IBA Social Sciences Club provides IBA Students with a powerful platform for social and political empowerment.

**Our Vision & Belief**

With the advent of the new season where we see huge infrastructural changes, where we see the anxious and passionate looks on the young novices’ dreaming for an experience that bring their ambitions to life, where we see a new dimension of learning and the Department of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts been introduced, we the Social Sciences Club along with are all set to give a new, exciting and vigorous life to the IBA community.

In the light of the above developments, this season onwards we pledge to re-build and revamp this club in a new direction aiming to nurture individual’s intellect and envisions stimulating social and cultural developments and exchanges.

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**The IBA Social Sciences Club stands proud after hosting the Elysee Treaty Seminar in the Student Center**

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In the hype of the temporary inauguration of the student center at IBA main campus, the Elysee Treaty seminar in the convention hall was one of its kind in the events and ventures carried out by IBA societies and clubs. It took place in the event hall of the newly constructed student center to begin with. That being a major charm of the seminar, it was not the only aspect responsible for making the event stand out. The IBA Social Sciences Club has done a commendable job from conceiving the seminar to the execution, logistics and nitty gritty of it. The Consul Generals of France, Mr. Ramage, and Germany, Dr. Tilo Klimmer, conducted this seminar that presented the students about the relations between France Germany and how this treaty has revolutionized them.
Hosted by Sadia Amin Godil, the seminar unfolded as the Consul Generals of France and Germany briefed about the relations between the two countries starting from the 17th century, chronologically going over the world wars and how the Elysee Treaty, signed in 1963, changed the relations of enmity and hostility to friendship. They drew a constant contrast to the relationship of India and Pakistan and pointed that they aspired to see similar initiatives taken by diplomats of the subcontinent in future.

They mentioned the instruments of enactment of the treaty which included compilation of a common History book taught in both France and Germany. They compared this to the history books taught in India and Pakistan which have opposing views about the same event. More than 50,000 inter-marriages between France and Germany have taken place in the last twelve years, they mentioned.

With the presence of the Dean and Director Dr. Ishrat Hussain, and head of Social Sciences department, Dr. Framji Minwalla, the seminar was a well-attended event. The audience was short-listed, ensuring the convention hall is not over-crowded, a well thought action on the part of the executors. Although there seemed to be a little issue with the adjustment of sound and light at the beginning, but once settled, the seminar went smooth sailing till the end. The speakers were presented with bouquets and all the guests treated with hearty refreshment as the event reached its conclusion. The seminar also got media attention as express tribune covered it.

Unlike a conventional society event, The Elysee Treaty seminar had a different set of perks and incentive to offer. It was a food for thought and brushing up of general knowledge of international relations for the students.