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Night Owl Session

ORDINARY RADICAL(S): IN SEARCH OF A MEANINGFUL RESPONSE

The Night Owl Session will be held in cooperation with Global Diplomacy Lab (GDL), an international cross-sectoral platform for exploring a more inclusive diplomacy, which goes beyond traditional politics. GDL is an initiative of Germany's Federal Foreign Office and several private foundations.

Set in an innovative and collaborative format, the discussions will focus on preventive action, with a special emphasis on the reasons for the increasing radicalisation of young people and on opportunities for education, employment and inclusion.

How can we get to the roots of conflicts and the lack of understanding leading to intolerance and extreme acts, such as terrorist attacks? The attacks in Paris resulted in a unified and very clear condemnation, as well as in a unanimous media response, with numerous analyses and reflective editorials in the world press. But the attacks have been occurring everywhere. How do we respond, and what action is taken when attacks target places outside the Western hemisphere? The global terrorist threat dictates a clear, unified and determined response to attacks, regardless of where they happen. In addition to security measures, the fight against terrorism must include actions aimed at more successful integration, better education, future perspectives, and the eradication of poverty, as well as in-depth analysis of nationalist and religious conflicts in various parts of the world.

Global Diplomacy Lab

The nature of diplomacy is evolving. It is no longer the strict purview of national governments and international organisations. Creative professionals from various fields are thus needed to explore new tools of communication on the basis of mutual trust and to reformulate an agenda for collective action.



Global Diplomacy Lab

What should diplomacy look like in the future?

Which competences do we need in order to define our scope of action more precisely?

These are questions that the Federal Foreign Office, under the patronage of Federal Foreign Minister Dr Frank-Walter Steinmeier, and in partnership with the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt, the Robert Bosch Foundation, the Mercator Foundation and the Global Leadership Academy of the GIZ, are eager to investigate at the Global Diplomacy Lab with outstanding members of their networks from all continents.

Together with the Global Diplomacy Lab's Dean, Ruprecht Polenz, Chairman of the German Bundestag's Committee on Foreign Affairs from 2005 to 2013, the members gather at the bi-annual Labs around the world. In addition, they cooperate and interact with institutions and events which are interested in including innovative and interactive perspectives and approaches into their work, such as the Bled Strategic Forum.

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