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The Resilience Issue

Stories about keeping up traditions and the "normal" DA life in the face of the pandemic: Graduation ceremonies, society initiatives and more...



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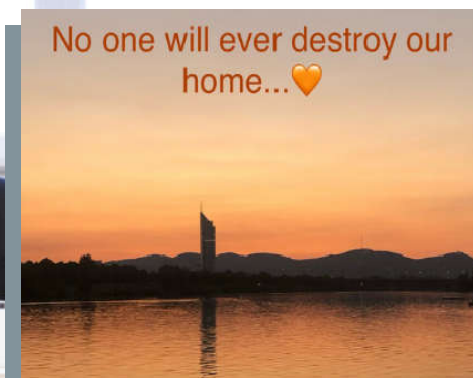


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Dear Alumnae, dear Alumni,

I am proud to greet you as the newly elected president of ClubDA. In this role, I have taken over the great opportunity and duty to lead the activities of ClubDA and strengthen the bonds between former and current students of our dearest Diplomatic Academy here in Vienna. ClubDA News is one of our many ways to reach out to you and inform you about the current events at the Academy as well as the respective endeavors of ClubDA.

In this respect, I would like to draw your attention to our ongoing questionnaire and kindly ask you to take a few minutes to fill it in. The fact of the matter is that the times and challenges we are facing as an alumni NGO have changed. We want to make sure that we are still on track in our work when it comes to meeting your expectations for the future. To this end, please scan the QR code below or enter the URL https://www.umfrageonline.com/s/ClubDA_2020 in your browser.

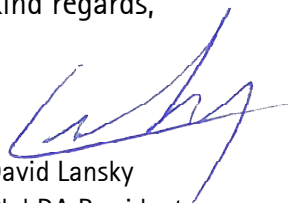
The second topic I would like to address is that as you may well know, the current pandemic has not only led to a multitude of macroeconomic challenges around the globe, it has also had very concrete effects on the lives of the students at the DA. Aside from all classes now being held virtually, one also has to consider the dire consequences COVID-19 has had on the financial ability of some of the current DA students to finance the costs of their studies as well as their lives in Vienna.

As ClubDA, we have always seen it as our mission to alleviate those students in need with our ClubDA Scholarships. Our board has just recently approved funds in the amount of 10,000 euros for five scholarships. We are very proud that this was possible. The only reason for our ability to grant these scholarships are your ClubDA membership fees as well as your donations beyond this membership contribution – which some of you have thankfully provided.

It is specially in this holiday season that I would like to humbly draw your attention to our mission at ClubDA and invite you – as far as you may be able to – to pay said fee or even donate a few euros to enable us to support current students who can surely greatly benefit from this. Please do not hesitate to contact Andreas Ehrmann concerning your fees or directly wire your holiday contribution to ClubDA. We would greatly appreciate it.

Lastly, I would like to send you the warmest wishes for 2021! May you have a wonderful holiday season and please do not hesitate to contact me concerning any questions or requests you may have for ClubDA.

Kind regards,


David Lansky
ClubDA President



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ClubDA General Assembly 2020

Oliver Kitz and his team said farewell, new board elected, new statutes adopted

ClubDA's General Assembly 2020 was a most memorable one – for several reasons. First and foremost, the meeting was a celebration of ten successful years with Oliver Kitz at the helm of ClubDA.

Already last year, the DLG 19 alumnus had decided to invite the next generation of DA alumni to take over in 2020.

Let us name just a few of Oliver's and his team's achievements:

- ClubDA membership grew from 961 DA alumni and friends at the end of 2010 to more than 1,600 now.
- With the new ClubDA Scholarships, the Club gave precious financial support to 32 students since 2011.
- The number of local chapters doubled from 11 to 22 with two more already planned in Athens and Ankara.
- At the same time, the number of events organised by ClubDA increased from 20 in 2010 to 41 and 39 in 2018 and 2019 respectively.
- Several new event formats have been established over the years, including the annual St Nicholas Party & Meet and Greet, Vienna Summer Meetings, Frauen im Gespräch as well as ClubDA's Outdoor Weekends.
- 21 issues of ClubDA News informed alumni, students and friends about recent developments at the DA and within its vibrant alumni community. All previous ClubDA News issues since # 1/2000 are available at <https://club.da-vienna.ac.at/DA-News>.
- Last but definitely not least, the DA's main career services event, the annual da.link career day, was initially developed and introduced by ClubDA in 2013.

