Call for Applications

DAAD Study Trip to Germany in July 2017:

July 2nd -10th 2017, Frankfurt/Main, Hamburg, Berlin

Deadline for Application: March 11th, 2017 (see details below)

Topic: "Migration in Public Remembrance and Politics: How Do Collective Memories Impact Current Debates on Immigration and Refugees in Germany?"

This study trip is aimed at graduate students and PhD candidates from DAAD Centers for German and European Studies around the world. The trip offers participants the opportunity to reflect on how collective memories surrounding experiences of migration, taking refuge and integration are embedded in German society and how they affect debates about the current influx of refugees. To initiate and nurture this process of reflection, we will visit museums and exhibitions concerning voluntary and forced migration from and to Germany, participate in guided tours of public spaces, engage in dialogue with people working in refugees projects, and meet with university students who are interested in discussing our core concerns.

This study trip aims to provide opportunities to deepen students' knowledge and competence on German society and politics with respect to issues of public remembrance, diversity, migration, and integration from multiple angles. Furthermore, the trip will also bring insights at the European or transnational level, such as changing collective identities, mechanisms of the exclusion and inclusion, the growing strength of populist agendas and the instrumentalization of memory narratives within this context.

Date of trip: July 2nd –10th, 2017

Cooperating institutions:

Canadian Center for German & European Studies (CCGES) at York University in Toronto. Joint Initiative for German and European Studies (JIGES) at the Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (CERES), University of Toronto

Number of students funded by the DAAD: Six students from DAAD Centers for German and European Studies, along with three students from CCGES, York University and three students from JIGES/CERES, University of Toronto.

Coordinating Faculty:

Ass. Prof. Dr. Jenny Wüstenberg, York University in Toronto, jwustenb@yorku.ca

Pre-Requisites: Applicants should be graduate students (at the Master or PhD level) and affiliated with one of the DAAD Centers for German and European Studies. As a major part of the input during the trip will be in German, applicants will ideally have a working knowledge of German. Access to online language learning applications is included in the awarded funding.

Costs: Funding from the DAAD will include a travel grant for international travel, travel between cities during the trip, accommodation during the trip, entrance to required cultural activities (museums, guided tours, etc). Students will be responsible for meals, as long as they are not already included in the travel program, travel insurances, personal expenses in Germany and any personal travel before or after the study trip.

Draft itinerary:

Date	Location	Program items
Sunday, July 2	Frankfurt/Main	Arrival, group dinner
Monday, July 3		Introductory workshop at Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences: "Migration and Memory"
Tuesday, July 4		Meetings with local refugee initiative and Dr. Nargess Eskandari (former integration minister in Frankfurt). Guided tour "A mix of peoples and cultures".
Wednesday, July 5	Train via Friedland / Göttingen to Berlin	Guided tour of Museum Friedland and Transit Camp
Thursday, July 6	Berlin	Guided Tour German Historical Museum "Migration in German history" Workshop of the Humboldt University, Berlin Institute of Empirical Migration- and Integration Research
Friday, July 7		Guided tour in Friedrichshain/Kreuzberg Meeting with "Mediendienst Integration" or "Neue deutsche Organisationen"
Saturday, July 8	Evening: train to Hamburg	Guided tour Refugee Camp Memorial Marienfelde Meeting with Foundation Flucht – Vertreibung - Versöhnung
Sunday, July 9	Hamburg	Guided tour of Emigration Museum, Ballinstadt Boat tour "Migration, Colonialism and Globalization" Group dinner and reflection
Monday, July 10	Departure	

Please note that this itinerary is tentative and subject to changes.

How to Apply:

The CCGES at York University and the JIGES/CERES at the University of Toronto are requesting that DAAD Centers collect and nominate interested students from their programs (max. 2 candidates plus one substitute candidate) and submit materials for all endorsed students as a group to

Jenny Wüstenberg at jwustenb@yorku.ca and Can Aybek at c.aybek@utoronto.ca

by March 11th, 2017.

We request that students submit: a resume/CV (incl. GPA), proof of German language skills (indicating the level), and a personal statement (of no more than one page in length) describing their interest in the topic of the study trip. Please submit these documents as a single word file or PDF attachment.

Any questions about the trip may be directed to Jenny Wüstenberg at jwustenb@yorku.ca or Can Aybek at c.aybek@utoronto.ca.

Decisions will be announced by approximately March 20th.

Please note that we plan to hold an introductory meeting at the University of Toronto on March 31. Those not in Toronto may be able to join the meeting via Skype.