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Dear Alumnae,
Dear Alumni,

*2020 is approaching fast!
For the pessimists it is full of dreadful anxiety and fear.
For the optimists it is full of omnipresent "fat"
opportunities.
For the fatalists it will be yet more of the same.
And for the realists it will be a continuing of daily ups
and downs with only the yearly change of a number.*

Being a realistic optimist, I am looking forward to a dynamic new year featuring a new Austrian government, a new relationship with Great Britain and a new EU leadership.

BUT—much to the dismay and anger of the young—the conference in Madrid was a thundering failure. Too many states did not want to leave their comfort zones. The fear to be left behind in the economic rat race stifles all shouts to change course and set sails into sustainable waters!

My hopes for saner environmental politics also lie on the DA students of the ETIA Programme. Our visionary programme that combines ecological thinking with economic understanding. These eco-diplomats are trained to play a key role in the coming solutions and their implementations.

Our DA is doing well and Ambassador Brix is busily planning a modern annex to the historical Theresianum building. New space for more students, more learning, providing the ideas for tomorrow.

ClubDA has just met the new cohort of students over Christmas carols, chilled beer and warm 'Leberkäse'. It is always heart-warming to speak to these alert and keen minds that have conquered the bar and the classrooms.

So, with the good feeling of this smart young generation to follow in our footsteps, the board of ClubDA and I wish you all a merry, merry Christmas & a happy New Year!



Oliver Kitz
ClubDA President

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ClubDA General Assembly 2019

Once again, the DA's Alumni Association is looking back at a very successful year

It has become a tradition that the first item on the agenda of the DA's annual alumni homecoming weekend, which is better known as its "International Alumni Meeting", is ClubDA's General Assembly. Besides discussing future strategies for the Club, its board was able and proud to set a positive and encouraging tone for the entire weekend as the Club has been going strong for many years now.

Some of the major achievements of ClubDA in 2018-19 were:

- ⇒ **ClubDA Scholarships:** Thanks to its members and their annual fee payments and additional donations, the Club was again—for the second time—able to award four scholarships of EUR 2,500 each, a total of EUR 10,000.
- ⇒ **Events:** With 41 alumni meetings, excursions, lectures and discussions, in 2018 the DA and ClubDA organised as many events as never before in a single calendar year.
- ⇒ **Local chapters:** A few days before the General Assembly, a group of alumni met at Restaurant Oker in The Hague to establish the Club's 21st local chapter at the seat of both the Netherland's government and many international organisations.
- ⇒ **DA Wien Connect:** During its first year, more than 440 alumni and students have already created user accounts on the new networking platform, a joint project developed by the DA, ClubDA and the Association for the Advancement of Teaching at the DA.
- ⇒ **Membership:** As of 27 June 2019, 1,512 alumni and former participants of the DA's Executive Programmes were members of ClubDA. 

Photos: DA/Daniel Novotny



The protocol of the 2019 ClubDA General Assembly is available at <https://club.da-vienna.ac.at>.

Inauguration of the Academic Year

Wolfgang Sobotka, president of the National Council of Austria, delivered the keynote address to kick off the 2019–20 academic year at the Academy.

Ambassador Emil Brix was proud to welcome students from 49 countries as well as many alumni.

The academic year 2019–20 was officially opened on 1 October at the DA's Festsaal with the traditional Inauguration of the Academic Year.

The keynote speech was delivered by the President of the National Council of Austria, Mr Wolfgang Sobotka, who characterised diplomacy as "the art of dialogue" and emphasised the importance of dialogue on all levels of politics—the national, the international and, generally, as a basis of democracy.

Oliver Kitz, president of ClubDA, looked back at 50 years of the DA's alumni association and invited our current students to join the global DA network (→ see page 5).

Paraphrasing Shakespeare, Ambassador Emil Brix finally opened both the academic year and the buffet: "Let the games begin!" 

DA Students 2019-20

Total numbers: This year, **204** students are enrolled at the DA. The largest programmes are MAIS 23-2 and MAIS 24-1 with **67** and **63** participants respectively. **15** students are doing ETIA 13-1, **28** the 56th Diploma Programme. Furthermore, we host **7** PhD candidates and **8** exchange students. Another **15** students attend their ETIA12-2 classes at TU Wien but are of course still an important part of the DA family.

Academic background: With **39%**, graduates from previous studies in political science/international relations make up the majority at the DA. They are followed by economists and legal scholars (**15%** each).

