



**‘Soft Power in Uncertain Times ...
Building Bridges for Culture, Diplomacy, Peace, Trust
& Compassionate Leadership in an ongoing Changing World’**

May 29th-31st 2024

The challenges our world presents today can seem unprecedented. Profound differences over the complex issues confronting us manifest themselves in loud and often discouraging public debates - over everything, from how we should best foster human prosperity to how we can address each other on an equal footing, protect our fundamental freedoms and care for the most vulnerable and marginalized among us.

Soft power begins at home, as reputation and trust are both intimately linked to the nature of domestic achievements. On many levels, diversity is about how people relate to each other, and individuals have to connect with other individuals to work together to drive organizational change.

Building an inclusive human community in which each of us can thrive, we will be well positioned throughout our lives to generate new knowledge and solve new problems, to engage in creative expression, to lead in compassion, to serve others purposefully and to help those around us to do the same.

Call for programs

Program Session: 60' - minute presentations should relate to the subtopics of the day and actively involve participants for a portion of the session.

Title (10 - word maximum):

Presenter(s) with name, title, affiliation

Abstract (50/60 - word maximum): The abstract serves as a brief overview of what participants can expect in your session.

Program description (500 - word maximum, not including references): This section should describe in detail what the program will convey to participants. Please indicate which **Soft Power principle(s)** ground your proposal and **what overarching subtitle you address**.

Please use the following outline:

- **Theoretical framework** - briefly provide the theoretical grounding for your presentation
- **Program outcomes/goals** - provide the goals of the session and/or learning outcomes for the participants
- **Program outline** - This should include what you intend to cover in the program and which methods of delivery you will employ. Be sure to leave time for discussion in the session.

References: Include a brief reference section, which highlights the sources you used to ground your presentation and any sources you will use in your presentation to share with participants.

Roundtable Discussion: *These 60' - minute discussions are opportunities for participants to discuss implementation of the themes and questions framing the conference. They are led by a facilitator but are not formal presentations.*

Title (10 - word maximum):

Facilitator(s) with name, title, affiliation

Abstract (50/60 - word maximum): *The abstract serves as a brief overview of what participants can expect from your discussion.*

Discussion description (250 - word maximum, not including references):

- Framework - *which principle(s), question(s), and/or implementation method(s) will frame the discussion?*
- Putting soft power into practice - *Provide an example of how cultural diplomacy has shaped or could shape your practice in secondary / postsecondary education.*
- Discussion questions - *Provide an example of 3-4 questions that will be used to facilitate discussion.*

References: *Include a brief reference section, which highlights the sources you used to ground your discussion and any sources you will share with participants.*

Please send your proposals to:

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Due date: Tuesday, October 31st 2023