider focuses in particular on relations with the Muslim world.



Speakers



John Holden
Visiting Professor, City University London
Associate and former Head of Culture, Demos

John Holden is a Visiting Professor at City University London and an Associate at the independent British think tank Demos. A former investment banker with a Masters Degree in law, Holden left a job in the city to pursue a career in arts management and study for an MA in Design History and Material Culture, before joining Demos in 2000. His interests are in the development of people and organisations across the whole of the cultural sector. He has addressed issues of leadership, education, cultural policy, creative industries, technology and evaluation, and in addition to his positions at City University and Demos is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a member of the Strategy Board of the Core Leadership Programme.



Samuel Jones
Head of Culture, Demos

Samuel Jones is head of Culture at the British think-tank Demos. He is the co-author of a number of influential publications including "Cultural Diplomacy" (2007), "It's a Material World" (2008), and "Knowledge and Inspiration" (2006), and spoke at the International Council of

Museums (ICOM) conference in Shanghai on the role of culture in international and intercultural dialogue (2007). His research focuses on culture, the arts, and international and intercultural communication. A graduate of Cambridge University (BA in History) and the Courtauld Institute of Art (MA in History of Art), Jones also sits on the UK Executive Board of the ICOM and has worked with the BBC to investigate TV art audiences.



Willem Noë
European Commission, EU Representation Office Berlin

After starting his career as an economist at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Willem Noë transferred to the European Commission in 1991 and has worked there ever since. Within the Commission, he has worked in the Directorate General (DG) Science, DG External relations, DG

Enterprise, and DG Economics and Financial Affairs. Mr. Noë has contributed many publications on the globalization of the EU economy, EU trade developments, EU Enlargement, and on the reunification of Cyprus. His interests include the political economy of EU enlargement, globalization, European history and the study of the economic, political, and cultural roots of Europe.



Speakers



Professor Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper

Vice President for Olympic Education at the German Olympic Sports Confederation

Prof. Dr. Doll-Tepper has played a key role in the theoretical and practical development of the field of sports science and sport in Germany over the past two decades. Professor of Sport Science at the Free University Berlin, she has authored and co-authored over 300 publications

focusing in particular on the areas of Olympic culture and education, the societal values of sports, the effects of the globalisation of sport in developing countries, and sports for people with a disability. Parallel to her academic influence, Prof. Dr. Doll-Tepper has been extensively involved in the management and development of sport in Germany and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross of the Federal Republic of Germany.



Professor Dr. Christian Armbrüster

Judge, Berlin Court of Justice (Kammergericht Berlin) Professor of Law, Free University Berlin

Prof. Dr. Armbrüster has been a professor in private law since 2000. After teaching at Brucerius Law School in Hamburg for four years, he became Guest Professor at the University of Paris in

2004, and at LUISS University in Rome in 2005. Since 2004 he has been at the Legal Studies Department of the Free University in Berlin, where he lectures in, amongst other areas, citizenship law, trade law, and civil law. Prof. Dr. Armbrüster also sits as a judge at the Berlin Court of Justice.



Professor Dr. Ulrich Brückner

Jean-Monnet Professor of European Studies, Stanford University in Berlin (ICD Advisory Board Member)

As a graduate in political science, history and literature, Prof. Dr. Brückner has specialized in the political, economic and institution aspects of European integration since 1987. He began

lecturing at the Free University Berlin in 1992 and in 2003 became the Jean Monnet Professor of European Studies for Stanford University. Prof. Dr. Brückner now divides his time between California (spring semester) and Berlin (fall and winter semesters). He has previously taught as a visiting professor ECNU and Fudan Universities in Shanghai, MGIMO Moscow, Sabanci University in Istanbul, the University for Economics in Bratislava, and the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia.



Professor Dr. Jessica Gienow-Hecht

Professor of History, University of Cologne (ICD Advisory Board Member)

Prof. Dr. Gienow-Hecht, a Heisenberg fellow of the German Research Foundation, lectures on international history and historical peace and conflict studies at the University of Cologne (since 2009). Prior to this she lectured for five years at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University

in Frankfurt am Main, and other previous posts have seen her lecture at the universities of Virginia, Bielefeld, Halle-Wittenberg, and Harvard. Prof. Dr. Gienow-Hecht's special field of interest is the interplay of culture and international relations from the early modern period to the present. She is currently completing a book on the role of music and emotions in transatlantic relations since 1850



Speakers



Professor Dr. Bassam Tibi
A.D. White Professor-at-Large, Cornell University

Dr. Bassam Tibi is a renowned political scientist and professor who is famous for his analysis of international relations and the introduction of Islam to the study of International Conflict. He is a pioneer of the controversial concepts of European Leitkultur and Euroislam for the integra-

tion of Muslims in Europe. A graduate of Frankfurt University (Ph.D.), Dr. Tibi held the position of Professor for International Relations at Göttingen University from 1973 to 2009. During this time he held a number of visiting professorships at, amongst other institutions, Harvard University (Bosch Fellow), Princeton University, and the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor. Born in Damascus, Tibi has lived in Germany since 1962 and was decorated with the Cross of Merits First Class by the then President of Germany, Roman Herzog, in 1995.



