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Panel discussion: Evil in politics

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Our activities include:

- Public debates pairing major figures from the worlds of international politics and journalism
- A range of interdisciplinary conferences, workshops, round-table discussions, lectures, and research projects
- The development and expansion of fellowships to allow North American scholars, journalists, and other practitioners to visit and pursue their work at the IWM, Vienna, and in Europe more broadly
- The development of programs to allow Europeans to visit and pursue their work in the Boston area

The Executive Director of the IHS is Dr. Kirsten S. Wever, whose background is in international politics and business.

Junior Visiting Scholars Program

At the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna

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