

TRANSATLANTIC STUDENTS SYMPOSIA

ANNUAL GRADUATE FIELD SCHOOLS ON TRANSNATIONAL SOCIETY, POLICY AND CULTURE



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.



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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)

OUR TOPICS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

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

- # 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)

STATISTICS (2003-2017)

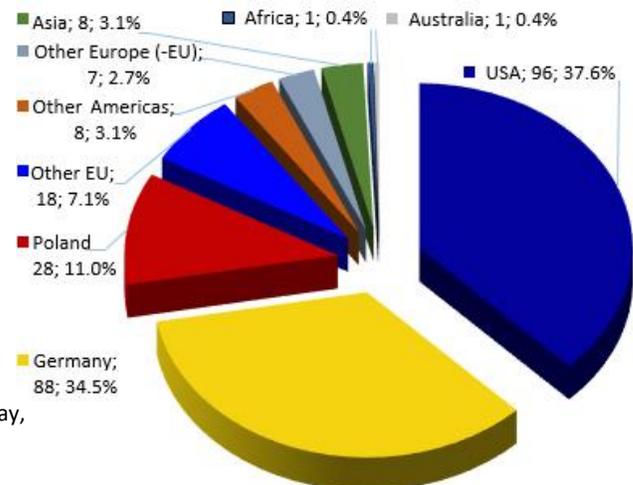
Total Number of Students Served: **244**

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

Faculty Organizers: **17**, Students Serving as Organizers: **53**

Countries of Origin: **35**

- 96 USA (25 domestic minority)
- 88 Germany
- 28 Poland
- 4 Turkey
- 3 Czech Republic, Mexico, Romania
- 2 Bulgaria, Brazil, China, Kosovo, Ukraine, Viet Nam
- 1 Australia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Ireland, Kirgizstan, Latvia, Nepal, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, 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)



2018 SYMPOSIUM: CALL FOR PAPERS

16th Transatlantic Students Symposium: Challenges to Transatlanticism in the 21st Century: Re-Envisioning the Transatlantic Relationship. New York, March 24-31, 2018

After World War II, transatlantic relations were seen as a necessity in the West in order to rebuild Europe, to locate Germany securely within a democratic framework, and to meet the challenges of the Cold War.

The Transatlantic Relationship was never free of conflicts, but in case of doubt, it was regarded as instrumental in promoting Western cooperation and security.

Now, 70 years after the Marshall Plan was implemented, the Transatlantic Relationship seems to be more in question than ever. It would be easy to attribute that situation to the agitations of few political leaders and demagogues, or to the short-term strategic interests of a few countries. A solid transatlantic framework should be able to meet such disturbances successfully.

Yet what appears to be visible now is probably a cultural shift, a notion that Transatlanticism itself is not only not

any more important, but also not desirable. Indeed, such questioning seems to extend to the ideas of globalization, free trade and internationalism.

There has always been this criticism on the political left, but now the same critique can be heard, albeit in different tones, on the political right as well.

Faced with such an unusual bipartisan anti-global and anti-international coalition, we will need to investigate possible root causes of such changes in the political spectrum in an age of uncertainty in which every reliable societal marker seems to be under question.

The upcoming 16th Transatlantic Students Symposium in New York will explore the cultural, social, economic and political dimensions of such a shift, and discuss possible remedies to restore and possibly re-envision the Transatlantic Relationship.

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 2017 / Winter 2018. We are envisioning visits to political and educational institutions as well as cultural sites.

PRELIMINARY FINANCE PROJECTIONS

Oregon State University

- Projected Cost per student: approx. **1.400 USD**
Includes: flight and other transportation costs, accommodation and field trip entrance fees
- Projected number of participants: 2 faculty, 8 students

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

- Projected Cost per student: approx. **1.800 EUR**
Includes: flight and other transportation costs, accommodation and field trip entrance fees
- Projected number of participants: 1 faculty, 12 students

Uniwersytet Warszawski

- Projected Cost per student: approx. **1.800 EUR**
Includes: flight and other transportation costs, accommodation and field trip entrance fees
- Projected number of participants: 1 faculty, 4 students