Dr. Frank Mehring
Research fellow, John F. Kennedy Institute, Free University Berlin (ICD Advisory Board Member)

Dr. Frank Mehring has been a research fellow at the cultural department of the John F. Kennedy Institute at the Free University Berlin since 2005, having previously been a Fulbright scholar at the Longfellow Institute of Harvard University. A graduate of the Justus Liebig University in Giessen (English language and literature, historical and musical science) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Mahring's research focus is the representation of race in popular culture. Corman American studies. African

lish language and literature, historical and musical science) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Mehring's research focus is the representation of race in popular culture, German-American studies, African-American literature, and multilingual America. His current projects include "Imaginery and Transcultural Spaces", and "Transcultural Confrontations of German Émigrés and the Promise of American Democracy from 4th of July to 9/11".



Professor Dr. Christian Tuschhoff

Professor, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science, Free University Berlin (ICD Advisory Board Member)

Professor, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science (Free University Berlin) (ICD Advisory Board Member) Prof. Dr. Christian Tuschhoff has been a professor at the Free University in Berlin since

1998, having held previous positions at Harvard University (Visiting Professor), the Aspen Institute in Berlin (Senior Consultant and Research Director), Emory University in Atlanta (Visiting Associate Professor), and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies in Washington DC (Research Scholar). A graduate of Munich University (Political and Communication Sciences, Public Law) and the Free University in Berlin (International Relations), Dr. Tuschhoff's research interests include international security, American and German foreign policy, and international organisations and alliances.

	Monday, July 27th	Tuesday, July 28th	Wednesday, July 29th	Thursday, July 30th	Friday, July 31st
10:00	Coffee & Reception	Coffee & Refreshments	Coffee & Refreshments	Coffee & Refreshments	Coffee & Refreshments
10:45	Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy: An Introduction to the Field (Lecture)	New US Cultural Di- plomacy Approaches in the Middle East (Lecture and discussion) Prof. Dr. Cynthia	Anti-Discrimination Policy in Europe and Germany (Lecture and discussion) Prof. Dr. Christian	Soft Power vs. Hard Power: Opposing Poles? A NATO Per- spective (Lecture and discussion)	International Sporting Events and Intercultural Exchange (Lecture and discussion) Prof. Dr. Gudrun
	Joseph S. Nye. Jr. (video), Distinguished Service Professor, Harvard University	Schneider, Former US Ambassador to the Netherlands	Armbrüster, Judge and Professor in Law, Free University Berlin	Dr. Gerlinde Niehus, Head, Corporate Com- munications Section NATO Public Diplomacy Division	Doll-Tepper , Vice-President, German Olympic Sports Confederation
	Mark Donfried, Founder & Director, Institute for Cultural Diplomacy				
12:15	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
14:00	Intercultural Dialogue and the Younger Genera- tion: The Challenges Ahead	Islam and World Politics: A Cultural Perspective on Trans- national Religion in World Affairs	The Role of Culture in Politics and Foreign Relations (Lecture and discussion) John Holden, Visiting	The Role of Soft Power in Common EU Foreign Policy (Lecture and discussion) Dr. Erkki Tuomioja,	Climate Change: A Global Challenge Re- quiring Multilateral Approaches (Public Panel discussion)
	(Lecture and discussion) Jorge Sampaio, Former President of Portugal (1996 – 2006), UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations	(Lecture and discussion) Prof. Dr. Bassam Tibi, A.D. White Professor-at- Large, Cornell University	Professor, City University London	Member of Parliament and Former Foreign Minis- ter of Finland (2000 – 2007)	Experts and practitioners in the field consider the importance of multilateral consensus and cooperation on tackling climate change
15:30	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break	Afternoon Break
16:00	Soft Power in German Foreign Policy (Lecture and discussion) Dr. Gunter Pleuger, Former German Ambassador to the United Nations	Democratic Participation and Cultural Inclusion in Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Lingual Societies (Lecture and discussion) Cassam Uteem, Former President of the Republic of Mauritius (1992-2002)	Today's Role of Soft Power and Multilat- eralism in African Politics (Lecture and discussion) Joaquim Chissano, Former Chairperson of the African Union (2003- 2004), Former President of Mozambique (1986- 2005)	Diplomacy, Indifference or Tolerance: Latvian Experience of Cultural Power Distribution and Redistribution (Lecture and discussion) Ints Dālderis, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Latvia	The Future of International Cultural Exchange and Cultural Diplomacy (Lecture and discussion) Samuel Jones, Head of Culture, DEMOS
17:30	Break with Refreshents	Break with Refreshents	Break with Refreshents	Break with Refreshents	Break with Refreshent
17:45	The Changing Cultural Relations of the Former Warsaw Pact Countries with Russia and the European Union (Lecture and discussion) Borys Tarasyuk, Member of Parliament and Former Foreign Minister of the Ukraine (1998-2000, 2005-2007)	The Role of the UN in Promoting Peaceful Intercultural Dialogue in the 21st Century (Lecture and discussion) Dr. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, Former President of Latvia (1999-2007)	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR & SRI) in Africa: A Form of Soft Power? (Public Panel discussion) The former President of Mozambique Joaquim Chissano, leading figures from Germany's private sector, and academic experts consider the role of corporate social responsibility in improving relations with Africa.	Global Developments and the Role of the EU: An Outlook (Lecture and discussion) Dr. Vasile Puşcaş, Romanian Minister for European Affairs	Berlin's Art Scene in Focus (Tour, discussions) A guided tour through Berlin's museums, galleries, and exhibitions in the famous artistic district of Mitte, featuring discussions with gallery owners.
20:00	Welcome Dinner	Evening Reception The Amerika Haus Berlin hosts the participants for an evening reception with leading figures from Berlin's diplomatic and political communities. Featuring live music and speeches on the history and significance of the Amerika Haus institution.	Embassy Reception A reception and group dinner in a Berlin Embassy featuring a presentation by President Jouquim Chissano on his foundation, the Joaquim Chissano foundation.	Symposium Gala	Reception -
	A group welcome dinner for the Symposium partici- pants featuring traditional German cuisine			Event Symposium participants are joined by high profile figures in Berlin for a gala event featuring live music and speeches.	Final Event Symposium participants and speakers are hosted in Berlin Art Centre for a group dinner, closing remarks and live musical performances.

