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Topic:

Transatlantic Academy 2026: Discuss and Experience Germany and Europe Together

Date:

20.06.2026-27.06.2026

<u>Organisation and pedagogical responsibility:</u>	Dr. Jana Stehlíková, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (EAO)
<u>Seminar leader:</u>	Dr. Jana Stehlíková, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (EAO)
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<u>Seminar assistant:</u>	-
<u>Language:</u>	English
<u>Interpreters:</u>	-
<u>Participants:</u>	Professionals
<u>Beginning:</u>	20.06.2026 14:30
<u>End:</u>	27.06.2026 08:00
<u>Venue:</u>	Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (EAO) Europahausstraße 35 66620 Nonnweiler Germany Tel.: +49 6873 662-448 Fax: +49 6873 662-450 www.eao-otzenhausen.de
<u>Seminar fee:</u>	1,650.00 € Splitting: 2/3 will be collected as project-related participant fee (1100.00 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %) and 1/3 as institutional contribution margin of the EAO (550.00 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %). An additional €28.60 per night would be charged for accommodation in a single room.

Target Audience:

Professionals from around the world who are interested in exploring Germany, learning about European history and EU values, and discussing current political and economic issues.

Aims:

The world is currently navigating a landscape marked by a range of political and economic challenges, including the rise of authoritarianism, declining happiness with their socioeconomic situations, the rise of populist movements, the emergence of potential bipolar global power dynamics, and more.

This program offers an opportunity to delve into these shifting global realities, fostering a deeper understanding of the issues that will shape our collective future. It also highlights how Europe's historical and political framework can offer valuable lessons in addressing today's crises. Participants will have the chance to explore how democratic societies can respond to these challenges and how international cooperation can pave the way for a more hopeful and sustainable future.

Where challenges exist, so too do opportunities. We are presented with a unique chance to learn from the past, contribute to creating a better future, and deepen our understanding of the world around us. This program invites participants to engage with the cultural, historical, and linguistic diversity of different nations, fostering greater empathy and global awareness.

The participants will explore Germany, its rich history, vibrant culture, and language. They will also examine the history and current level of German relations and its contribution to European integration.

The course combines lectures delivered in English, excursions in Germany and France, and interactive workshops and group projects.

P R O G R A M M *

Saturday, 20.06.2026	
Arrival	Frankfurt Airport Meeting point Terminal 2 at 12:00 AM
Until 15:00	Transfer to Otzenhausen and Check-In
15:30 – 16:30	Getting to know each other, Introduction to the Program and Campus Tour <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 – 19:00	Germany, a country with a rich culture and history <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i> Interactive Lecture, Workshop and and Discussion
19:00	Dinner
Sunday, 21.06.2026	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00	Hike to the Celtic Hillfort of Otzenhausen <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
12:15 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 18:00 30-minutes coffee break at 15:45	What is Europe(an Union)? The current development and current challenges in the global perspective <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i> Introductory Workshop and discussion
18:30	Dinner
20:00 – 22:00	Nine-Pin Championship Eurobistro
Monday, 22.06.2026	European Integration and the EU Institutions
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:30 (Coffee break at 10:30)	Franco-German Relations: From foes to friends, easy way on riding on the bumping road? <i>Prof. Joachim Schild, Trier University (tbc)</i> Presentation and Discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:30	Westwall and Höckerlinie Otzenhausen Guided walk <i>Katrin Dahmen, Erinnerungspfad Höckerlinie Otzenhausen or Kerstin Adam, SEKB (tbc)</i> <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i> Guided walk
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:00	First take aways Preparation for the Excursion to Strasbourg <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:00	Dinner

Tuesday, 23.06.2026	Experience Europe: Day 1 France and Germany: the old foes becoming the strongest allies Excursion: Strasbourg
06:00 – 07:00	Breakfast
07:00 – 10:00	Transfer to Strasbourg
10:00 – 12:00	The Role of the Council of Europe for the international community Guided tour, Presentation and Discussion in the Council of Europe
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch at Salon Bleu
14:00 – 15:00	What are the EU institutions located in Strasbourg, and why is it so? Guided Tour in the European District <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Transfer to the city centre
15:30 – 17:30	Guided tour: Strasbourg - a Franco-German city (history of Strasbourg as a border city between Germany and France) <i>Guided tour with Happy Strasbourg</i>
17:30 – 20:00	Individual dinner and free time in the city
20:00 – 22:30	Transfer to Otzenhausen
20:00 – 21:00	Reflection of the day on the bus <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
Wednesday, 24.06.2026	
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast
10:30 – 11:00	Dealing with controversies and contentious issues in public (democratic) discourse – Focus on Freedom of Speech and Protest. Presentation and Exchange <i>Lecturer: Dr. Nina-Kathrin Wienkoop Institut für Protest- und Bewegungsforschung Berlin (tbc)</i> <i>Moderator: Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:30	What does it make, to build and maintain democracy? Impulse-workshop <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO und Nicola Speer, EAO</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 18:00 (30 minutesCoffee break at 16:00)	From resilience to design ability. How to Speak up and communicate your opinion <i>Nicola Speer, EAO (tbc)</i> Presentation and Workshop
18:00 – 18:30	Preparation for the Excursion to Strasbourg <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:30	Dinner

Thursday, 25.06.2026	Experience Europe: Day 2 Schengen and Trier
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast Lunch packages provided for the day
09:00 – 10:00	Transfer to Schengen
10:00 – 12:00	Guided Tour in Schengen Area <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Transfer to Trier
13:00 – 15:00	Discovering Trier: The oldest City of Germany. From a Roman Capital to Karl Marx <i>Guided tour with tourist office Trier</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Individual time in the city
17:00 – 18:30	Guided tour in Karl-Marx House
18:30 – 19:00	Reflection of the day <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková</i>
19:00 – 22:00	Running a Small Family Business in Germany: An Insight into Agriculture and Small Businesses in Europe — EU Funding in a Practical Example Dinner and Wine Tasting at Winery Schlöder, Longuich
22:00 – 23:00	Transfer to Otzenhausen
Friday, 26.06.2026	
08:00 – 09:30	Breakfast
09:30 – 12:30 15-minutes coffee break at 11:00	From ability to action: Eyes wide open - using what you've learned to change the world Transfer workshop part 1 <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 16:00	From ability to action: Eyes wide open - using what you've learned to change the world Transfer workshop part 2 <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Program evaluation <i>Dr. Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:00	Farewell Dinner
Saturday, 27.06.2026	
Until 09:00	Breakfast, Check-out
09:00	Departure to Frankfurt

**Program may be subject of change*