The DA and ClubDA thank Oliver Kitz, Martin Tilley, Arno Dettlinger, Gisela Hartinger and all previously retired board members very much for their tireless efforts to strengthen the DA's alumni network.

Supported by a vast majority of members present, MAIS 19 alumnus David Lansky and his team set out to continue

successful initiatives and add new ones, especially in order for the Club to become more attractive to younger graduates, to link all generations of DA alumni more closely, to strengthen the work of the Club's local chapters and to further improve the financial situation of ClubDA.

To do this, David proposed a series of workshops to discuss next steps and the creation of working groups to cover topics including communication, events, chapter excellence and financial issues. The mentioned workshops will also be a platform to discuss questions and motions raised by recent graduates concerning both the DA and ClubDA.



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Finally, the new board's work will be based on a set of new rules set forth in the ClubDA Statutes adopted on 29 September 2020. Besides some minor changes, the new statutes make it possible to hold future general assemblies of ClubDA online. In addition, members may now choose between continuing to pay annual membership fees in the current amount of EUR 40 or making a one-off payment of currently EUR 1,000 for a lifetime membership of ClubDA.

We wish the new board, which is made up of alumni from DLGs 1 to 51, ETIA 1 to 10 as well as MAIS 19, all the best! 🍀



The protocol of ClubDA's 2020 General Assembly, its statutes and more information are available at <https://club.da-vienna.ac.at>.

Congratulations, Classes of 2020!

Graduation Ceremonies of the 12th MSc ETIA and the 56th Diploma Programme



In accordance with strict rules of physical distancing, the graduation ceremonies of the DA's and TU Wien's 12th MSc in Environmental Technology and International Affairs (ETIA) as well as the DA's 56th Diploma Programme took place this September and October.

"Better late than never", said the DA's director, Ambassador Emil Brix, and congratulated the graduates on having concluded their studies in time despite a most challenging situation posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the need of distance learning since the start of the first Austrian lockdown in March.

"Please make sure to carry on as enthusiastically as you started your studies here. Preserve your idealism and help to make this world a better place", Mr. Brix added.

The DA is proud of the the great academic and extra-curricular achievements of both the DLG and ETIA graduates and wishes them all the best for their future!

The students of the 23rd MAIS programme decided to move their ceremony to the spring of 2021. 🇺🇦



The livestreams of both ceremonies are still available on the DA's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DiplomaticAcademyVienna>.

Changing of the Guard

Markus Kornprobst and Martin Feldkircher take over from Werner Neudeck

Our faculty includes many recognised academics, professionals and decision-makers from business and finance, the public sector and international organisations. Kicking off our new "Professor of the Month" series on social media are Professors Markus Kornprobst and Martin Feldkircher, who respectively took over the responsibilities of Chairman of the Academic Board and Professor of International Economics from Werner Neudeck, who retired this summer after 23 years at the Academy.

Markus Kornprobst has been holding the Chair of Political Science and International Relations at the Diplomatische Akademie Wien since 2009. Previously holding positions at the Ohio State University, Oxford University and University College London, his research interests encompass Diplomacy, International Peace and Security, International Relations Theory, African Politics and European Politics. His research appears in leading journals such as the European Journal of International Relations, International Organization, International Theory, Journal of Modern African Studies and the Review of International Studies.

Mr. Kornprobst is the author of "Co-managing International Crises" (Cambridge University Press 2019) and "Irredentism in European Politics" (Cambridge University Press, 2008). In addition, he co-authored and co-edited several books on international relations and diplomacy, most recently "Diplomacy and Borderlands: African Agency at the

Martin Feldkircher graduated from the Program in Economics at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna and completed his PhD at the University of Innsbruck. He holds a *venia docendi* from the Department of Economics at the Vienna University of Business and Economics where he taught several courses on international economics. His research has appeared in international top journals and lies in the field of international macroeconomics, monetary policy and forecasting. He has developed econometric tools to quantify the effects of a policy change in one country to the rest of the world.



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Intersections of Orders" (Routledge, 2020).

Since 2019, Mr. Kornprobst is head of the Austrian Research Association's Working Group on Peaceful Change.

More information on its research interests and goals are available at <https://www.da-vienna.ac.at/Peaceful-Change>.