^{*}The final timetable will be published on July 10th

A selection of our seminar locations



Amerika Haus Berlin Former home of the cultural department of the US Embassy in Berlin. For almost 60 years the Amerika Haus Berlin represented a firm fixture on Berlin's international political and cultural landscape. An historic institution, the Amerika Haus closed its doors in 2006, but was reopened by the ICD for future activity in September 2008.

German Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt) Few buildings have experienced Berlin's





European House Berlin Berlin's European House is located in the heart of the city, on the famous boulevard Unter den Linden. The building is situated opposite the Adalon, one of the world's most exclusive hotels, and a short walk from Pariser Platz, the Brandenburg Gate, and the Reichstag. The location is home to the European Commission representation in Germany.

German Parliament The seat of the German Parliament, the Reichstag, is closely linked to the modern history of Berlin. Burnt down under suspicious circumstances in 1933, stranded in No-Man's Land during the Cold War, and then "unwrapped' as the home of the German Parliament once again in 1995. The glass dome on the roof of the building, designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster, symbolises the transparency of modern German government institutions.



Olympic Stadium Berlin The Olympiastadion (Olympic Stadium) is a sports stadium in Berlin. There have been two stadia on the site: the present facility, and one that was built for the aborted 1916 Summer Olympics. Both were designed by members of the same family, the first by Otto March and the second by his son Werner March. The current Olympiastadion was originally built for the 1936 Summer Olympics in the southern part of the Reichssportfeld (today Olympiapark Berlin). During World War II, the area suffered little damage. After the war, the United Kingdom military occupation used the northern part of the Reichssportfeld as its headquarters until 1994.



Berlin City Hall Located in the heart of East Berlin, close to the TV Tower and a short walk from the famous Unter den Linden Boulevard, Berlin's City Hall is an impressive building. Home to the Berlin Senate and the offices of the Berlin Mayor, the "Red" City Hall has been in use since 1869 and holds a unique place in the city's history.

Deutsche Welle Germany's international media broadcaster conducts its television activity from its Berlin base, in the city district of Mitte. The building was designed by architect Josef Paul Kleiheus and houses director's offices, studios, and a technical department. Its location ensures that DW not only broadcasts from the heart of Europe, but from the heart of Berlin.

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"Soft power is the ability to get what you want through attraction rather than coercion or payments. It arises from the attractiveness of a country's culture, political ideals, and policies. When our policies are seen as legitimate in the eyes of others, our soft power is enhanced."

Joseph S. Nye



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