

**2010 FULBRIGHT AMERICAN STUDIES INSTITUTE**

**“Re-Inventing America”  
September 12 – 25, 2010**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The German-American Fulbright Commission offers a two week seminar for young German academics entitled “Re-Inventing America”. In view of the “change” promised under President Obama and his urge to leave the heritage of the previous presidency behind, this seminar would like to explore how the U.S. translate the new Administration’s promises into action.

Program dates

The seminar will take place from September 12, through September 25, 2010 at the San Francisco State University in San Francisco, California. The program will also include excursions to different locations in California.

Program outline

The following topics are planned for the American Studies Institute 2010:

- Patterns of political and policy change throughout American history; focus on the chances for “change” in the Obama presidency;
- Domestic policy issues (e.g. health care, environment, economy, education);
- Relationships between federal reform and state politics;
- Role of ethnicity and culture
- Foreign Policy Issues (e.g. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, global warming, economic issues, US relations with China);
- Public opinion and the media (the importance of media in shaping U.S. politics; new media);
- Role of education and sports for social integration

The presentations will usually take place at the campus of San Francisco State University at San Francisco, California. We envisage that two-thirds of the Institute will be conducted on-campus through classroom sessions and opportunities for individual research into specific aspects of the program theme. One-third of the program will be devoted to field trips and excursions, offering the scholars direct focus-related experiences with the host community, with hallmarks of American culture and society, and personal insights into daily life in the U.S.

Accommodation and visa regulations

Accommodation in San Francisco, California, will be in a hotel in single rooms close to the university campus. There is no formal exchange visa required for participation in this program. Participants will travel to the US under the visa waiver program for tourists.

Grant benefits

The Fulbright Commission will cover program-related costs such as accommodation, transatlantic travel roundtrip (group flight) and health insurance for the duration of the stay.