France’s Cultural Policy Today

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Should governments fund the arts? If so, how should this support be provided? How do the arts and foreign policy intersect? State funding for the arts is again a subject of controversy today on both sides of the Atlantic. France’s long history of centralized support for the arts makes it a useful counterpoint for recent debates about arts financing in the U.S. The Cultural Counselor of France’s Embassy in the U.S. will discuss the challenges and opportunities for cultural policy today.

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