

BULLETIN DE LA BAIE DES ANGES

Trocadéro Forum Institute's monthly Newsletter



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Welcome to the third issue of our monthly Newsletter!

Our mission is to train a new generation of leaders in Sustainable Leadership & Diplomacy, to give managers the tools to have a vision, foresight, leadership, navigate the complex geopolitical situation, all the while investing in R & D, technology and human capital and imagining and living in a sustainable inclusive city.

The Place du Trocadéro has a rich history, but one event stands out : the Universal Exhibition in 1878 and the Palais du Trocadéro designed by architects Gabriel Davioud and Jules Bourdais , which was inaugurated by French President Patrice MacMahon. The palace later transitioned to become the largest concert hall in Paris with a capacity of 4,600 seats , where Charles Lemeire painted a huge mural entitled "*La France sous les traits de l'Harmonie accueille les Nations*"

Inspired by these major events, and in the spirit of harmony and world peace, our school welcomes all nations and all peoples to join our mission of sustainability, understanding , dialogue and diplomacy .

OPEN HOUSE , MARCH 7, 2026

Written by the Academic Committee

We are pleased to announce that the Trocadéro Forum Institute has chosen to open its doors at the Campus Sud des Métiers at 13, Avenue Simone Veil in Nice, France.

After having visited several properties since October, the President has decided to open our school at this location in Nice .

We are pleased to bring together a renowned group of permanent and guest professors to our school, who bring with them their rich expertise and regional perspectives

Visiting the campus just before the Christmas holidays, Ellen Wasylina has made the decision to open our school there.

Here is the website : <https://www.campussuddesmetiers.com/le-campus/>

The Chambre de Commerce et Indistrie (CCI) of Nice and its financial partners want to give young people the possibility to acquire a trade via an apprenticeship program with their 15 apprenticeship programs .

Stretching over 24,000 m2, the campus is powered by geothermal and solar panels , which powers the Meridia eco-quartier .

The City of Nice made the decision to heat, to cool, and provide hot sanitary water to this eco-quartier , and its 550,000m2 of buildings, , which includes 3,500m2 of housing, and 250,000m2 of tertiary buildings, thus avoiding 5,000 tons of CO2 per year .

So, come by and see us and learn more about the Vision and the Mission of our two year Masters of Arts program in Sustainable Leadership & Diplomacy on March 7 .

Fill out your application here : <https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/2026/01/27/open-house-portes-ouvertes/>



COMING TO NICE

Written by the Welcoming Committee

Boana jornada ! Bonjour !

Coma va? Comment ça va?

Welcome to Nice, France !

Did you know that Nice has the third largest airport in France after Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly airports ?

There are direct flights to 124 cities in 43 countries, as well as direct flights to 17 French cities .

The City of Nice has it all : an international airport , trains, trams, buses , museums, restaurants, mountains and the sea, and 300 days of sunshine ☀

Now that you know a little bit more about the city of Nice and what to expect, in practical terms, here is a list of major events to look forward to in 2026 :

February 11-March 1st , the most famous carnival in France, second only to the of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil .

This year's theme is ""Long live the Queen", a tribute to women and great heroes, real or fictional.

Here is the official website in English :

<https://www.nicecarnaval.com/en/>

Here is the official program, which starts on February 11. Here are a few highlights :

