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Topic:

Spring Academy 2025: Transatlantic Relations and Current World Cha(lle)nges

Date:

March 07 – March 15, 2025

Cooperation Partner



<u>Organisation and pedagogical responsibility:</u>	Dr. Jana Stehlíková, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (EAO)
<u>Seminar leader:</u>	Dr. Jana Stehlíková, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen (EAO)
<u>Co-leader:</u>	Dr. Peter Loedel, WCU
<u>Seminar assistant:</u>	Clara Hanselmann, Saarbrücken
<u>Language:</u>	English
<u>Interpreters:</u>	-
<u>Participants:</u>	Students from the USA and the EU
<u>Beginning:</u>	Friday, March 7, 2025
<u>End:</u>	Saturday, March 15, 2025
<u>Venue:</u>	Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (EAO) Europahausstraße 35 66620 Nonnweiler Germany Tel.: +49 6873 662-488 Fax: +49 6873 662-350 www.eao-otzenhausen.de

Target audience

Students from the West Chester University interested in IR and transatlantic affairs together with the students from various universities from the EU countries.

Aims

The goal of the course is to explore and discuss the major policy issues that have shaped transatlantic affairs in recent times, and to look at current world challenges through the lens of both the U.S. and the EU. Through various side visits to Germany, Belgium, and Strasbourg, participants will have a unique opportunity to learn more about Europe and its cultural and historical heritage by experiencing it and better understanding it in the context of the development of European integration and transatlantic relations.

PROGRAM *

Friday 07.03.2025	
10:30	Arrival at airport Frankfurt am Main Jana will meet the group at the Airport
11:00	Transfer to the city center
11:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break in the city center</i> <i>- Lunch packets provided from the EAO -</i>
14:00 – 15:30	European Central Bank Expert presentation of the institution
15:30	Meeting point for non-US participants at Frankfurt Airport/Frankfurt Central Station
15:30 – 18:00	Transfer to the European Academy of Otzenhausen (EAO)
18:00 – 18:30	<i>Check-In</i>
18:30 – 19:00	Introduction of the Academy and the Program Campus Tour
19:00	<i>Welcome Dinner</i>
Saturday 08.03.2025	
European integration	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00 Inclusive 15 Minutes coffee break	Getting to know each other Interculture Communication Workshop <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	Why is there no federation of European states? History of European integration and the role of European institutions Introductory lecture and discussion <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 18:00	United in Diversity and Diversified in Unity: Current challenges in the EU from various perspectives Interactive Workshop and Groupwork <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Nine Pin Championship
Sunday 09.03.2025	
Foreign and Security Policy	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 12:00 Inclusive 15 Minutes coffee break	European Foreign and Security Policy: How to deal with different states interests? Focus on EU, US, NATO and UN in the Russia-Ukraine War TBA
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30 Inclusive 30 Minutes coffee break	EU-US foreign policy: allies, enemies, winners and fools - who is who and for whom? <i>Dr. Peter Loedel, WCU</i> Lecture and discussion
17:30 – 18:00	Preparation for the Excursion <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
18:30	Dinner
Monday 10.03.2025	
Excursion to Brussels	
06:00 – 06:30	Breakfast
06:30 – 11:00	Trip to Brussels
11:00 – 12:30	Regional Office of Saarland in Brussels: How is the low-level politics transferred to the high-level one

12:30 – 14:00	Lunch at the Regional Office of Saarland
14:00 – 15:00	Transfer to the European External Action Service (EEAS) <i>Rdpt Robert Schuman 9, 1046 Bruxelles</i>
15:00 – 17:00	Spotlight on the current transatlantic issues from the EU perspectives and Russia-Ukraine War TBC Site visit and discussion with the EEAS Experts
17:00 – 18:30	Guided walk in the European District
18:30 – 19:00	Bus transfer to the hotel
19:00	Check-In in Hotel <i>Ibis Brussels City Centre, Rue Joseph Plateau 2, 1000 Bruxelles</i>
	Dinner individually (<i>Dinner packages provided by the EAO</i>)
Tuesday 11.03.2025	Excursion to Brussels
Until 08:00	Breakfast, Check-out
08:30 – 12:30	NATO Headquarters Site visit and discussion with the Experts <i>Boulevard Léopold III B-1110 Brussels, Belgium</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Transfer to the city center <i>lunch break (lunch packages from the hotel)</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Parlamentarium Site Visit
15:00 – 16:00	<i>Free time in Brussels</i>
16:00	Departure to Otzenhausen
subsequently	Dinner
Wednesday 12.03.2025	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 09:30	Reflection of the Excursion <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
09:30 – 12:30 Inclusive 15 Minutes coffee break	Feminism in IR and Gender and Security, the role of women in various current conflicts (Ukraine, etc.) Lecture, Presentation and Discussion, Workshop, Simulation <i>Dr. Kateřina Kočí, Department of International and Diplomatic Studies, Prague University of Economics and Business</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 18:00 Incl. 30 Minutes coffee break	Russian Cyber Threats and the Transatlantic Response Dr. Travis Blemings Lecture and workshop
18:00 – 18:30	Preparation for the Excursion <i>Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i>
19:00	Dinner
Thursday 13.03.2025	Excursion: Strasbourg
06:00 – 07:00	Breakfast
07:00 – 10:00	Transfer to Strasbourg
10:00 – 12:30	European Parliament- TBC Site visit, Presentation and Discussion with an MEP, Mr. René Repasi (<i>requested</i>)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break Walk through the European District to the Council of Europe
14:00 – 16:00	Multilateral Diplomacy and the role of the Council of Europe Guided tour, Presentation and Discussion in the Council of Europe
16:00 – 16:30	Transfer to the city centre

16:30 – 19:00	Free time in the City Centre Dinner individually
19:00 – 22:00	Transfer to Otzenhausen
Friday 14.03.2025	
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 09:30	Reflection on the Excursion to Strasbourg
09:30 – 12:30	Remembrance culture: Is it important to learn from the past? What have we have (not) learnt yet? Presentation and Discussion by <i>Nicola Speer, EAO and Jana Stehlíková, EAO</i> ; Site Visit with <i>Katrin and Raimund Dahmen</i>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30 Incl. 30 Minutes coffee break	Students' final paper / presentations <i>Seminar Team</i> Workshops and presentations
17:30 – 18:00	Reflection of the Seminar Jana Stehlíková, EAO
18:30	Farewell Dinner
Saturday 15.03.2025	
ca. 01:30	Departure of the US Student to the Frankfurt Airport (breakfast package provided) - possibility to take the bus for all participants
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast and Check-out
09:00	Departure – individually The non-US participants can take a bus R20 from Otzenhausen to Türkismühle (the nearest train station)

***Program may be subject of change.**