

64TH BERLIN SEMINAR MARCH 17 – 21, 2018

Tours and Excursions

As a special feature of the seminar, we are offering tours and excursions of Berlin on **Tuesday, March 20**. Participation in these tours is **free of charge**. When you check in for the seminar on Saturday, you also need to sign up for one of these tours. In order to keep the waiting line for the tour sign-up as short as possible, please consider beforehand in which tour you would like to participate. We will then give you your tour ticket, if your requested tour still is available. Please note that tour tickets will be distributed on a **first-come, first-served basis**. If you are interested in joining a particular tour, make sure to adjust your travel arrangements accordingly.

Name: Refugees Welcome Tour (**Tour 1**)

Description: Firas Zakri fled from Aleppo (Syria) to Berlin in 2015. On his tour he tells about the route he took to Germany and his arrival in Berlin. What places in Berlin are important for refugees? Why is the Sonnenallee one of the most relevant streets for newcomers from Syria? And what does a person need to feel at home again? On his tour through Neukölln, Firas gives answers to these and other questions. The route is barrier-free.

Name: Homeless Walking Tour (**Tour 2**)

Description: Wir begleiten Klaus Seilwinder auf einem Abschnitt seiner täglichen Route während seiner Obdachlosigkeit zwischen 2002 und 2011. Klaus zeigt und erklärt, wie er es schaffte, mehrere Jahre ohne Betteln und Sozialhilfe auf der Straße zu überleben.

Name: Exploring Berlin's urban landscape on rails (**Tour 3**)

Description: All aboard for Berlin: This tour takes us over viaduct arches around the original center, primarily on historical ground, from which a city wall rose until the middle of the nineteenth century. Striking evidence of breathtaking urban development during the past 150 years is lined up along the way. We will hop off public transit and slow the pace where buildings, streets and squares challenge us to confront Berlin's history and everyday life.

Name: Berlin Crossways: from Hauptbahnhof to Potsdamer Platz (**Tour 4**)

Description: Leading from the impressive Central Station to the new urban center at Potsdamer Platz, this tour passes the Federal Chancellery and the Reichstag (seat of Parliament), takes you through the Brandenburg Gate into historic Berlin and pauses at the Holocaust Memorial, the "Topography of Terror" (site of Gestapo and SS headquarters during the Nazi era) and the reminders of the Berlin Wall. If you're new to Berlin or haven't been here for a while, this is the perfect tour for you, covering history, politics, and the New Berlin all in one.

Name: Borderwalks – borderless: Walking where the wall once stood (**Tour 5**)

Description: Berlin: the heart of the cold war. So little is left. Walking the former "deathstrip" between Checkpoint Charlie and Potsdamer Platz, listen to the stories of how a city was violently split in 1961, how one lived in the divided city, how some attempted to escape from the east, how the wall fell in 1989, and what memories remain today.

Name: Metropolitan Kreuzberg - From immigrants to locals (**Tour 6**)

Description: Huguenots, Viennese Jews, Silesians: immigration has always characterized the history of Berlin. In the most colorful district of Berlin one finds today Turkish, Schwabian or Polish Kreuzbergers. Here

there are churches, mosques, synagogues - and a variety of different sorts of ethnic food: Döner Kebab, Käsespätzle, Boulette. Here the social tensions become visible: holding on to tradition versus assimilation, supporting a "Kiez" local culture versus hoping for a new "city" culture. Is Kreuzberg an example of a modern multi-cultural society, in this area that used to be right next to the wall, and which before the wall came down was home to artistic, experimental sub-cultures? Is the district truly a melting-pot, or is one simply living alongside one another?

Name: Zum Abheben: Rund um den Flughafen Tempelhof (**Tour 7**)

Description: Einst prägte das Exerzierfeld und der darauf entstandene erste Flughafen Berlins die Gegend. Die Nazis ließen dann hier eines der größten Gebäude der Welt für den neuen Tempelhofer Flughafen errichten, der seit 2008 stillgelegt ist. Über die "Tempelhofer Freiheit" wird derzeit viel diskutiert und über ihre Zukunft sogar abgestimmt.

The tour is very family friendly.

Name: Approaches Jewish Berlin (**Tour 8**)

Description: The attempted annihilation of European Jewry has left lasting gaps in Berlin society. On this tour we will encounter Jewish life present and past in the former Jewish quarter, including the beautiful New Synagogue from 1866 and the modern Centrum Judaicum. Learn more about the Jewish Community's growth since German reunification thanks to immigration from Russia.