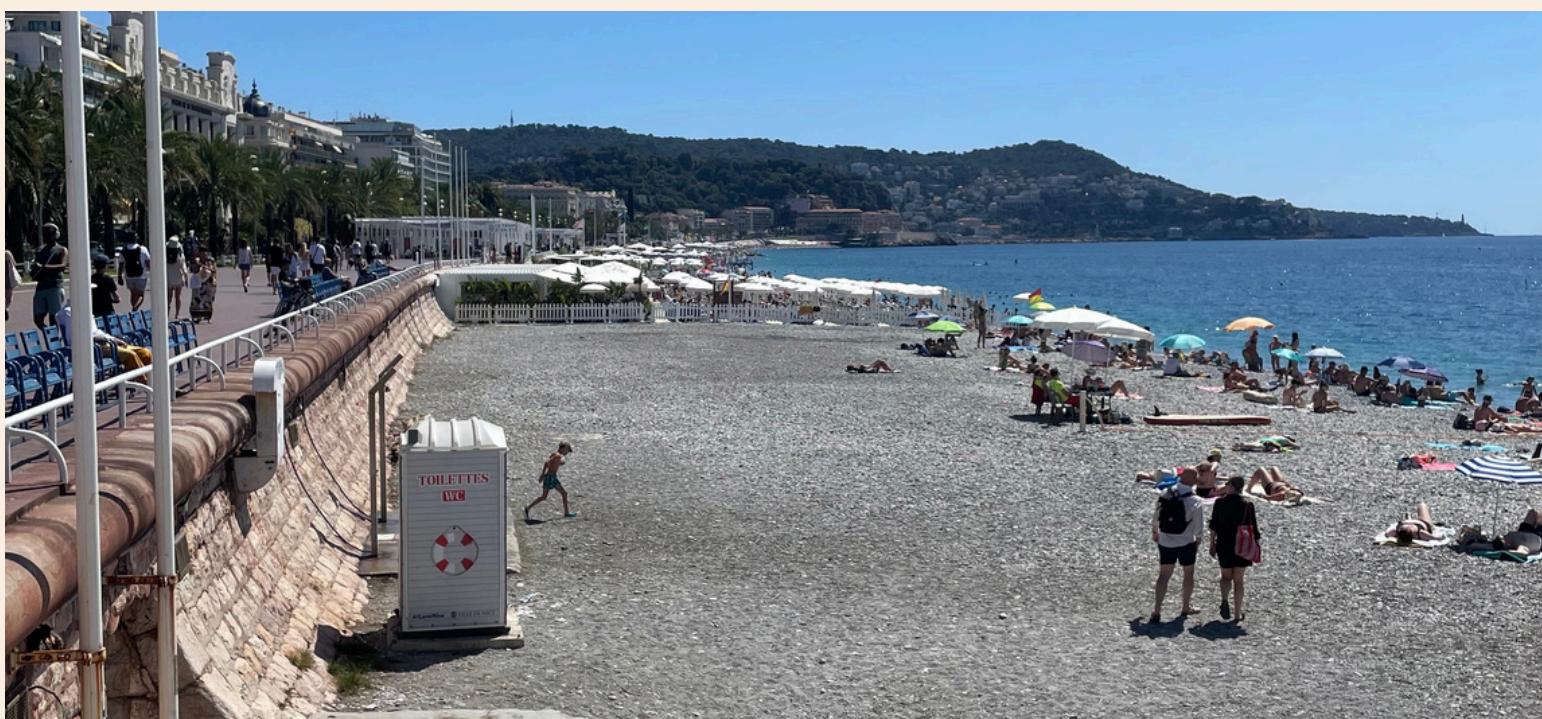
February 13 : Opening of the Carnival Village

February 17, 21, 24, 28 : Carnaval Parade of Lights

February 18, 21, 25, 28 : the Flower parade

February 28 : The burning of the King fireworks

March 1st : Grand Carneval Swim





MASTERS OF ARTS, SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP & DIPLOMACY

Written by the Academic Editor

Fall 2026

We have a wonderful academic program for you in Year 1, interspersed with outings, trips, activities throughout the year .

Every week you will have a professor coming in from another country, who will teach their subject.

Let's Zoom in on October :

Drs. Professors Nursin Ateşoğlu Güney and Visne Korkmaz will fly in from Istanbul to deliver their lectures in the morning on "Introduction to Geopolitics", and in the afternoon , "History of International Relations in the Mediterranean Sea basin".

The week of October 5th begins with our first Music & Diplomacy classes, with the History of Cultural Diplomacy.

The week of October 12th will be dedicated to Economic Diplomacy with Ellen Wasylina, Cybersecurity and an introduction to Russia, with Carole Grimaud ...before taking off to Geneva for the weekend to visit the United Nations and go wine tasting with one of our partners , Luisier Wines .