Gender: **58%** of our students are female, **42%** male.

Nationalities: Our students hold citizenships of **49** countries from all continents. The five largest groups come from Austria (**85**), the United States (**26**), Italy (**12**), Germany (**11**) and Russia (**7**).



Photos: DA/Peter Lechner



Celebrating 50 Years of ClubDA

For the first time, the current President of ClubDA, Oliver Kitz, took the stage during the DA's annual Inauguration of the Academic Year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of its alumni association. Here is his speech in its entirety.

President Sobotka, Ambassadors, Ambassador Brix, Deputy Director Keppler-Schlesinger, distinguished faculty and staff of the Diplomatic Academy, dear alumni and students.

What a year to start your studies:

- ⇒ 2019 will go on record not only for the fact that you started to study at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, but because of the imminent Brexit—the Britains willing to leave the EU and eager to go it alone;
- ⇒ the elections that have just taken place in Austria and the government that will follow therefrom;
- ⇒ the ecologic torch that is catching more and more fire and is justly heating the question of how to master the future.
- ⇒ Old-fashioned nationalism is flaming up all over the planet because high-tech globalism has left so many behind. Millions who have lost their jobs, their lands, their future, despair and follow prophets who promise to make their lives great again.

Now this sounds very gloomy and desperate and it sounds very much like Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States, who said at a similar occasion to students, "Don't go out there, the world is a mess."

The good thing is, though, that you are young and ambitious, eager to learn and willing to take on the challenges. You are the future and in 15 to 20 years you will be among the ones to take decisions that will influence our forthcoming.

But before you take on the world's burden, the Diplomatic Academy will provide you with an intellectual home. It will challenge you with tasks, it will polish and foster your talents, it will be an international cocoon you will live and thrive in. Lifelong friendships will develop and it is not unlikely that the spark of love will kindle one or the other love affair—some culminating in marriage. For many of you, it will be retrospectively the best time of your life!

How do I know? Well, as student of the 19th Jahrgang I enjoyed every moment of my two years at the Academy and looking into the eyes of my alumni friends—I know they feel the same: We were privileged and received many benefits for our careers.

And now we are willing to give back!

This year 50 years ago, the Alumni Association of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna was founded—named ClubDA. Today, ClubDA counts 1,500 members coming from 126 different countries.

We alumnae and alumni are very proud of our alma mater.

A former ClubDA president said once, "I only know three kinds of people: those who study at the Diplomatic Academy, those who want to study at the Academy and those who have no ambition at all."

We are a proud and dedicated bunch and our motto is "ClubDA – Your home and anchor after graduation." With our modest funds we provide scholarships for students in need; we initiated the ClubDA career speed dating—providing job talks with over 20 Austrian and international companies; we started 22 ClubDA local chapters all over the world, organising local activities within their local DA communities. And there are over 40 events taking place every year—events to meet, to exchange views, to socialise or just relax among friends.

By the way, President Sobotka, our next event takes us to Lower Austria, to Poysdorf, where we will join a wine harvesting day at the Weingut Hirtl, a top white wine producer and winner of many awards. And just like in all good families, students, younger alumni and more seasoned ones mingle and have a good time.

So, young friends, join us soon, be part of ClubDA—a membership for a lifetime.

Thank you very much—and ClubDA wishes you successful studies and a great career. 

ClubDA Local Chapters

From Canada to China, from Bulgaria to the UK—22 local chapters serve DA alumni around the globe. To start a new feature on our website and in these pages, we are happy to introduce the two new heads of our oldest as well as one of our two youngest local chapters side-by-side.

ClubDA Local Chapters

“Your home and anchor after graduation”—to honour the Club’s motto all over the world, especially dedicated alumni have set up 22 ClubDA local chapters so far. Most of them are going strong, organising events on a regular basis. At the same time, we are currently looking for new heads for some other chapters.

In any case, the chapter strategy that the former ClubDA President Gerhard Reiweger has initiated ten years ago has proven to be a most successful endeavour indeed. With this new ClubDA News feature and an upgrade to the local chapter pages on the Club’s website in early 2020, we thank all current and former local chapter presidents for their commitment to our common goal: strengthening the ever-growing DA family no matter where we go.