Against the backdrop of the global financial crisis and the need for accommodative monetary policy, he applied these techniques to estimate the international consequences of major central banks lowering their policy rates or launching asset purchase programmes. Other topics cover applications of Bayesian econometrics, comparative economics, economic growth and regional economics.

A recording of Mr. Feldkircher's inaugural lecture at the DA is available at <https://youtu.be/4ya6cFgk85c>. 

Professor of the Month

In October 2020, the DA's social media team launched the new "Professor of the Month" series. Every month, we are happy to introduce a member of the DA's faculty. First up were Professors Markus Kornprobst and Martin Feldkircher. Follow us on social media to not miss the next installments.

The Origin of Identity: The Case of Taiwan's Identity Shifts

A current article from Polemics, the DA students' magazine, by David Pehamberger

Identity politics, nationalism, and ethnic identity are salient topics at the moment. But what does it truly mean to be part of an ethnic or national identity, and what are the origins of such an identity? Some identities claim to be primordial and eternal, but are they? Who creates a people's identity, and in what way is it malleable?

The case of Taiwan may provide some answers. While an overwhelming majority of the people living in Taiwan currently consider themselves Taiwanese – distinct from the Chinese across the strait – a mere 30 years ago most perceived themselves as unambiguously Chinese. Furthermore, only 60 years ago, those living on the island did not even speak Mandarin Chinese, much less deem themselves Chinese. The different ways these identity shifts came about demonstrate how the self-perception of a people can be created and altered, even within a single generation.

Being Taiwanese-Japanese

For millennia Taiwan was occupied by its aborigines, who are ethnically and linguistically close to peoples of Southeast Asia. When the Dutch arrived on Taiwan in the sixteenth century, they noted the absence of Chinese there, despite the Chinese Empire across the strait.

However, following the arrival of the Dutch, Chinese migrants flocked to the island. By the nineteenth century, the great majority of the island's population was ethnically Chinese, mostly speaking a Fujian-based dialect, known today as Taiwanese Hokkien, or simply Taiwanese.

Only after it had become strategically important did the Chinese Empire start to assert its influence on the island. Taiwan had been a Chinese province for merely ten years when it was ceded to Japan in 1895, following China's defeat in the Sino-Japanese War. A short-lived attempt to establish the Republic of Taiwan was quickly quashed by

newly-industrialized Japan, eager to demonstrate its capabilities as a colonial power.

Japanese ideology was instilled into the populace and the Japanese language became an essential part of the education system, with many Taiwanese studying at Japanese universities. The island rapidly industrialized; by 1930, its railway network was a quarter the size of that of China, and living standards increased dramatically.

Meanwhile, in Mainland China, the Empire was overthrown and the Republic of China was claimed under unopposed Nationalist Kuomintang (KMT) rule.

Being Chinese

Following the Japanese defeat in 1945, Chinese Nationalist forces took control of Taiwan, which had been viewed with suspicion by the new Chinese rulers, aware that 200,000 Taiwanese soldiers had fought in the war on the Japanese emperor's side. The majority of people on the island spoke Taiwanese and Japanese and followed Japanese customs and culture.

The KMT government was keen to re-Sinicize the island, as it was losing ground in the civil war against Communist forces on the Mainland. When in early 1947 the Taiwanese independence movement gained traction, the KMT cracked down mercilessly. The massacre of February 28th, 1947 that ensued claimed the lives of 30,000 Taiwanese and marked the beginning of what became known as the White Terror.

In the following months, tens of thousands of civilians were murdered. Under martial law, even wearing Japanese wooden clogs was enough reason to be shot. In 1949, after the decisive defeat of Nationalist forces on the Mainland, the KMT elite, together with two million Mainland Chinese, retreated to Taiwan and added to its existing population of seven million.



Having lost the war against the Communists on the Mainland, who proclaimed the People's Republic of China, the KMT was determined to keep the Republic of China alive in Taiwan, to one day retake all of China. But they first had to subdue the Taiwanese people. Martial law was maintained, and a hard-authoritarian regime oversaw the transformation from a Taiwanese-Japanese identity to a patriotic Chinese one.

Speaking any language other than Mandarin Chinese was illegal, as was even using the word "Taiwan" in one's business name. The school curriculum was Chinese-centered and patriotic, with Taiwan depicted as having always been an integral part of China. Additionally, every person was ascribed with an ancestral homeland on the Mainland.

Those who grew up in this jingoistic regime felt unambiguously Chinese. It, therefore, came as a shock when in 1971 the People's Republic replaced the Republic as 'China' in the United Nations and across virtually all other international organizations. Suddenly, Taipei was no longer seen as the legitimate government of China by the global community.

