Handshake as a *ritual* - Handshake as a *cerimony* - Handshake as a *performance*. In political communication, the ritual of the handshake is an essential part of the protocol Beneath a veil of cordiality and respect, the undertone that is created through the handshake is often about power and dominance. How are different kinds of associations organized, embedded and perpetuated through the handshake?



1. Ursula von der Leyen (L) shakes 2. Ursula von der Leyen places hands with Pedro Sanchez (R), her hand on Heiko Maas's arm Madrid 21/07/2019

19/01/2020

24/04/2018



3. Ursula von der Leyen offers her hand to Volker Wieker (General (Foreign Minister of Germany, Berlin Inspector of the German Military), Berlin 22/03/2017



21/01/2016

4. Ursula von der Leyen (L) 5. Ursula von der Leyen (R) greets Ismet Yilmaz (R) (Turkish welcomes Giuseppe conte (L), Defense Minister), Incirlik in Turkey Brussels 4/02/2020



6. Justin Trudeau offers his hand to Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, Ottawa 2/05/2019



7. Justin Trudeau places his hand on John McCallum's arm, Ottawa 13/03/2017



8. Justin Trudeau (R) greets Donald Trump (L), White House, Washington, 13/02/2017



9. Justin Trudeau (R) shakes hand with Quebec City mayor Regis Labeaume (L), Quebec City



10. Justin Trudeau places his hand on Jagmeet Singh's arm, Gatineau



11. Emmanuel Macron (R) holds Angela Merkel's hand (L), Compiegne (northern France),



12. Emmanuel Macron (L) shakes hands with Donald Trmup (R), White House, Washington,



13. Emmanuel Macron places his hand on Benjamin Netanyahu's arm, Paris 5/06/2018



15. Emmanuel Macron (R) offers his hand to Donald Trump (L), La Malbaie in Quebec 8/06/2018



16. Angela Merkel places her hand on Emmanuel Macron's arm, Paris

13/07/2017



17. Angela Merkel (R) offers her hand to Vladimir Putin (L), Moscow

7/02/2015



18. Angela Merkel (L) shakes hands with Vladimir Putin (R), Sochi



19. Angela Merkel places her hand on Emmanuel Macron's arm, Berlin



20. Angela Merkel (L) offers her hand to Donald Trump (R), White House, Washington 17/03/2017



21. Shinzo Abe (R) shakes hands with Sushma Swaraj (L) (Indian External Affairs Minister), Tokyo

28/03/2018



22. Shinzo Abe (R) clasps Donald Trump's hand (L), White House, Washington 10/02/2017



23. Shinzo Abe (R) greets Yuriko Koike (L) (Tokyo Gov.) with a fist bump, Tokyo 12/03/2020



14. Emmanuel Macron (R) clasps

Edouard Philippe's hand (mayor of

Le Havres), Saint-Nazaire, western

France, 1/02/2016

24. Shinzo Abe (L) offers his hand to Xi Jinping (R), Osaka 27/06/2019



25. Shinzo Abe holds Thomas Johnson's elbow (his professor at USC), Los Angeles, 2/05/2015



26. Giuseppe Conte (L) offers his hand to Donald Trump (R), White

House, Washington 25/09/2018



27. Giuseppe Conte (L) greets Shopie Gregoire Tradeau (R), La

Malbaie in Quebec 8/06/2018



2/05/2017