ClubDA Salzburg/Munich Chapter

Inauguration: April 2009 in Munich

Presidents: Wolfgang Dreusch (DLG 20, Munich) and Hannes Pirker (MAIS 20, Salzburg)

Wolfgang and Hannes, what is your favourite memory of the DA?
Our fellow students

What is your favourite memory of Vienna?
Wiener Schnitzel and the opera

What is your favourite thing about Salzburg and Munich?
Mountains and lakes

What does a meeting of your chapter look, sound and feel like?
It is like the sound of music

What should your chapter be(come) famous for?
Great memories

How often do you meet?
Two times per year, alternating in Salzburg and Munich

Considering your path since your DA graduation, in what way have you benefited the most from your time at the Academy?
The network

What is your most heartfelt advice for DA graduates?
Be open-minded! 

Photo: Hannes Pirker



ClubDA The Hague Chapter

Inauguration: June 2019 in The Hague

President: Deva Zwitter (MAIS 17)

Deva, what is your favourite memory of Vienna?

Sacher cake and Viennese coffee, of course.

What is your favourite thing about The Hague?

Living in The Hague, the city of peace and justice, is a true privilege. The Hague is the greenest city in Europe and you can go everywhere by bike. Dutch innovation is impressive. Not to forget the Dutch olliebollen (similar to 'Krapfen')—they are delicious.

What were the most important milestones of your chapter?

13 June 2019:

Introduction of the chapter in the Austrian Residence

26 June 2019: Get-

together with brainstorming on future priorities (photo)

25 October 2019:

Presentation of the chapter in the Austrian Residence

What does a meeting of your chapter look, sound and feel like?

Our meetings take place in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. We discuss over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. Our get-togethers are great opportunities to meet and spend quality time with like-minded international professionals from different cultural backgrounds.

What should your chapter be(come) famous for?

Its great members! Our members from more than 25 different countries are open-minded professionals from a broad range of academic disciplines who love to exchange views. Our chapter aims at connecting all these fascinating professionals and serving as a platform to discuss visions and exchange ideas as well as to keep its members informed about academic programmes and events, career opportunities and much more.



How often do you meet and how many friendly DA faces usually gather for the happy occasion?

We meet about once every two months in The Hague for get-togethers ('Stammtisch'). In addition, we participate in conferences, lectures and career fairs as well as organise guided visits to international organisations. An internal LinkedIn group allows for a regular exchange on areas of interest. Information on our activities is disseminated through a newsletter (you can subscribe via clubda.thehague@da-vienna.at).

Do you focus on specific topics in your discussions and activities?

Any topics that members wish to discuss. We focus on international law, international relations, politics and economics. Some members are interested in mentoring relationships and in learning new soft

skills. Moreover, the meetings provide an excellent opportunity to discuss about career opportunities in international organisations, NGOs and the private sector.

Considering your path since your DA graduation, in what way have you benefited the most from your time at the Academy?

Studying at the DA was an unforgettable experience! Meeting fellow students from all over the world (many of which became close friends) allowed me to develop excellent cross-cultural and interdisciplinary skills. Moreover, studying at the DA sharpened my analytical skills and allowed me to obtain a more holistic understanding of international issues.

What is your most heartfelt advice for DA graduates?

Know your value(s)! Work on becoming the best version of yourself. Face challenges and seize opportunities as they arise. Wherever you are, always make a positive difference! 

Notes from the Field

The DA offers five exchange programmes with universities in the U.S., Russia, Korea, China and Israel. For ClubDA News we asked our students to keep us updated about their exchange experiences.

Nicola Audibert (MAIS 23)

Where are you?

At the main campus of the **Moscow State Institute of International Relations**, in south-western Moscow.

How long will you be there for?

Until the end of December.

What will you be doing?

Studying Russian, expanding my grounding in security, geopolitics and Eastern European affairs, and visiting as much of the Russian Federation as I can.

What are you most excited about?

The first—impending—snowfall, to enjoy the much-romanticised Russian experience in earnest! 🇷🇺



Georg Grossberger and Stefan Wolf (MAIS 23)

Where are you?

We are in the capital of the People's Republic of China, Beijing.

How long will you be there for?

We will be here for more or less four months, from the end of August until the end of December.

What will you be doing?

We will spend the first trimester of our second MAIS year studying at the **China Foreign Affairs University**.

What are you most excited about?

Georg: I will explore China and the Chinese culture more in depth for the first time. In order to do so, I have spent the first MAIS year learning Chinese in addition to attending courses at the DA.

Stefan: I will dive back into the life in China, after having already studied abroad for one year during my bachelor studies. 🇨🇳

Kathrina Fallast and Emily Busvine (MAIS 23)

Where are you?