Dr Rebel Hanna will fly in from Dubai and deliver a three-day workshop on Ethical Leadership.

Finally, to finish off the month of October , Gustav Magnusson will fly in from Malmö and deliver his course on the Foundations of Urbanism in the morning, while Ellen Wasylina will deliver her course on Economic Diplomacy.

Stay tuned as we present our courses and outings throughout the first year of our program . Next month we will look at the schedule for November 2026.

**English and French
language lessons are
available online now
to better prepare you
for your studies and
your stay in Nice,
France**

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PROFESSORS



Ambassador Omar Samad

Each month in this section, we will highlight one of our professors in our Masters of Arts program.

In the very first week, Ambassador Omar Samad will start off our first week with his course entitled "Principles of Diplomacy", September 9-11, for the first three days of Semester 1.

Here is a very brief bio of this third generation francophone Afghan ambassador, who Ellen Wasylina met in Paris, France in 2009, when, as Ambassador to France, he organised a training and meetings for women députés of the Afghan Parliament in the French Sénat, in cooperation with ESSEC.

Omar Samad is a nonresident senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center. He is also the founder and president of Silkroad Consulting, LLC. Prior to joining the Atlantic Council, Samad was a senior Afghan expert in-residence with the Center for Conflict Management at the US Institute of Peace from January 2012 to January 2013. He also served as Ambassador of Afghanistan to France from 2009 to 2011 and Ambassador to Canada from 2004 to 2009.

In our two-year program, he will teach the following courses :

Semester 1 : Principles of Diplomacy
Semester 2 : Great power rivalry
Semester 3 : Crisis workshop; case study Afghanistan
Semester 4 : Peacebuilding in Doha

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***Professional
Certificates will be
open in January 2026
on a rolling basis***

EXECUTIVE MASTERS IN ETHICAL SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE

Written by the Academic Editor

We designed this Executive Masters program with you in mind, tailored to your needs and to your schedule.

We recommend starting with Block 1, and combining it with 2 or 3 other blocks . Here below are our currently available blocks.

Block 1 : Vision to Lead

Key words : Vision, Foresight, Management , Finance, Risk, Geopolitics, Resilience

Block 2 : Invest to be innovative & competitive

Keywords : R & D, Innovation, Technology, Competitiveness, Artificial Intelligence,

Block 3 : Attract, retain and manage Human Capital

Keywords : Human Capital, Ethics, Emotional Intelligence, Critical thinking, World citizen, multicultural

Block 4 : Manage resources sustainably while creating value

Keywords: Sustainable Business model, Resource management, Clean mobility, sustainable liveable cities, Zero Carbon construction , supply chain, value chain

Block 5 : Industrial Transformation Management

Industrial Revolution, advanced Factory Physics and Operational performance, Smart Facility design and Industry 4.0 integration

Block 6 : Sustainable Leadership for Women , coming soon !

SAVE THE DATE

Written by the Events Editor



As we begin this New Year 2026, and as we will be travelling to meet you, future students, and tell you all about our school and its Masters of Arts in Sustainable Leadership & Diplomacy, watch this space as dates become available to meet Ellen Wasylina and our Senior and Junior Ambassadors. Our Admissions Counselor, Cynthia Cervantes, is based in Paris, as are some of our Ambassadors, who can meet you at your convenience. As dates and places become available, they will be listed here below, on our website and social media channels, as well as in the upcoming issues of this Newsletter.

January : Paris, Nice

February : Paris, Berlin, Dubai, Mumbai, Nice

March : Paris;
Montpellier March 5-6; March 30-April 1st
Nice : March 7

April : Paris, Berlin, Dubai, Mumbai, Nice
Montpellier : April 27 - 30

May : Paris, Berlin, Dubai, Mumbai, Nice

June : Paris, Berlin, Dubai, Mumbai, Nice
Sofia : June 1-5

Stay tuned to our podcast (by clicking on the logo), where Ellen will interview our new Senior and Junior Ambassadors, who will also be featured every month in the section below.

