

Berlin Seminar 17. – 21. März 2018

I. About the Seminar

1. The seminar format

The seminar is all about interacting and establishing networks, thereby displaying the spirit of the late Senator J. William Fulbright, whose vision and legacy has inspired generations of Fulbrighters. We are honored by your presence and proud to present you with a program that we hope offers something of interest to everyone. We also hope that your participation in the 2018 Berlin Seminar allows you to make new friends, anticipate your Fulbright experience, and have a great time in Berlin.

2. Please refer to our website for these documents to which we will refer again further below

- [Program Outline](#)
- [Overview of Workshops](#)
- [Description of \(Walking\)Tours & Excursions](#)

II. Logistics

1. To do *before* your arrival in Berlin

- Please check all details in the enclosed participants' list. Please note that this information (first name, last name, home institution, host institution) will be printed on the seminar name tag. If you would like us to make any changes to your personal information, and/or change your preference to have/not have your email address published in the final participant list (including European, U.S. grantees in Germany, and German candidates 2018-2019), please send an email to events@fulbright.de by **March 5, 2018**.
- Please register for the **Workshops** on Monday, March 19 by sending the registration form to events@fulbright.de by **March 5, 2018**. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences, but when this is not possible, we will assign you to one of the workshops that still has space.

A	Women in Leadership
B	Social Media and Your Fulbright Experience: From the Inside Out
C	Leadership and Communication in the Digital Age
D	We change the World Das Egalité Project
E	Legacy of a Surveillance State
F	Diversity in European Politics
G	Bitcoin's impact on society: Can cryptocurrencies potentially replace conventional fiat money?
H	Theater in Berlin
I	Social Entrepreneurship

For details of the Workshops, please refer to the separate information sheet on the website.

Please note: On your seminar name tag you will find the letters of the workshops to which you have been assigned. If we do not receive the registration form from you, we will assign you to one of the workshops. Please understand that last-minute changes cannot be considered. Please also note that we will not be able to confirm receipt of emails.

- Please read about the **Tours and Excursions** on Tuesday, March 20. You will be able to register for a tour/excursion only during the seminar registration on **Saturday, March 17** in the hotel. Please note that all tours have limited space.

1	Refugees Welcome Tour
2	Homeless Walking Tour
3	Exploring Berlin's urban landscape on rails
4	Berlin crossways: from Hauptbahnhof to Potsdamer Platz
5	Borderwalks – borderless: Walking where the wall once stood
6	Metropolitan Kreuzberg - From immigrants to locals
7	Zum Abheben: Rund um den Flughafen Tempelhof
8	Approaches Jewish Berlin
9	Brechts letzte Wege: Ein literarischer Spaziergang
10	Street Art Tour
11	River Cruise "Historic City Cruise"
12	East Berlin: A look at the former DDR
13	Hike through Grunewald with visit to Teufelsberg
14	Berlin in a Building - One story of migration, past and present
15	Community Arts Organizations
16	Then and Now: How Berlin Remembers and Lives On
17	The Gemäldegalerie
18	Contemporary Art Galleries of Berlin

Excursions

19	Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin (WZB): Moderne Gesellschaften im Wandel
20	Deutsche Welle (DW): Germany's International broadcaster
21	The Leibniz Association and the Leibniz Research Museums
22	Migration Hub & Impact Hub

For details of the Tours, please refer to the separate information sheet on the website

Please note: You will receive a Tour/Excursion ticket, and if your group needs to take public transportation, you will receive a day-ticket for the transportation. Please understand that last-minute changes cannot be considered.

2. Check-in at the conference hotel

Please register with the Fulbright staff at the [Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin](#) between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. This is where you will meet us and where you will receive the seminar folder (incl. final Program Notes, nametag, etc.).

All grantees, except Berlin residents, are accommodated at the Hotel Riu Plaza in double rooms. The Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin is conveniently located in the district of Tiergarten.

Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin

Martin-Luther-Straße 1, 10777 Berlin

Phone: +49(0)30-280 900 0

Please note that we cannot guarantee availability of your room before 3:00 pm. However, you can leave your luggage in a room in the conference area of the hotel.