Being Taiwanese

When offered to compete as "Taiwan" in the 1976 Olympic Games, Taipei refused to participate altogether. The idea of competing as anything other than 'China' was considered absurd. However, doubt in the resolutely Chinese identity started to foment in the increasingly well-educated populace.

The world had rejected Taiwan as the center of China, and the grand dream of recapturing the Mainland had become an impossibility. The people living on the island of Taiwan had to come to terms with there already being a "China", one with stronger claims to Chinese identity. Hence a separate, non-Chinese identity started to form, with demands for democracy and freedom of expression growing, until the government could no longer suppress them.

Martial law was finally lifted in 1987, and one year later, Lee Teng-Hui became Taiwan's first native-born president. In 1989, the first credible survey on identity showed that 52% of people still felt purely Chinese, while the majority of the remainder saw themselves as both Taiwanese and Chinese. However, under President Lee, the change in self-perception accelerated.

After authoritarian laws were amended and it became legal to openly discuss Taiwanese identity and even independence, the previously-underground independence movement


emerged and founded the pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), which now controls both the legislature and the presidency.

Nonetheless, no attempt at formal independence from China has been made. Beijing has made it clear on many occasions that formal independence means war. Even though Taipei has given up on the idea of reunification, Beijing has not.

A 2016 poll found that 73% of inhabitants see themselves as purely Taiwanese, with much of the rest holding dual identities. Self-declared Taiwanese have embraced their heritage, including Taiwan's distinct history and the Taiwanese language, both of which are now taught in school, and they pride themselves on their liberal democratic values that set them apart from the authoritarian neighbor.

Being Taiwanese can mean many things, but perhaps the most important aspect of 'Taiwaneseness' is that of not being Chinese. Beijing insists that Taiwan is a breakaway province that must reunite with the Mainland, but by now, nine out of ten Taiwanese disapprove of reunification entirely. Every war game or statement advocating reunification from Beijing strengthens Taiwanese nationalist fervor, and this time its origins began from the bottom-up, rather than being instilled by brute force or economic incentives.

Being a Work-in-Progress

There are different origins to all national identities, some centuries old, while others have only emerged in living memory, like that of the Taiwanese. But regardless of an identity's age or insistence of primordial existence, the claim that identity is forever should be questioned. Taiwan's case demonstrates that even national identities are malleable and might change drastically within the span of a mere generation, perhaps not so different from an individual's identity throughout their own life. 

David Pehamberger is enrolled in the 24th MAIS programme.

Polemics

For several years, the DA's students have been 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 read the current issue of Polemics in its entirety, please go to <https://www.polemics-magazine.com>.

Introducing the DA students'

"**DASICON** is the well-anticipated conference to which all DA members and the public are invited. Solely organised by DA students, each of us contributes uniquely through their personal background and experiences in teams that deal with logistics, marketing, sponsoring and speakers. We invite and network with leaders of their fields to engage in moderated panels which are attended by at least 300 participants. Our team benefits in both personal and professional skills, with emphasis on teamwork, communication, flexibility and adaptability – skills which are highly valued at a time when we adapt our conference to be brought into an era of teleconference and technological advancements.

DASICON 2021 will focus on the 'Sustainable Development Goal 5: Gender Equality' and will take place on Friday, February 26th. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!"

More information: <https://www.dasicon.org>



"**ETIAtalks** is not just for ETIA students. Rather, our society is geared towards anyone with an interest in issues of environmental protection, sustainability and finding solutions to create a green future for all generations. We strive to educate students on the work that is taking place here in our beautiful city of Vienna to find environmentally friendly solutions to everyday problems.

In the past, we have had the opportunity to visit Saubermacher, the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens and the Wien Energie district-cooling system.

This year, we hope to expand our focus to include grassroots and community-oriented companies and non-profits. Further, we hope to create opportunities for students to engage authentically and productively with environmental initiatives taking place throughout the city. We would like to welcome you not only to a new year at the DA but also to a new year with ETIAtalks!"

Nick Sinner, Sarah Bandera, Mélanie Michel
and Victoria Keogh

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"**Le Cercle** is the DA's bustling and far-reaching society for young Francophones, whether students or alumni.

Le Cercle was founded in 2018 by a group of students with the idea to promote French as the historical language of diplomacy as well as Francophonie in all of its cultural and linguistic diversity.

