Models of Future Cultural Relations
Realities, Challenges, Visions

Through processes that we generally characterise as the dynamics of globalisation and glocalisation, societies are simultaneously confronted with very different developments. International mobility and connectivity on the one hand appear to have greatly increased, yet at the same time associated disintegration processes inside and between societies can be observed. The current success of neo-nationalism and increasing uncertainty in societies generally are possible consequences and represent major challenges to international relations.

Cultural relations thus take place under conditions of cultural heterogeneity and simultaneous circumstances of mono-cultural orientation. The constant interactions between the global and the local influence cultural development, identities and their representations. Changed realities, political and social upheavals, global power shifts therefore require perspective visions and an adaptation of international cultural relations.

The development of a new policy of cultural relations as it is advanced by the Foreign Office is therefore necessary for both Germany and Europe in order to be able to help shape the norm-and value-based global order of the 21st century. The WIKA workshop seeks to contribute by directly relating the vision of a post-nation-state cultural policy to current uprising neo-nationalisms in Europe and secondly by discussing concrete models of future cultural relations taking these challenges into account.

Programme
(Each talk 25 min + 5 min questions)

9:00–11:00 h
Panel 1: Visions and Challenges for New Cultural Relations

Welcoming Words (video message)
Michelle Müntefering, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

Opening Dialogue
Ronald Grätz, Secretary General of ifa (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen)
Prof. Dr. Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha, Chairwoman of the Academic Council on Culture and Foreign Policy

A Tale of Two Europes. Non-Simultaneity in European Development
Dr. Zaal Andronikashvili, Literary Scholar and Publicist, Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin

30 minutes discussion
facilitated by Swenja Zaremba
11:00–13:00 h
Panel 2: Realities of a Neo-Nationalist Development

Has Economy Anything to Do with Neo-Nativist Identities?
Prof. Dr. Antonia María Ruiz Jiménez, Political Sociologist at Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Seville

The Role of the Nation for Sovereignism and Retro-Modernisation in Central and Eastern Europe
Dr. sc. pol. Kai-Olaf Lang, Expert for the CEE Region, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

The Sources of New Authoritarian Populism: Resentment, Reactionary Opinion Formation and Neo-Nationalist Mobilization
Dr. Zafer Yilmaz, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Potsdam University

30 minutes discussion
facilitated by Dr. Annika Hampel

13:00–14:00 h
lunch

14:00–15:30 h
Panel 3: Models of Future Cultural Relations

The Importance of Multilingual Brains for Cultural Relations
Prof. Dr. Antonella Sorace, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh

Intercultural Cities: New Realities, New Dimensions, New Actors
Dr. Stefanos Vallianatos, Head of International Relations Department of the Greek Culture Foundation

Cultural Relations as Conflict Prevention: Some Lessons for a Future "Post Nation State Cultural Policy"
Dr. Jens Adam, Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

30 minutes discussion
facilitated by Michèle Brand

15:30–16:30 h
Experts’ Fishbowl
All speakers
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