Name: Brechts letzte Wege: Ein literarischer Spaziergang (**Tour 9**)

Description: Wie kein anderer Dichter des 20. Jahrhunderts hat Brecht Spuren im Berliner Stadtbild hinterlassen: Es gibt den nach ihm benannten Platz mit seinem Denkmal, das Brechthaus an der Chausseestraße, das von ihm begründete "Berliner Ensemble". Neben den etablierten Gedenkstätten sind die zahllosen anderen Orte, an denen er gewirkt hat und als kultureller Repräsentant der Stadt aufgetreten ist, nahezu in Vergessenheit geraten. Bereits in den frühen zwanziger Jahren entschied sich Brecht für Berlin als Lebens- und Wirkungsort. Er arbeitete an allen wichtigen Theatern der Stadt und gehörte bald zu den prominentesten Erscheinungen im damaligen Literaturbetrieb. Von den Nationalsozialisten vertrieben, hat er aus dem Exil - "fern von der Stadt, die klug macht" - die Kriegsvorbereitungen in Berlin mit präzisen Hinweisen auf Orte und Personen kommentiert. Nach dem Krieg kehrte er in die zerstörte und geteilte Stadt zurück, um beim Wiederaufbau zu helfen. Dabei geriet er in Konflikte mit der staatlichen Kulturpolitik und wurde Zeuge, wie das sozialistische Experiment bereits in seinen Anfängen scheiterte.

Name: Street Art Tour (**Tour 10**)

Description: The street art & graffiti tour will give you the perfect opportunity to get an inside look at Berlin's urban art scene. We will walk around and talk about the differences between street art and graffiti and what are the different artists' motivations of both genres. The guides are all active members of the scene themselves. They will give you an educational and entertaining experience in Berlin's most alternative and colorful neighborhoods that you will never forget.

Name: River Cruise "Historic City Cruise" (**Tour 11**)

Description: The hour-long river cruise of Berlin's city center starts at the piers Friedrichstraße / Weidendamm or Nicholas' Quarter and ends at the pier where it started.

The boat passes many popular sights such as the House of the World's Cultures, the Government Quarter including the Federal Chancellery, Hauptbahnhof (main station), Friedrichstraße, Berlin Cathedral, Museum Island and Nicholas' Quarter.

The tour is very child- and family friendly.

Name: East Berlin: A look at the former DDR (**Tour 12**)

Description: We will meet in front of the DDR museum along the Spree at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. We will then travel as a group to the East Side Gallery and look at the murals there. I will give plenty of facts about both the gallery and East Berlin as we walk. The total tour time is about 2 ½ hours

Name: Hike through Grunewald with visit to Teufelsberg (**Tour 13**)

Description: This hike through Berlin's beautiful and expansive Grunewald, just 10 kilometers from the city center, begins at the historic Grunewald station and winds two miles through the forest to Teufelsberg, a former US listening station during the Cold War. Along the way, the path passes Drachenberg, a peak offering panoramic views over the city, Kletterturm Teufelsberg, one of the oldest outdoor climbing walls in Germany and Ökowerk Berlin, the former water tower on Teufelssee and current ecological center. Explore Berlin's largest park while seeing important historical sites along the way. At a total of four miles, this intermediate hike is great for those with little experience hiking and anyone looking to swap the busy city for some time in nature.

Name: Berlin in a Building - One story of migration, past and present (**Tour 14**)

Description: Will follow

Name: Community Arts Organizations (**Tour 15**)

Description: We will visit two local organizations that focus on community outreach through the arts: Berlin Glas and Give Something Back to Berlin. At each organization, we will tour the facility and a representative will give a presentation about the organization and its programs.

Name: Then and Now: How Berlin Remembers and Lives On (**Tour 16**)

Description: The tour, "Then and Now: How Berlin Remembers and Lives On" will be presented in two parts. The first part is "Off the Beaten Track," featuring an informational S-Bahn train ride from S-Alexanderplatz to S-Grunewald, with trivia and recommendations presented as we pass through stops like Hauptbahnhof and Tiergarten. At our destination S-Grunewald, we will see the surrounding nature of one of Berlin's forests and learn about the Platform 17 Memorial. Next, we will glide through western Berlin on the double decker M19, taking in some of the impressive residences in a part of the city you might not ordinarily see. The second part of the tour is "Well Loved and Well Traveled" which includes the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, the recently unveiled Breitscheidplatz Memorial, the Delphi Filmpalast, Ludwig Erhard Haus, and Stage Theater des Westens. The tour concludes at the Bahnhof Berlin Zoologischer Garten where we'll talk about the reputation it once had for drugs and prostitution and how youth there inspired some of the late David Bowie's work. If you're a fan of nature, scenic views, personal anecdotes, Berlin public transportation, and David Bowie - this tour is for you.