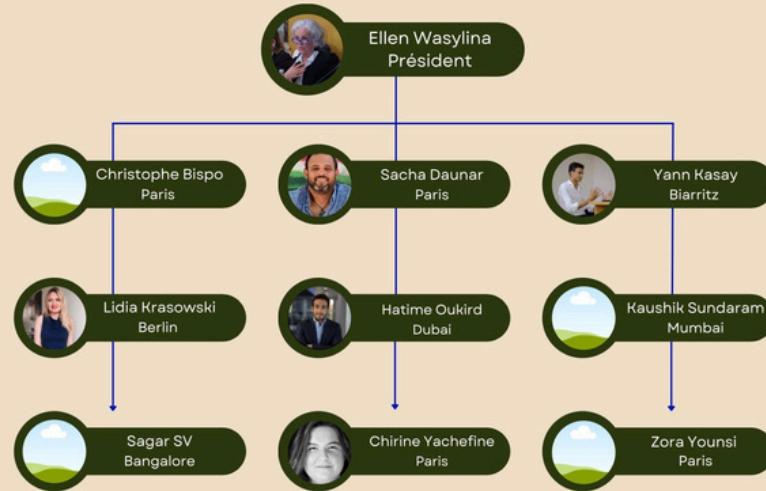
The sixth episode of Season 6 was published on January 30th at 9h CET, where Ellen interviewed one of our professors, Dr. Anca Goron, an AI Strategist.

**Tune into to our
podcast** 



Senior Ambassadors

Trocadéro Forum Institute



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AMBASSADOR INTERVIEWS

Written by the Academic Counselor

We are pleased to announce that Ellen Wasylina convened three online meetings in December with her former students (2011-2016; 2021-2025) and has appointed 15 honorary senior and junior ambassadors .

During the month of January , Ellen interviewed the following ambassadors on her podcast :

Senior Ambassadors (2011-2016)

Kaushik Sundaram, India

Sagar SV, India

Hatime Oukrid, UAE, January 22

Yann Kasay, France

Sacha Daunar, France

Christophe Bispo, France

Lidia Krasowski, Germany

Chirine Tachefine, France

Zora Younsi, France

Junior Ambassadors (2020-2025)

Daphne Martin, France

Rania Hedda, France

Raj Rathod, India

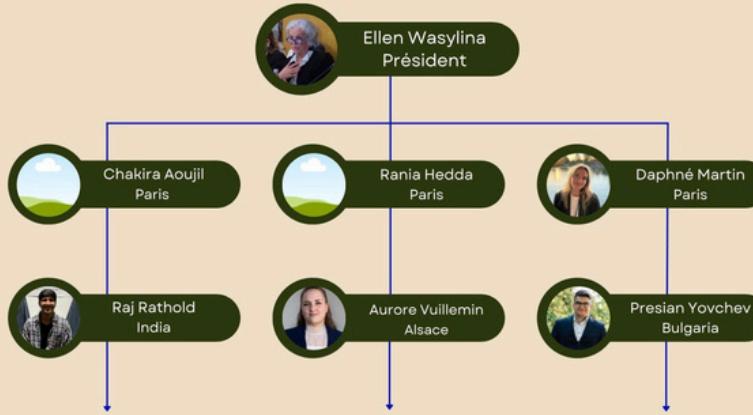
Chakira Aoujil, France

Presian Yovchev, Bulgaria

Aurore Vuillemain, France, January 6

Junior Ambassadors

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Here is the profile of
Junior Ambassador Aurore Vuillemin (2023-24)

She is currently the Director's Assistant at La Cheneaudière in Alsace, France, Colroy-La-Roche (Alsace) & Paris suburb, Internship at Saint James Paris (5 stars hotel Relais & Châteaux) in the F&B part Apprenticeship at Lutetia (Palace) in the F&B part Internship at Château de Fonscolombe (5 stars hotel Relais & Châteaux) in the Front Office part Apprenticeship at La Cheneaudière (5 stars hotel Relais & Châteaux) as the Director's Assistant.