28. Giuseppe Conte welcomes Khalifa Haftar (Libyan military

commander), Palermo 12/11/2018



15/05/2017

29. Giuseppe Conte (R) clasps Isaias Afwerki's hand (L), Asmara



30. Giuseppe Conte holds Theresa May's elbow, Sharm el-Sheikh in

Egypt 24/02/2019



31. Boris Johnson (L) shakes hands with Donald Trump (R), White

House, Washington 25/09/2018



32. Boris Johnson (L) shakes hands with Jeremy Corbyn (R), Salford



33. Boris Johnson (L) greets the Queen (R), Buckingham Palace in London 24/07/2019



34. Boris Johnson (L) welcomes George Vella (President of Malta), London 5/05/2020



35. Boris Johnson (L) shakes hands with Ursula von der Leyen (R), London 8/01/2020



36. Donald Trump (R) clasps Jair Bolsonaro's hand (L), Palm Beach in

Florida 7/03/2020



37. Donald Trump (L) greets Barack Obama (R), White House,

Washington 1/02/2017



38. Donald Trump (L) shakes hands with Vladimir Putin (R), Helsinki

48. Vladimir Putin hugs Vera

Gurevich (his teacher), Moscow

16/07/2016



39. Dolnald Trump offers his hand to Justin Trudeau, White House,

Washington 13/02/2017



40. Donald Trump (R) clasps Shinzo Abe's hand (L), White House,

50. Vladimir Putin (R) offers his hand

to Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R), Osaka

Washington 5/11/2017



41. Jair Bolsonaro (L) greets Paulo Guedes (R) (Minister of Economy of

Brazil), Brasilia 19/08/2020

51. Narenda Modi hugs Vladimir

Putin, St. Petersburg 2/07/2017



with Narenda Modi (R), Osaka

52. Narenda Modi greets Amid

Party), New Delhi 8/04/2019

62. Cyril Ramaphosa (L)

Johannesburg 1993

clasps Meyer Rolf's hand (R),

Shah (chief of Bharatiya Janata



26/08/2019

14/11/2019

53. Narenda Modi (L) clasps Donald

Trump's hand (R), Biarritz in France



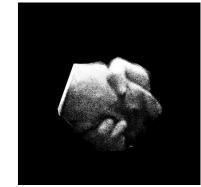
44. Jair Bolsonaro (R) greets Xi

Jinping (L), Brasilia 13/11/2019

54. Narenda Modi (R) clasps

New Delhi 14/01/2018

Benjamin Netanyahu's hand (L),

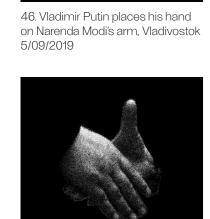


45. Jair Bolsonaro (L) shakes hands

with Narenda Modi (R), Rio de

Janeiro 28/12/2018

55. Narenda Modi shakes (L) hands with Shinzo Abe (R), Osaka 27/06/2019



56. Xi Jinping (L) greets Aung San Suu Kyi (R) (State Counsellor of

Myanmar), Naypyitaw 18/01/2020



47. Vladimir Putin (L) offers his hand

to Barack Obama (R), New York

28/09/2015

Donald Trump (L), Beijing 9/11/2017

67. Scott Morrison (L) shakes hands

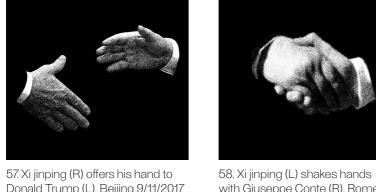
with Lee Hsien Loong (R) (Premier

of Singapore), Singapore 7/07/2019

77. Alberto Fernandez places his

87. Joko Widodo (L) shakes hands

with Maithripala Sirisena (R),



with Giuseppe Conte (R), Rome

68. Scott Morrison (L) shakes hands

with Donald Trump (R), Buenos

78. Alberto Fernandez (L) greets

with David Beasley (R), Roma

30/01/2020

Aires 30/11/2018



49. Vladimir Putin (L) shakes hands

with Sauli Niinisto (R) (President of

Finland), Helsinki 21/08/2019

