



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

The **Transatlantic Dialogue conference series** on global citizens, held in Luxembourg since 2008, explore the significance of culture / liberal education for fostering global citizenship from both US and European perspectives.

The focus of the TAD project is to examine the critical role of culture / liberal education for developing educators & students

- who think broadly
- who recognize and respect cultural diversity and heritage
- and whose engagement in the arts serves as a conduit to personal authenticity, innovation, and inclusion.

The dialogue on the significance of culture for fostering global citizenship comes in the context of wavering support for the value of a mindful education, and to dig deeply into key questions that help assess the value of embedding culture into higher respectively basic education curricula.

While institutions and organizations have the power and resources to establish policies and influence behavior, it is the individuals who are the power behind the organizations.

Organizations can only act through individuals. Individuals decide the policies, individuals innovate and experiment, come up with new ideas, and connect with other individuals.

All social change comes from the passion of individuals.

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.

By 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.

**When:** May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 2024

**Where:** Esch-sur-Alzette

**Collaboration:** European Cultural Parliament; Miami University, Ohio; MUDEC - Miami University Dolibois European Center; Clark University, Boston Massachusetts; Belmont University, Nashville Tennessee; **University of Minnesota, Minneapolis**; Ministry of Culture Luxembourg; German American Institute Saarbrücken; *US Embassy Luxembourg t.b.c.*; **Schengen Peace Foundation / Luxembourg Peace Prize**; *City of Esch-sur-Alzette*; University of Luxembourg; **Belong - Intangible World Heritage Organization ASBL**; **Chiche Authentic food from the Middle-East driven by social inclusion & diversity**



**Preliminary schedule**

**September 2023**

<b>Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pre-conference day</b>
6:30-10:00pm	<b>Cocktail &amp; Dinner</b> Miami University Dolibois European Center MUDEC, Differdange Welcoming Address by ... Welcoming Address by ...
<b>Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Conference Day</b>
8:00-9:00am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 am	<b>Official Opening</b>  Welcoming Address by ... Welcoming Address by ... Interactive Music Interlude by ...
9:15-10:30am	<b>Plenary Keynote &amp; round table session</b> Moderated by ...
	<b><i>Understanding culture and difference in a fast-changing global landscape</i></b>
10:45am-11:45pm	<b>Parallel Sessions I</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
12:00 -1:00pm	<b>Parallel Sessions II</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
1:00-2:00pm	<b>Lunch break</b>

	<b><i>Developing diplomacy for peacemaking</i></b>
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Parallel Sessions/Creative Ateliers III</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
3:15-4:15pm	<b>Parallel Sessions / *Roundtable Discussions IV</b> *Individuals or a group of authors have an assigned table during a session to review and discuss the ideas, frameworks and perspectives underlying their work with interested delegates who gather at the table.
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4:30-5:30pm	<b>TAD' Talk'show' I</b> by UL MediaLab moderated by ...
5:30-6:30pm	<b>Visit ...</b> or <b>Visit ...</b>
6:30-8:00pm	Dinner on your own
8:00pm	<b>TAD - Concert</b> <b>Welcome address</b> by ...
<b>Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Conference Day</b>
8:00-8:45am	<b>Tibetan Meditation</b> by <i>Lama Jigmé Namgyal, Tibet</i> Radiating Peace in Relationships Since everything is interdependent, our lives are an expanding web of relationships: the relationship with our mind or consciousness, the relationship with our families, loved ones, friends and colleagues and our relationship with the wider world. If we learn to uncover the mind's natural qualities such as love and compassion, then our interaction with others will be harmonious, gentle and authentic.
	<b>Chair Yoga</b> <i>Martine Reicherts</i> Experience yoga with just a chair and your normal outfit! Or how to practice in your daily life ....
9:00-10:30am	<b>Plenary Keynote</b> Moderated by ...
	<b><i>Creating diverse communities of compassion and trust</i></b>
10:45am-11:45pm	<b>Parallel Sessions V</b>
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<b>3</b>	
12:00-1:00pm	<b>Parallel Sessions VI</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
1:00-2:00pm	<b>Lunch break</b>

	<b><i>Advancing mindful approaches to leadership and power</i></b>
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Parallel Sessions / Creative Ateliers VI</b>
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
3:15-4:15pm	<b>Parallel Sessions / *Roundtable Discussions or Debating Circle VII</b> *Individuals or a group of authors have an assigned table during a session to review and discuss the ideas, frameworks and perspectives underlying their work with interested delegates who gather at the table.
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4:30-5:30pm	<b>TAD' Talk'show' II</b> by UL MediaLab moderated by ...
7:30pm	<b>Final reception and dinner</b>