

**Remarks by Director Liliana de Torres-Muga, introducing Professor Otmar
Seul, from Paris Nanterre La Defense University
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Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

Peru's Diplomatic Academy Javier Pérez de Cuéllar is very pleased to welcome our distinguished guests, who have just arrived to Peru, to participate in a series of lectures organized by The Catholic University in Lima, in conjunction with the prestigious Paris Nanterre University La Défense, in France; and the also respected Dresden University of Technology, Germany.

We are most honoured of having with us this evening Professor Otmar Seul and his colleagues. On September 25th and 26th, they will be participating at Peru's Catholic University in a colloquium devoted to matters related to democracy, rule of law, human rights, governance.

I am glad to say that for this event at Peru's Diplomatic Academy, we have the important support of doctor Tania Zúñiga Fernández, Director General at our Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. She is a qualified expert in European Law, post-graduated at Berlin University.

Doctor Otmar Seul, who was born in Treves, near Luxembourg, has graciously accepted our invitation to talk this evening about the friendly relations happily existing between France and Germany. He is fluent in several European languages and he prefers talking today in German. Doctor Zúñiga will kindly interpret from German into Spanish. Thank you very much, dear Tania.

Dear students:

As you well recall, four months and some days ago we had a ceremony at our Academy remembering 50 years of the signature of the so-called Elysée Treaty, el Tratado del Elíseo, between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Prime Minister Charles de Gaulle.

Such historical treaty marked the reconciliation, or rather the end of the reconciliation phase between Germany and France, paving the way for better Franco-German comprehension and friendship.

It should also be remembered that in 1950, Robert Schuman, twice Prime Minister of France, an independent thinker, was instrumental in building post-war institutions, eventually making possible the emergence of the European Union.

Same as Robert Schuman, Professor Otmar Seul has German and French roots. He has been dedicated during several decades to [the promotion](#) and [analysis of](#) European integration, mainly between France and Germany. Therefore, his remarks, comments and observations will be most valuable to us.

Many thanks to the distinguished audience, with special recognition to doctor Otmar Seul and his colleagues.

Vielen dank. Merci beaucoup. Thank you very much. Muchas gracias.