Name: The Gemäldegalerie (**Tour 17**)

Description: In this tour we will take a trip to Berlin's Gemäldegalerie. The Gemäldegalerie is one of the several Staatliche Museen in Berlin and has a great collection of paintings ranging from the 13th to the 18th century. This will be an opportunity for visiting grantees to meet other Fulbrighters, discuss the works with others, and learn a bit more about museums in Berlin. Meeting place is the gallery itself, located at the southeast edge of the Tiergarten right next to the Berliner Philharmonie.

Name: Contemporary Art Galleries of Berlin (**Tour 18**)

Description: This tour will give Fulbrighters a taste of the contemporary art world of Berlin. Hopping from gallery to gallery, the tour will not only introduce Fulbrighters to the diversity of contemporary art in Berlin, but it will also give them an idea of the two big art districts in Berlin in Mitte and Kreuzberg. We will cover around 10 different galleries and art landmarks throughout the tour, and since all galleries have free entry, this tour will not require Fulbrighters to spend any money. No public transportation will be required.

Name: WZB: Moderne Gesellschaften im Wandel (**Excursion 19**)

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, from 3:00 until 5:00 pm

Number of Participants: 70

Language: English

Meeting point: Reichpietschufer 50, D-10785 Berlin

Description: The WZB Berlin Social Science Center conducts basic research with a focus on problems of modern societies in a globalized world. The research is theory-based, problem-oriented, often long-term and mostly based on international comparisons. The WZB was founded in 1969 as a non-university research institute by members of the German parliament from all parties. It is funded by the Federal government and the state of Berlin.

The Center for Civil Society Research has an integrative research approach that systematically combines research on political protest and social movements with the empirical analysis of political conflict structuration and social capital. The center is jointly supported by the WZB Berlin Social Science Center and the Freie Universität Berlin. During its founding phase the center is funded by the Stiftung Mercator and the Volkswagen Foundation.

At the WZB, the Founding Director of the newly opened Center for Civil Society Research Prof. Edgar Grande will provide empirical insights into current changes of civil societies, their consequences and potential coping mechanisms, before discussing these issues with the participants. Moreover, researchers from the project „Political Challenges“, Ellen von den Driesch and Fred Felix Zaumseil, will present their findings.

Name: Deutsche Welle: Germany's international broadcaster (**Excursion 20**)

Description: Deutsche Welle (DW) is Germany's international broadcaster. It is known for its in-depth information and promotes exchange between the world's cultures and people. DW has television programs in English, German, Spanish and Arabic. Radio and online content is available in 30 languages. Participants will get a brief introduction about DW, watch some program highlights and discuss its social media activities. They will also visit the German-English newsroom and DW's biggest TV studio with a nine meter long video wall.

Name: The Leibniz Association and the Leibniz Research Museums (**Excursion 21**)

Description: Talk and guided visit to the Museum für Naturkunde – Leibniz Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity Research. The eight research museums in the Leibniz Association combine research and education in a special way. Apart from permanent and special exhibitions they also conduct a great deal of research into the history of the Earth and biodiversity as well as cultural history and the history of technology. Their unique collections include more than a hundred million objects and provide foundations for science.

Name: Migration Hub & Impact Hub (**Excursion 22**)

Description: Impact Hub Berlin is the catalyst for social innovation. We are a community, a consultancy and a creative space. As part of the biggest network for social innovation worldwide we inspire, connect and enable our local community of changemakers to develop their ideas for a more sustainable world. We provide access to training and support, workspaces, lectures, training workshops, community networking events and incubation programs. Moreover we create professional programs for local & global companies, organizations and institutions from diverse sectors; working on the intersection of society, economy and politics.

Migration Hub gathers, connects and matches projects and organizations with other stakeholders to make their work in asylum, migration and refugee inclusion more impactful. We are a network connecting and guiding beyond borders. Our physical spaces, the "Hubs", host locally-based projects and events in order to bring all sectors together to foster collaboration & discussion around the topic of migration.