

# TRANSATLANTIC STUDENTS SYMPOSIA

ANNUAL GRADUATE FIELD SCHOOLS ON  
TRANSNATIONAL SOCIETY, POLICY AND CULTURE



JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF...

- Transatlantic relations in practice
- Field trips to culturally, politically and historically relevant sites and institutions
- Workshops on current topics by faculty
- A student conference on the global political and cultural issues of the day
- Experiential learning in an international context
- Fun, friendship, learning, and preparing for a job...



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## CONCEPTS AND AIMS

The Symposia are a series of **short-term graduate-level exchanges** providing a largely student-run space for the discussion of topics of contemporary relevance in a **trans-disciplinary, experiential** and **transatlantic** framework situated **beyond traditional classroom instruction**.

Faculty-led classes at all participating universities prepare a joint field trip – the symposium week – of institutional visits, talks and workshops, and a concluding student conference.

We invite **students of the humanities and social sciences**, including Public Policy, Cultural and Literary Studies, History, Education, and others, to work together and approach topics relevant to current cultural and policy challenges.

Our educational framework highlights **professional, applied and theoretical applications** of academic training, providing participants with a **multi-dimensional** outlook for their research and future occupation.

## OUR TOPICS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

**Since 2012: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Oregon State University, Uniwersytet Warszawski**

- # 17: *The Future of Democratic Culture* — Vienna and Berlin, 2019.
- # 16: *Challenges to Transatlanticism* — New York; 2018.
- # 15: *Challenges to Democracy & Integration* — Rome, Warsaw, Berlin; 2017.
- # 14: *The Politics and Culture of Resilience* — California and Oregon; 2016
- # 13: *EU Integration* — Bulgaria & Berlin; 2015. w/ AUBG
- # 12: *Sustainability in Education, Culture and Politics* —NM, AZ, CO, OR; 2014
- # 11: *Borders in Transit* — Poland; 2013
- # 10: *Rural Frontier Communities, Global Challenges?* — Oregon; 2012

**2005-2011: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Georgetown University**

- # 9: *Crises of the Twenty-First Century* — Berlin, Madrid; 2011. **w/ OSU**
- # 8: *Federalism and Regionalism* — Montreal, Washington D.C.; 2010
- # 7: *Challenges for Integration* — Cyprus & Berlin, 2009
- # 6: *Media and Collective Identity* — New York, Washington D.C.; 2008
- # 5: *Minority Rights* — Split, Mostar, Cottbus, Berlin; 2007. **w/ OSU**
- # 4: *Immigration and Citizenship* — Washington D.C.; 2006
- # 3: *The European Dream* — Prague, Frankfurt/O, Berlin; 2005. **w/ Prague U**

**2003-2004: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Bard College**

- # 2: *The United Nations & Supranationality* — Annandale, New York, 2004
- # 1: *Reactions to Terrorism* — Potsdam, Berlin, 2003



*At the United Nations (2004)*



*In the Ruins of Kourion, Cyprus (2009)*





## 2019 SYMPOSIUM: CALL FOR PAPERS

### ***17th Transatlantic Students Symposium: The Future of Democratic Cultures***

**Vienna and Berlin, March 23-31, 2019**

The current geopolitical climate appears to increasingly produce narratives suggesting that democratic governments are on a declining path, that authoritarianism is a winning proposition, and that democratic values and cultures are losing their appeal on both sides of the Atlantic.

The 17th Transatlantic Students Symposium – which will take place in selected cities in Europe – investigates this proposition from a transdisciplinary perspective and discusses the historical, political, cultural and literary dimensions of democratic cultures in the United States and Europe.

Organized in collaboration with Oregon State University, Corvallis, and the University of Warsaw the fieldtrip offers a space for a transatlantic dialog among students from different disciplines that is accompanied by institutional and cultural visits as well as workshops at the respective symposium destinations.

## TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF THE SYMPOSIUM WEEK

Preparatory classes and/or workshops will be taught by faculty at all participating universities in the term preceding the field trip. Student selections will be made based on merit. Site visit details will be worked out throughout Fall 2018 / Winter 2019. We are envisioning visits to political and educational institutions as well as cultural sites.

Fri	3/22/2019	Flight PDX-Vienna
Sat	3/23/2019	Vienna Arrival
Sun	3/24/2019	Vienna Field Trips
Mon	3/25/2019	Vienna Field Trips + Institutional Visits
Tue	3/26/2019	Vienna Field Trips + Institutional Visits
Wed	3/27/2019	Flight Vienna-Berlin
Thu	3/28/2019	Berlin Field Trips + Institutional Visits
Fri	3/29/2019	Berlin Field Trips + Institutional Visits
Sat	3/30/2019	Berlin, Student Conference
Sun	3/31/2019	Flight Berlin-PDX

## PRELIMINARY FINANCE PROJECTIONS

### **Oregon State University**

- Projected Cost per student: approx. **2.500 USD**  
Includes: flight and other transportation costs, accommodation and field trip entrance fees
- Projected number of participants: 2 faculty, 12 students



STATISTICS (2003-18)

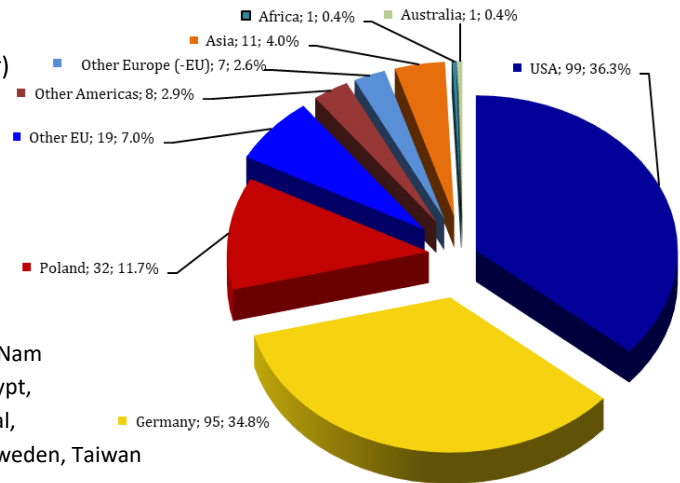
Total Number of Students Served: **263**

(Some students took part a further time as student organizer)

Faculty Organizers: **18**, Students Serving as Organizers: **62**

Countries of Origin: **38**

- 99 USA (28 domestic minority)
- 95 Germany
- 32 Poland
- 4 Turkey
- 3 Czech Republic, Mexico, Romania
- 2 Bulgaria, Brazil, China, Kosovo, Pakistan, Spain, Ukraine, Viet Nam
- 1 Australia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, India, Ireland, Jordan, Kirgizstan, Latvia, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Taiwan



STUDENT SUCCESS

According to our 2017 Alumni survey (n=56):

- 95% of Alumni feel that they have definitely or probably **benefited** from the experience
- 71% see a clear indication it has definitely or probably improved their **professional** future (21% neutral)
- 78% see that it has definitely or probably improved their **academic** performance (21% neutral)
- 58% believe it has definitely or probably improved their academic **retention** (30% neutral)

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OSU, School of Public Policy (2011-18) — OSU, Diversity and Cultural Engagement (2011-17) — OSU, Graduate School (2018) — US Embassy, Poland (2011, since 2015) — Holiday Land Richter Reisen, Berlin (since 2004) — **American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad** (2015) — OSU Student Sustainability Initiative (2014) — **Georgetown University** (2005-2011) — European School of Governance, Berlin (2006) — **Charles University Prague** (2005) — ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius (2005) — DAAD / German Academic Exchange Service (2004) — The European University, Viadrina (2005) — **Bard College** (2003-2004)

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