Le Cercle's overall aim is to offer a wide range of events, where every Francophone can take part! For example, 'Les Salons du Cercle' is a series of multidisciplinary meetings with selected experts of a certain field. 'Les Débats du Cercle' invite you to discuss and engage in debates with your fellow students. 'Les Conférences du Cercle' gather a number of experts for elaborating on topical themes pertaining to international relations and diplomacy-making. Last but not least, 'Les Soirées du Cercle' take place in a rather informal and comfortable setting and allow Francophones to get to know each other within a wider Viennese network.

In our opinion, the DA offers an ideal framework for a society like ours, which has always striven to offer top-notch events and engage with international experts and diplomatic practitioners in and around Vienna.

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, we have high ambitions and our passion for the French language and our Francophile spirit are still alive!

Le Cercle is definitely more than just drinking red wine and eating cheese. So, join us and become a member of Le Cercle for discovering the different intercultural shapes of Francophonie and for embracing diversity! À bientôt ☺"



"The **Hispanic Society** of the DA is a forum for persons interested in practicing their Spanish language skills and learning about Hispanic cultures around the world. In collaboration with Hispanic embassies and organisations based in Vienna, we will hold events illustrating the distinct cultures and histories of Hispanic countries in various regions.

Some of the activities will be conversation clubs, conferences regarding relevant issues for Hispanic countries, visits to embassies in Vienna and other recreational events. Being a Spanish speaker is not required to join our activities."

Introducing the DA students'

"**SAGE** aims to promote gender equality through an intersectional perspective on activism and policy changes at the DA, facilitating discussions of issues surrounding gender equality in our local and global communities and improving support mechanisms for students at the DA. Every year we organise many different events in collaboration with other DA societies such as movie nights, book clubs, workshops and lectures, social events, marches, excursions to important organisations and ministries, exhibition viewings and are co-responsible for the Consent Workshop and the Ombudsperson.

SAGE is a space for everyone regardless of gender identity, age, skin colour, sexual orientation, nationality, religion, ability and everything in between. Are you interested in making a change? Get in touch with us on our social media and visit our website if you want to know more!"



"**Queer@DA** embraces an even more diverse, inclusive and safe campus for all and builds a platform for LGBTIQ+ (political) topics. The society will organise excursions to various organisations and NGOs dealing with these topics such as the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) and HOSI.

In addition, Queer@DA will organise the DA students' participation in the Vienna Pride Parade."

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"For the **Sports Committee**, the highlight is the traditional ski trip. Usually taking place every January, we invite students to join us for a weekend of sports and fun. During the term, we are happy to see students playing volleyball, football or basketball with us at the nearby Theresianum. In addition, we also organise events like paintball or go-kart!"



"The **Wine Society** of the DA is a forum for persons interested in learning about wine during our tasting evenings in a relaxed atmosphere throughout the year. In each tasting, we cover wines from a different country with the help of wine connoisseurs.

Among other activities, there will also be walks through the vineyards, an excursion to Krems – the heart of Austrian wines –, annual whiskey and champagne tastings, informal meetings in wine bars around Vienna and the possibility for some students to represent the DA at the Pol Roger annual wine tasting concours.

Finally, we offer significant discounts with our partners and even more benefits for those who acquire our wine-lover membership."



DASI Committees & Societies

The DA's students and their official representation, the Diplomatic Academy Students Initiative (DASI), have founded more than 15 committees and societies since 2004. Some of them have been featured in these pages.

While many planned activities had to be put on hold due to the current COVID-19 regulations in Austria, others were moved to the virtual world for now.

For a list of all committees and societies and to get in touch with them, please visit <https://www.da-vienna.ac.at/DA-Committees-Societies>.

