

# Invitation: "Reaching out to the Other: Overcoming Intercultural Conflicts" Conference



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[The Institute of International Relations](#) and the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic](#) along with the [Organization of Islamic Cooperation](#) and [Anna Lindh Foundation](#) would like to cordially invite you to a conference on the topic:

## "Reaching out to the Other: Overcoming Intercultural Conflicts"

The event will take place on **Wednesday, November 7, 2018** from **9:30 a.m.** at the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Czernin Palace, Loretánské náměstí 5, 118 00 Prague 1.**

The conference discusses the possibility of overcoming of intercultural conflicts, and in particular, it focuses on diverse methods of conflict resolution and peacebuilding. It will highlight the importance of dialogue and communication for the transformation, de-escalation and potential resolution of political and armed conflicts. The event will provide a platform for representatives of diplomatic delegations and international organizations who are involved in mediation and conflict resolution, as well as academics and NGO experts.

**The event will be divided into three main parts:**

**The first panel** will be dedicated to immediate reactions to an unfolding crisis. The debate will focus on the experience with mediation and de-escalation of intercultural conflicts occurring on both the national and the international level. It will provide novel insights on the role of mediation during peace negotiations, as well as on conflict transformation. The debate will bring together panelists from the diplomatic, academic and non-profit sphere who are oriented on both international and domestic conflicts.

**The second panel** will offer perspectives on conflict resolution from the point of view of the Islamic world.

**The third panel** will focus on longer-term possibilities of conflict resolution and the building of a productive dialogue among conflicting parties and within the society. In this part the role of education and its importance in long-term peacebuilding, and experiences with integration and rebuilding of divided societies will be discussed.

The preliminary program will be available in due course.

Working language: **English**.

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