



Young Transatlantic Initiative (YTI)

Call for Applications

Two-Week Study Trip to the United States of America on “The State of the Transatlantic Union”

August 10th – 22nd, 2014

Jointly hosted by the Young Transatlantic Initiative (YTI)
and the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)

About the Study Trip – Theme & Program:

The discussion about the state of the transatlantic union and the future of the European-American partnership almost exclusively takes place in the political and economic elite of international affairs, with hardly any input of the younger generation. Taking into account the omnipresent phrases of the “Rise of China”, the “Pivot to Asia” and the current revelations of NSA spy activities, the transatlantic relationship can’t be taken for granted. However, in the wake of the current negotiations towards a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), both sides of the Atlantic seek to find a new narrative for their relation towards each other.

To contribute to our generation’s ideas and to engage in dialogue with organizations and individuals shaping transatlantic relations, the Young Transatlantic Initiative (YTI) and the International Association for Political Sciences Students (IAPSS) proudly invite all members and interest individuals to a two-week long study trip to the United States of America. The trip offers a unique opportunity to discuss current challenges to the transatlantic partnership with relevant policy-makers and economists, renowned scholars and diplomats, historians and artists, and to discover different views on the issue first-hand. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to experience the beauty of Shenandoah National Park, to get a glimpse of students’ life at the University of Virginia, to breath American history in Annapolis and to explore Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello.

If you are interested in getting a closer look at various aspects of the American society and history, in contemporary approaches to and new perspectives on transatlantic cooperation and are committed to strengthening the transatlantic cultural exchange, the study trip will give you a great chance to broaden your horizon and get involved!

Timeframe:

Arrival: Sunday, August 10th, 2014 – in New York City (NY), throughout the day
Departure: Saturday, August 22nd, 2014 – from Washington (DC), throughout the day
(or Sunday, August 23rd, 2014 – from New York (NY), throughout the day)

Destinations:

New York City (NY), Washington (DC), Annapolis (MD), Charlottesville (VA), Monticello (VA), Shenandoah National Park (VA)

Participants:

15 delegates of the Young Transatlantic Initiative (YTI) and YTI President Jacob Schrot,
15 delegates of the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS) and IAPSS President Philipp Aepler

Partners:

The U.S. Congress, the U.S. State Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF), International Finance Cooperation (World Bank Group), United Nations Headquarters in NYC, the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, Mission of the European Union to the United Nations, the European External Action Service, the German Embassy to the U.S., the British Embassy to the U.S., the Turkish Embassy to the U.S., Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the U.S., Columbia University, University of Virginia, Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University, Council on Foreign Relations, Deutsche Welle, Second German Television (ZDF), The Frick Collection, Jean Monnet Center for International and Regional Economic Law & Justice, German Marshall Fund of the United States, the American Political Science Association, Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in NYC, Washington D.C. Holocaust Museum, U.S. National Cemetery of Arlington, Shenandoah National Park Administration.

The Hosts:

The **International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)** is the worldwide representation and platform for political science students and related studies. IAPSS – politically independent, non-profit, entirely student-run and embracing more than 18.000 members in more than 50 countries – generates and promotes political science opportunities for active engagement, career development and academic proficiency through a variety of events, publications and services throughout the year. More at: www.iapss.org

The **Young Transatlantic Initiative (YTI)** is a politically independent, non-profit organization committed to improve German-American relations and to foster transatlantic understanding. It connects more than 200 members in 7 countries, dedicated to renew the transatlantic partnership in the young generations on both sides of the Atlantic. More at: www.young-transatlantics.org

Participation Fee: 559,00 EUR.

Including: Accommodation in New York City, Washington (DC) and Shenandoah National Park; local transportation in New York City, Washington (DC) and Annapolis; entrance fees for museums, exhibitions and the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York City; comprehensive trip material; all administrative costs; a welcome and farewell dinner; as well as return transfers from New York City to Washington (DC), from Washington (DC) to Annapolis, a two-days tour to Shenandoah National Park and from Washington (DC) to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and Monticello.

Not included: Return flights to the US; (optional) costs for US visa and ESTA registration.

Remarks: After successful selection, the participation fee has to be transferred in advance in order to confirm your participation. Pre-payments of 50% of the total fee (279,50 EUR) are possible. We do not offer travel grants, unfortunately. Participants have the opportunity to stay longer before/after the study trip on their own expenses. Return flights from Europe (e.g. Berlin, London, Rome, Paris) are available from 400,00 EUR onwards.

Application Requirements:

To apply, send us the completed application form for participating in the Study Trip. Please send your completed application to: us2014@iapss.org. This address also serves as your contact in case of any further questions regarding the Study Trip.

If your application has been successfully selected, you will receive a confirmation, including the payment details and further instructions. Please note that either IAPSS or YTI membership is required in order to participate in this event. Both IAPSS and/or YTI membership can be applied for after the confirmation of your participation in the Study Trip, in case you are not a member yet.

Deadline for Applications: March 23rd, 2014 (23.59 CET)

We look forward to receiving your application!