"Benjamin Disraeli sagte:
Reisen lehrt Toleranz – reisen
auch wir, aber nicht nur mit
dem Körper, sondern auch mit
dem Geist!" –
Alexander Benedikt Eherer



Wien – eine freundliche Stadt
basierend auf Weltoffenheit und
Toleranz! –
Mareike Wiederhold



Multikulturalnost i mozaiknost različitosti
su vrijednosti koje ovaj grad čine
posebnim i zbog kojih se osjećam
dijelom Beča. –
Leyla Hasanbegović



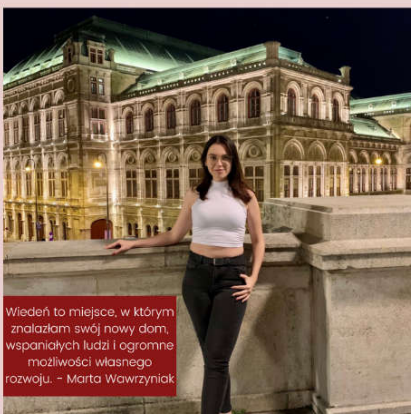
Wunderschönes Daheim! – Sophie
Hilbert

As a response to the attacks in the inner-city of Vienna
we want to commemorate that with sending out an
upbeat message and showing "our" Vienna – open-
minded and cosmopolitan.

Therefore, we asked our students and alumni to send us
short messages about what Vienna means to them.



"In Wien haben meine internationalen
Freund*innen und ich, über die Zeit an
der Da hinaus, ein zu Hause gefunden.
Wien hat uns, als weltoffene Stadt,
unabhängig unser aller Herkunft, mit
offenen Armen willkommen geheißen.
Die Stadt zeigt täglich, dass sie
Menschen verbindet und vereint wie
fast keine andere." – Bernhard Galloß



Wiedeń to miejsce, w którym
znalazłam swój nowy dom,
wspaniałych ludzi i ogromne
możliwości własnego
rozwoju. – Marta Wawrzyniak

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Beč – meštrina sijaet kultura, tradicija i umjetnosti koje se vjekovima međusobno
prožimaju i koje će vas vinuti u nebo posuto zvijezdanim prahom kontinuiranog
ličnog razvoja, elegancije i nepresušne inspiracije. – Andrijana Poljšević



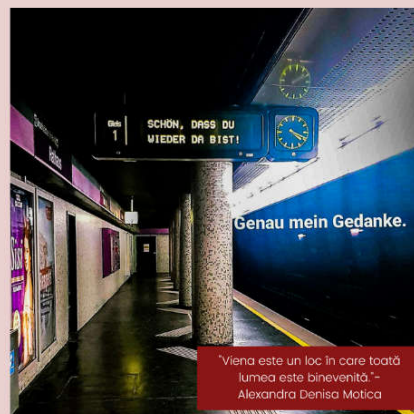
Just like wings, the city of Vienna
offers what you need to move freely,
feel safe, and explore the world. –
Andrea Gutschi



"Vienna non ceda al terrore ma
guardi al futuro con un sorriso e
rinnovato vigore." –
Gabriele Melindo

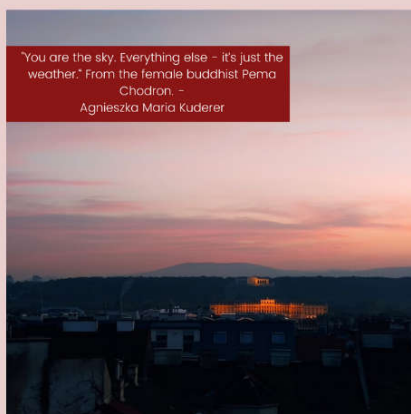
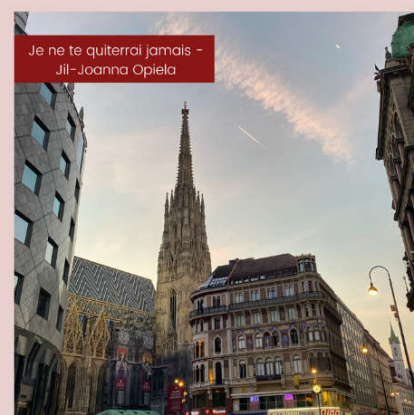
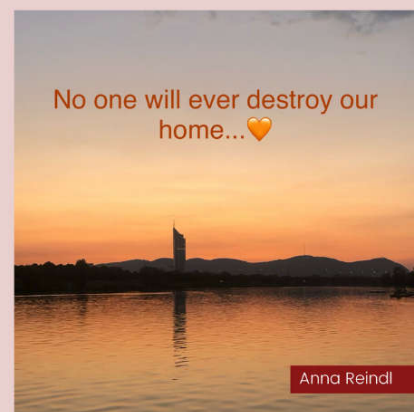
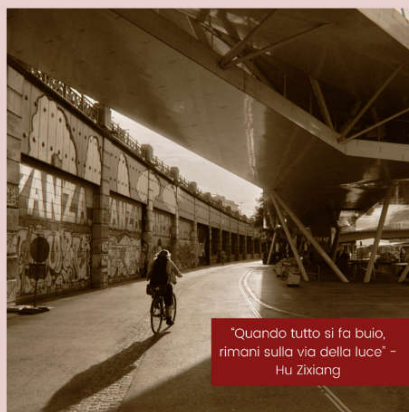


