

BIOGRAPHIC NOTE -- WILLEM POST

Willem Post studied history, diplomacy and international relations at Leiden University in The Netherlands. He is a senior visiting fellow on U.S. politics and history at the Clingendael Institute in The Hague. He specializes in the U.S. presidency and U.S. foreign policy.

Willem Post has written hundreds of articles and fourteen books about U.S. politics, history and international relations. To name just a few: 'Obamaworld' (2009), 'The Magic of New York' (2013) and 'Cities go global', an introduction to city diplomacy (2016). He is also the chief-editor of the *Holland-America Magazine* with the mission to strengthen the ties between the United States and The Netherlands. The *Holland-America Magazine* includes special editions about the Marshall Plan and a tribute to Americans and other allies in the Second World War.

In the mid-nineties Willem Post participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in Washington D.C. He was the first chairman of the Dutch IVLP alumni organization. Also, in this capacity he works closely with the U.S. Embassy in The Hague.

Willem Post is also an expert on city diplomacy and international advisor to the municipal government of The Hague, also known as city of Peace and Justice and legal capital of the world because of all its tribunals and courts including the famous Peace Palace with the International Court of Justice. He initiated The Hague Bridge program bringing international citizens and local citizens together, and also set up a Hospitality Center in The Hague City Hall. Willem Post was inspired by the the great hospitality he experienced when he visited local councils during his IVLP program in the United States in 1994.

Willem Post is guest speaker for many organizations. He is a media-commentator on international affairs for numerous Dutch and international media.