We are at **Korea University** in Seoul, South Korea.

How long will you be there for?

From August to December 2019.

What will you be doing?

Exploring Korea, enjoying the food, surfing, meeting new people, occasionally studying.

What are you most excited about?

Mastering Korean, experiencing a totally new culture, Korean barbecue, Jeju island, grapefruit soju. 🇰🇷



Mourad Chouaki and Stefan Fink (MAIS 23)

Where are you?

We are spending the first quarter of the academic year 2019-20 at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, **Stanford University** in California. Stanford is part of the Silicon Valley, located south of San Francisco.

How long will you be there for?

We will be returning to the DA for the second term, starting in January.



What will you be doing?

Mourad: Taking very interesting classes centered around my academic (democratic transitions, development) and personal (tech, communication) interests. Getting to interact on a personal basis with world class leaders, thinkers and scholars. Finally, expanding my network and getting in touch with democracy activists and professionals.

Stefan: During my stay in California, I am able to profit from Stanford's excellent academic standard. Through a Directed Reading with Professor Sagan I am able to conduct in-depth research on nuclear proliferation in East Asia. I am further taking classes on racial and ethnic politics as well as on political communication. Both classes are currently particularly topical as 2020 will see a highly emotional U.S. presidential election.

What are you most excited about?

Mourad: Waking up to a bright, sunny morning, every morning for the past 2 months. The Mediterranean in me cannot be more pleased. Also looking forwards to go celebrate Christmas while diving on the coasts of Mexico.

Stefan: Besides the great opportunities that Stanford offers, I am excited to use my location in the United States to travel. I will speak to researchers and will visit international organisations and NGOs in both New York City and Washington DC. Furthermore, I will get a chance to appreciate the natural wonders that Yosemite National Park, Lake Tahoe, and the Red Rocks have to offer. 



Mihaela Macukić and Marisa Wicki (MAIS 23)

Where are you?

We are at the Rothberg International School, the international forum of the **Hebrew University** in Jerusalem, Israel.

How long will you be there for?

We will stay for three months and head back to beautiful Vienna by mid-January.

What will you be doing?

We are studying the history, culture and religions of this beautiful country. We are trying to learn as much as possible about the social and political challenges Israel faces and their manifestation in the daily life here in Jerusalem but also other parts of the country. Basically, our aim is to experience Israel and the Middle East in all its facets through full-scale cultural immersion. This includes learning and trying to speak Hebrew, meeting people, travelling to different parts of the country and of course tasting the delicious Middle Eastern food.

What are you most excited about?

The most exciting thing is certainly the unique cultural and religious atmosphere the city offers. All the Falafel, Hummus, and Shakshuka isn't bad either. We're happy to be given this amazing opportunity and enjoy our exchange experience here in Jerusalem to the fullest. 

Women, Peace, & Security: A Bumpy Road to 2020

By Lena Krikorian

Human security—both male and female—is at risk in all pockets of the globe, and the future of promised gender equality is becoming increasingly uncertain. From the recent abortion bans in 12 states in the U.S., to the rise in sexual violence and assault in conflict zones, and unequal pay and gender gaps in political participation and employment in the West and its counterparts beg the question as to whether or not the existing multilateral frameworks in place are working.

This past year alone has generated widespread movements in countries combating corruption such as Algeria, Armenia, Venezuela and even in Austria, to name a few. Why is it then that tools based on gender discrimination such as sexual violence are being used to put down protests in Sudan, or how women are not being heard in Argentina and the U.S. over anti-abortion issues?

The world has an answer. It has been 20 years since the agreement of a landmark international decision for the empowerment of women and girls in all pockets of the globe. Implemented in 2000, the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325), titled Women, Peace, & Security, calls for the increased participation of women in conflict prevention, peacekeeping, peace-building and conflict resolution.

As such, it seeks to promote gender equality in today's increasingly tumultuous world for a brighter future for all. Passed by all 15 Security Council Members at the time, it is based on four pillars: (1) participation, (2) protection, (3) prevention, and (4) relief and recovery on the local, national, regional and international levels. By 2020, however, some of the world's leading players are providing reasonable doubt for countries to reach these goals.

Behind the 1325 Agenda are key concepts such as empowerment, global security, international law and the inclusion of men. Since 2000, the U.N. Security Council passed seven additional resolutions—1820, 1888, 1889, 1960, 20196, 2122 and 2242—to guide the U.N. and its interlocutors in meeting the Agenda's goals.