Wien, du kennst mich. A friend that came to
visit once described Vienna as a little slice of
heaven. The history of Vienna is preserved in
every building and every sculpture. For me, it
is incredible to be so close to nature, but still
in such a vibrant city full of new discoveries.
Vienna, the city that brought us Falco, will be
calling me no matter where I go. –
Nadja Messinger



Genau mein Gedanke.

"Vienna este un loc în care toată
lumea este binevenită." –
Alexandra Denisa Motica



Recent Alumni Meetings

The Diplomatische 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:

**Diplomacy Q&A with Professor Anton Pelinka:
Lessons Learned for Int'l Cooperation from the COVID-19 Crisis. A New Beginning?**
22 April 2020

Photos: DA/Martina Sebastian

**A-Préalable 2020:
Informelle Q&A-Session des ClubDA**
25 August 2020

12th Vienna Summer Meeting at Schweizerhaus ➤
27 August 2020



13th ClubDA Outdoor Weekend: Mariazell ▼
18-20 September 2020

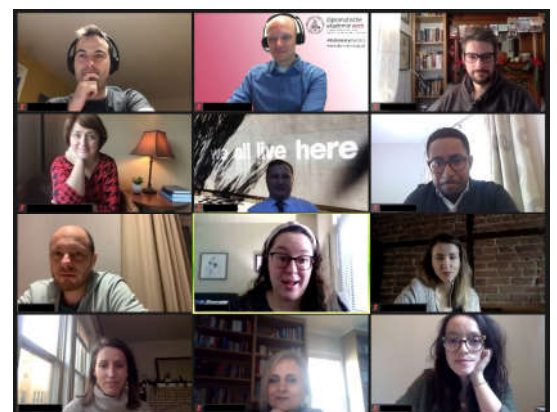


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29 September 2020

**Workshop with Katharina Kassubeck:
Goal Setting and Leadership**
12 November 2020

ClubDA North America Pre-Christmas Get-Together ➤
18 December 2020



DA Insider: Latest News from the Academy

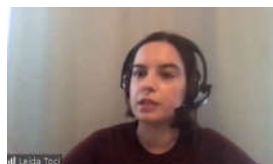
- * Due to COVID-19, da.link career services organised virtually and partly opened for alumni
- * New course and examination for the Professional Diploma of French (DFP RI) offered at the DA

Due to the recent second COVID-19 lockdown in Austria, the DA had to move its **da.link career services** online — and it paid off. Following the saying "Aus der Not eine Tugend machen" ("Making a virtue out of necessity"), career counselling sessions and career talks were offered via ZOOM starting in October, followed by career skills trainings in November and December.




Now, at the end of the first trimester of the 2020-21 academic year, the numbers speak for themselves:

- The career services team gave feedback on application documents of and answered career-related questions from more than 40 students, doubling the average of previous years.



- Participation in career talks saw an increase of about 50% this year. In addition, it was finally possible to open some of the talks for alumni as well, a service the DA is planning to offer ClubDA members in the future as well.

- Up to 70 students signed up for some of the career skills seminars which covered job applications, job interviews, event management, IT skills and more.

The DA especially thanks alumni who were willing to share their stories with its students. To name but two, DA alumnae Dana Bogdan (ETIA 03) and Lejda Toçi (ETIA 08) talked about their careers at the OSCE and UNODC respectively. 

Le **Diplôme de français professionnel Relations internationales (DFP RI)** a été développé en coopération avec le Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international et l'Organisation internationale de la Francophonie. Ces deux institutions soutiennent l'usage de la langue française au sein des organisations internationales et dans les échanges politiques et diplomatiques à l'international.

Avec 93,3 % de réussite aux examens DFP RI B1, B2 et C1 et onze mentions, les résultats des participants de la semaine intensive de préparation au DFP RI en septembre se sont avérés excellents.


Félicitations à eux et à l'équipe des professeurs ! 



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Masks have been an essential tool throughout history for various purposes! The most important one being for medical reasons of course, but our ancestors already knew how to make a fashion statement out of these protective items.

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