to Vladimir Putin (R), Moscow 5/06/2019

69. Scott Morrison places his

Canberra 23/08/2018

hand on Josh Frydenberg's arm,

79. Alberto Fernandez holds Pope

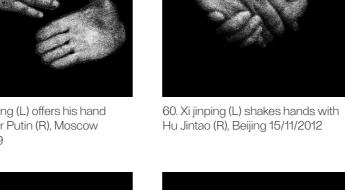
Francis's elbow (Somali President),

89. Joko Widodo (L) shakes hands

with Prabowo Subianto (R), Jakarta

15/06/2014

Roma 31/01/2020





70. Scott Morrison (L) greets Bill Shorten (R) (opposition leader),

Brisbane 3/05/2019

80. Alberto Fernandez hugs

Emmanuel Macron, Paris

5/02/2020



61. Cyril Ramaphosa (L) greets

Narenda Modi (R), New Delhi

25/01/2019

71. King Salaman (L) greets Barack Obama (R), Antalya in Turkey 15/11/2015

81. Moon Jae-in (L) welcomes

Barack Obama (R), Seoul

10/07/2017



72. King Salaman offers his hand to Imran Khan (Premier Pakistan), Makkah 31/05/2019



63. Cyril Ramaphosa (L) shakes

hands with Xi jinping (R), Brasilia

73. King Salaman (L) shakes hands with Akihito (R) (Japanese Emperor), Tokyo 13/03/2017

83. Moon Jae-in (L) shakes hands

with Donald Trump (R), White

House, Washington 30/06/2017



64. Cyril Ramaphosa (L) offers his

hand to Recep Tayyip Erdogan (R),

Johannesburg 25/07/2018

74. King Salaman holds Muhammad Abdullah Farmajo's elbow. Jeddah, 27/09/2017

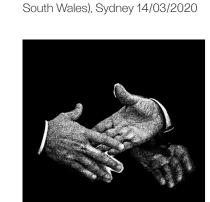


65. Cyril Ramaphosa (L) shakes

hands with Ram Nath Kovind (R),

New Delhi 25/01/2019

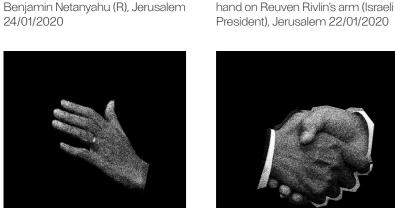
hands with Shinzo Abe (R), Tokyo 13/03/2017



66. Scott Morrison offers his hand to

Gladys Berejiklian (Premier of New

76. Alberto fernandez (L) greets Benjamin Netanyahu (R), Jerusalem



86. Joko Widodo places his hand on Scott Morrison's arm, Jakarta 20/10/2019

clasps Nicolas Maduro's hand (L)

(President of Venezuela), Caracas

2/12/2018



97. Recep Tayyip Erdogan (L) greets Angela Merkel (R), Hamburg 7/07/2017



88. Joko Widodo offers his hand

to Prabowo Subianto, Jakarta

17/01/2019

98. Recep Tayyip Erdogan places his hand on Khaled Mashal's arm Jerusalem 26/11/2012



shakes hands with Narenda Modi (R), New Delhi 30/04/2017



100. Recep Tayyip Erdogan (L) greets Viktor Orban (R), Budapest

8/10/2019



82. Moon Jae-in offers his hand

to Kim Jong-un, Panmunjom

27/04/2018

91. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador 92. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (R) holds Claudia Sheinbaum's (R) welcomes Pedro Sanchez (L), hand (L) (Head of Government of Mexico City 16/01/2019 Mexico City), Mexico City 13/11/2019



Obrador (R) greets Xavier Bettel (L) (Luxembourg's Prime Minister, Mexico City 8/04/2019

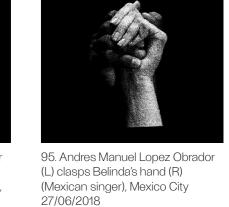


84. Moon Jae-in (L) offers his hand

to Xi Jinping (R), Moresby in Papua

New Guinea 17/11/2018

(L) Shakes Hands with Nayib Bukele (R) (El Salvador President), Chiapas in Mexico 24/06/2019



85. Moon Jae-in (L) greets Erna

Oslo 13/06/2019

Solberg (R) (Norwegian Premier),

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