Polemics

For several years, the DA's students have been successfully publishing "POLEMICS - The Magazine of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna" which features articles on a broad variety of topics written by the students. Since 2016, we share Polemics articles on a regular basis.

To enjoy the current issue of Polemics in its entirety, please go to

www.polemics-magazine.com.



The main goal of 1325 and its additional resolutions is that women should (as they already do) play a crucial role in ending violent conflict and wars and that their participation in society should be equal to men. The subsequent resolutions note that women and girls are treated differently, usually in the form of sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict settings and most recently, the differential impact of extremism and terrorism on human rights of women and girls. They all underscore that men and women must be equal and treated as such.

On a national level, governments are encouraged to pass National Action Plans (NAPS) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in efforts to uphold their commitment to UNSCR 1325 and moreover, to close gender gaps. At present, 82 countries have adopted NAPs on WPS.

The most recent country to adopt a NAP in accordance with UNSCR 1325 was Armenia on March 19th of this year, and there is reason to believe that other countries will follow suit.

According to the Australian Strategy Policy Institute, the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in its annual meeting in March 2019 paid close attention to social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and female empowerment.

Issue-areas that NAPs aim to address include gendering terrorism after the Christchurch attack, intersectionality lessons from Nepal and increasing female voices in conflict areas as seen in the Afghanistan peace process. Some countries adopt multiple NAPs, indicating their progress (or lack thereof) in meeting the criteria set forth by UNSCR 1325.

For example, Canada's second NAP launched in November 2017 draws upon the feminist approach to peace and stability, which resulted in the G7 WPS Partnerships Initiative in 2018 with the UK and Bangladesh, mobilizing \$3.8 billion towards educational opportunities for women and girls. It also launched the Elsie Initiative for Women in Peace Operations to raise the number of female peacekeepers globally and make their work environment safer, more inclusive, and ultimately more effective.

However, the road to 2020 indicates that UNSCR 1325 has not come to full fruition. The key implementers – the U.N. Security Council, U.N. Member States, the U.N. General Assembly, the U.N. Secretariat and civil society – acknowledge how difficult it is to implement UNSCR 1325, despite having UNSCR 1325 as the initial framework for guiding principles and goals on how to improve development, end sexual violence and bolster female participation in the workforce.

As stated by former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large Melanne Verbeke, "Too often, women's roles are marginalised because they are not seen in terms of their leadership. We must see women as leaders, not victims. We must also view their participation not as a favour to women, but as essential to peace and security."

Perhaps this holistic approach is the solution to bringing UNSCR 1325 to life. 🌍

Lena Krikorian, is enrolled in the DA's 23rd MAIS Programme.



Photo: DA/Peter Lechner

Recent Alumni Meetings

The Diplomatic Akademie Wien and ClubDA would like to thank all chapter presidents, the Diplomatic Academy Students Initiative (DASI) and all other alumni, students and partners who made the following events possible:

Alumni Meeting in Toronto

18 April 2019

12th ClubDA Outdoor Weekend (→ see page 14)

Pub Quiz hosted by ClubDA Vienna Chapter

9 May 2019

ClubDA's Vienna Chapter joined the Diplomatic Academy Students Initiative to organise their first International Relations Pub Quiz at the DA's bar, better known as The Tippy Weasel. We congratulate the winners and thank all involved for their initiative and participation to make this a very memorable event.

Photo: Olga Shen



Spaziergang um das Zürcher Seebecken

8 June 2019

Reception for DA alumni in Brussels

17 June 2019

EU-UN: 40 Years Together in Vienna - Multilateralism at Work

24 June 2019

Get-together in The Hague (→ see page 7)

24 June 2019

21st International Alumni Meeting (→ see page 15)

Alumni meet students in Belgrade

13 May 2019

This meeting took place on the occasion of the annual study trip of second-year MAIS students to the Balkans.

Photo: DA/Andreas Ehrmann



11th Vienna Summer Meeting

4 September 2019

Ten years ago, about 30 alumni met at Schweizerhaus to inaugurate ClubDA's Vienna Chapter. In 2019, alumni from the first all the way to the most recent Diploma Programme and many more graduates from the 55 years in between enjoyed a memorable get-together at the Viennese Prater.

Running for Europe @ Vienna UNIRUN

23 May 2019

Zürcher Orgelspaziergang

25 May 2019

Luxembourg Chapter Inaugural Meeting

26 September 2019

Ernst Sucharipa Memorial Lecture:

Multilateralism in Crisis

27 May 2019

With great pleasure ClubDA co-organised this year's ESML, held by the former Austrian ambassador to France, the United Kingdom and the United States, Eva Nowotny.