To read her full profile, go to her Ambassador page and learn more about her and watch her interview published on January 7 :

<https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/ambassador-aurore-vuillemin/>



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OFFICIAL PARTNERS

Written by the Partnership Advisor

We are pleased to announce that Ellen Wasylina convened online meetings in January 2026 , and is pleased to announce the following partners to accompany the Trocadéro Forum Institute As follows :

The International Advisory Board convened on January 13 and we will announce the final list of Women joining this board on or before International Women's Day on March 9.

University Partners

Think tank partners (SDC)

Partners

If you would like to become our partner in one of these categories , do contact us through the contact form on our website .





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR OFFICIAL PARTNER

Written by the Partnership Advisor

In February 2025, Ellen Wasylina, as President and Founder of the Trocadéro Forum Institute, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Jorge Chaminé, President and Founder of the Centre Européen de Musique.

Jorge Chaminé has accepted to serve as patron of the first cohort of students in the Master of Arts (MA) in Sustainable Leadership & Diplomacy.

Below is a short conversation between Ellen and Jorge, discussing why and how they will cooperate in 2026/27.

Ellen : Jorge, it's great to see that we finally found a great way to partner together !

Jorge : Indeed. This partnership reflects a shared conviction that education today must go beyond technical knowledge alone. Leadership and diplomacy require the ability to listen, to understand complexity, and to create dialogue across differences. Music naturally embodies these qualities. In an ensemble, balance is achieved not through dominance but through attentive listening and mutual awareness. This is why music and diplomacy are so closely connected: both seek harmony without erasing diversity. Through this collaboration, we hope to demonstrate that music is not an accessory to culture, but a living tool for understanding, coexistence, and responsible leadership.

Ellen : As you know, Music is very close to my heart , having trained as a classical musician as a young girl, I really wanted to integrate it into our Masters of Arts program .

Jorge : I believe very strongly that Music is not merely an addition to education, but a necessity. Music accompanies every civilisation because it responds to a fundamental human need: the need to give meaning to emotion and structure to silence.

In a world where communication is often immediate but rarely attentive, music teaches patience, presence, and nuance. These qualities are essential for future diplomats and leaders. Learning to listen to music also means learning to listen to others, to complexity, and to what is not immediately expressed.

Ellen : And we will both welcome our first cohort together when we open the doors for the very first time of the Trocadéro Forum Institute in Nice on September 7, 2026.

Jorge : I am very much looking forward to that moment. What interests me most in this initiative is the way music can move beyond being an academic subject to becoming a lived experience within the programme. When students encounter music directly — through listening, practice, and shared artistic experience — it transforms their perception of responsibility, dialogue, and collective decision-making. This experiential dimension is essential if music is to contribute meaningfully to education in diplomacy and leadership.

Ellen : Tell us about the program you have prepared for this two-year Masters program, which will feature 30 hours per semester of Music and Diplomacy .

Jorge : The courses we have designed to begin with an immersion experience at the Opera and a masterclass, allowing students to encounter music as a living act before approaching it conceptually. Each semester then develops themes such as the history of cultural diplomacy, international cultural law, active listening, vocal and instrumental practice, music and memory, interreligious dialogue, European cultural construction, and finally the relationship between music, oceans, and ecology. The intention is to move progressively from experience to reflection, showing how music shapes identity, dialogue, and our relationship with the world, in line with the broader vision of the Centre Européen de Musique.

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NICE CULINARY SPECIALITIES

Written by the Culinary editor

Coming to Nice will not only be an academic experience, but a culinary one .

Food is the best way to get to know people, how they eat, what they like, what fruits and vegetables they use in their daily meals .

Looking back on the Holiday season, my neighbors invited me into their home for *l'aperitif*. Our host served a table full of local specialities , notably ***La Pissaladière*** which can be called the pizza niçoise .

Here is the [recipe in French](#), which is too long to copy here .

There are two parts to this recipe : Making the bread dough où *la pate à pain* and the *confit d'onion* , made of lots of onions and the *pissalat*, which is a mixture of sardines, anchovies and olive oil and black olives, which also serve as decoration.

in the upcoming issues, we will also introduce some wines of the Provence region .

Recommendation : a chiled Provence white, rosé or red .