2. How to get there

The Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin is within walking distance (about 5-8 minutes) from the subway (U-Bahn) station Wittenbergplatz. Upon arrival at Wittenbergplatz, take the exit to Kleiststraße and walk down this street to Martin-Luther-Straße and then turn right. Continue walking on the left sidewalk to the hotel. You can also use the buses M29, 106, 187 for the stop: An der Urania. For more information on schedules and tickets, please refer to <http://www.bvg.de>

- If you arrive by long-distance **train** you will need to switch at one of the long-distance train stations in Berlin (e.g. the Hauptbahnhof or Ostbahnhof) and take a commuter train (S-Bahn) to Berlin Zoologischer Garten. This is a regular regional train station and all East-West S-Bahn's (commuter trains) stop there. Then take the subway to *Wittenbergplatz*.
- If you arrive by **plane**, there are two airports in Berlin: Tegel and Schönefeld.
 - **Tegel:** Take the bus X9 direction Berlin Zoologischer Garten to U Ernst-Reuter-Platz, and from there take the U2 direction S+U-Bahn Pankow and get off at Wittenbergplatz, or take the TXL bus direction Alexanderplatz and switch at station U Turmstraße to Bus 187 direction Lankwitz, Halbauer Weg, get off at stop *An der Urania*.
A train ticket costs EUR 2,80 (Zone AB). A taxi would be about EUR 30.
 - **Schönefeld:** Take the Airport Express train (regular regional train) or the S-Bahn to Berlin Zoologischer Garten (Ticket Zone ABC EUR 3,40). Then take the subway to *Wittenbergplatz*.
- Parking at the Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin (limited space only) and will cost 23€/24h.

3. Accommodation

Reservations are made as requested/available. The Fulbright Commission will pay for these routine arrangements. Please note that any changes or deviations from the confirmed reservations must be clarified with us in advance, otherwise you are responsible for all resulting costs, including no-show fees, as mentioned in the registration form. It is very important that you contact us if you are delayed (arrival after 6 pm on March 17, 2018) or if you cannot come at all (i.e. for health reasons).

4. Liability Issues

The Fulbright Commission cannot assume any responsibility or liability for you and your property. We recommend that you leave your valuables at home or store them in the safe in your hotel room.

5. Seminar Program

A final seminar program schedule will be available upon seminar registration. The program outline on the website is subject to change. Please do not count on the exact starting times as we are still fine-tuning a few events. We expect your attendance at all seminar events.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Internet Access

You will have free access to wireless (W-LAN) in the Hotel Riu Plaza Berlin and Urania conference center.

2. Transportation in Berlin

For some special events pre-arranged buses will be available for transportation (free of charge).

In your free-time, you will probably want to use the excellent public transportation in Berlin. Local transport systems include the U-Bahn, S-Bahn, Regionalbahn the Straßenbahn/Tram and Bus. There are special-rate tickets for tourists such as day-tickets and group tickets. Please note that tickets covering the tariff zones AB will suffice unless you go beyond the inner city zone (e.g. to Schönefeld Airport).

3. Meals

The name tag that you receive at registration serves as your seminar ID card, entitling you to take part in all meals arranged by the Fulbright Commission.

A buffet-style breakfast (Monday to Friday 6:30 – 10:00 am, Saturday to Sunday 7:00 – 11:00 am) is part of your hotel accommodation. This is also true for Wednesday, March 21, the day of departure. Try to avoid the busier, last-minute period - right before the seminar's morning

sessions. Berlin looks beautiful at 6:30 am (so people say). The elevators are fast but you may have to wait a while during peak breakfast time, so please consider this and also use the stairs.

All meals are pre-arranged (mostly as buffet-style dinners) and include a selection of dishes. Vegetarian options will be available. Please ask the catering staff for assistance, in case of dietary restrictions (allergies, intolerances, etc.). Non-alcoholic beverages provided during meals are included at no extra charge. For some events you will receive a voucher from us for an alcoholic drink.

4. Free time

We hope that our compact program allows for some free time to explore the city on your own, meet with other Fulbrighters, or simply relax and enjoy your stay.

5. Dress Code

For some of the program events, such as the Fulbright Ceremony, we recommend that you bring some nice attire with you (smart casual). It is not necessary to dress in full-length formal wear, but a jacket or nice pants/skirt, for example, would be appreciated.

6. Valuables

Limited coatroom facilities will be available for certain events. However, we urge you not to leave passports, travel documents, money, cameras, etc. unattended anywhere. The Fulbright Commission cannot assume responsibility for your personal belongings.

7. Departure from Berlin

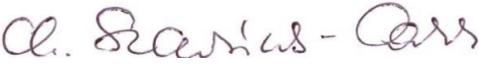
Hotel check-out and regular departure is Wednesday, March 21, 2018 by 11:00 am. Please plan accordingly. Should you choose to stay beyond the listed conference participation period (before or after the conference) you will have to do so at your own cost, and at different room rates.

8. Reaching out to Fulbright Staff

The Fulbright Staff will not be able to read or reply to any e-mails as of Friday, March 16/noon to Wednesday, March 21/noon. In case you are delayed or otherwise prevented from arriving on schedule we ask you to call the following number: 0170-57 9 44 91 (Seminar Team).

We look forward to four exciting days with all of you!

Sincerely,
Your Fulbright Berlin Seminar Team


Charlotte Securius-Carr


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