Photo: DA/Jan Claudis Bujak



Alumni Meeting in Geneva

1 October 2019

Weinlese / Grape harvest at Poysdorf*6 October 2019*

After three years and many requests, ClubDA organised its 4th grape harvest, this time at Poysdorf, Lower Austria. The group enjoyed great weather, scenic views and a pleasant dinner after a rich harvest. ClubDA thanks Weingut Hirtl for their warm hospitality.

Photo: DA/Christine Luby

**Alumni Meeting in The Hague***6 November 2019***Alumni-Meeting in Salzburg** (→ see page 6)*16 November 2019***Exklusive Orgelführung im Wiener Stephansdom***23 November 2019*

It has been a rare and special treat that 20 alumni and friends of the Diplomatische Akademie Wien experienced on 23 November 2019: Wendelin Eberle, whose company Rieger Orgelbau is currently renovating Austria's largest pipe organ, gave our group exclusive insights into his work at Vienna's Stephansdom.

Back to School ... with Professor Neudeck*10 October 2019*

In the second instalment of ClubDA Vienna Chapter's "Back to School ..." events, both alumni and current students enjoyed a lecture by the DA's chair of international economics, Professor Werner Neudeck, on "The economics of BREXIT". After a lively discussion, the students' Wine Society organised a Whiskey tasting.

Photo: DA/Andreas Ehrmann

**9th Alumni-Stammtisch in Brussels***2 December 2019***Emil Brix/Erhard Busek: "Central Europe Revisited"***4 December 2019***8th Alumni-Stammtisch in Brussels***15 October 2019*

Photo: DA/Martina Sebastian

11th St. Nicholas Party & Meet and Greet*6 December 2019*

ClubDA organised this traditional event to strengthen the ties between alumni and current students, to get to know each other and simply have a good time. This year more than 60 alumni and students came to The Tippy Weasel to celebrate.

Alumni Meeting in London*18 October 2019***Project presentation "Rotary Club Vienna Maria Theresia"***22 October 2019*

Photo: DA/Martina Sebastian

**Project follow-up "Rotary Club Vienna Maria Theresia"***12 December 2019***Panel discussion on Intercultural Dialogue***29 October 2019***Wernisaż wystawy Ludwig Wittgenstein: Odyseja Traktatu, nowyBUW***4 November 2019*

Please visit <https://club.da-vienna.ac.at> to see additional photos of recent meetings and find out more about upcoming events.

12th ClubDA Outdoor Weekend

Since 2010, ClubDA has been organising annual hiking or biking trips to scenic regions from Passau to Lake Neusiedl. This year, we hiked through the easternmost part of the Alps from Hochneukirchen, Lower Austria via Burgenland to Kőszeg, Hungary.

Photos: DA/Andreas Ehrmann



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21st International Alumni Meeting

For the 21st time, the Diplomatische Akademie Wien – Vienna School of International Studies and ClubDA had the pleasure of welcoming more than 280 alumni and friends back at the Academy on the occasion of the annual alumni homecoming weekend.

On Friday, 28 June 2019, ClubDA's General Assembly (→ see page 3) was followed by the traditional DA Sommerfest.



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Photos: DA/Daniel Novotny

On Saturday, 29 June, a group of more than 20 alumni visited the Theresianische Militärakademie (Military Academy) as well as the Lower Austrian State Exhibition at Wiener Neustadt. 



Photos: DA/Andreas Ehrmann

On the calendar ...



23 December 2019	Alumni Meeting in Nur-Sultan
23 January 2020	Guided Tour of the House of Austrian History (hdgö)
8 February 2020	Charity Ball at the Diplomatische Akademie Wien
16 February 2020	18 th DA Ski and Snowboard Championships
28 February 2020	DASICON 2020 on "Climate Co-Action"
16 May 2020	Alumni Meeting in Munich (programme tba)
11-14 June 2020	13 th ClubDA Outdoor Weekend: Mariazell More information will be announced soon.
26-27 Jun 2020	22 nd International Alumni Meeting 26 June: ClubDA General Assembly, DA Sommerfest 27 June: Alumni excursion

For up-to-date information and additional events please check out our online event calendar at <https://club.da-vienna.ac.at/Events> or log in to our networking platform at <http://connect.da-vienna.ac.at>.

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