

## Invitation

# Welcome Meeting 2014 Hansestadt Hamburg

November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

## An Interconnected World

*“The rapprochement of peoples is only possible when differences of culture and outlook are respected and appreciated rather than feared and condemned, when the common bond of human dignity is recognized as the essential bond for a peaceful world”* J. William Fulbright

### Dear Fulbrighter and Friends,

We would like to invite you to our annual Welcome Meeting which will be held for the first time in the picturesque Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

The Fulbright Alumni Welcome Meeting is your chance to get to know our Association and meet other people who have spent time in the US (just recently or several years ago) or that are currently part of their program in Germany. Sharing is caring; this event is a perfect opportunity to not only share your experiences but also to ease your re-entry (or entry) into Germany by networking, chatting and socializing with people of diverse backgrounds but a common open-minded spirit.

Being Germany's "Gate to the World", Hamburg offers various chances and places to share your story on your very own transatlantic exchange or global experiences you have made. We would like to invite you to share and to exchange your idea of an interconnected world, that offers countless opportunities as well as plenty of threats, we might not even be aware of.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Best regards in the name of the organizing committee,

*Marion Schweighart & Carsten Kuschnerus and the entire board of the Fulbright Alumni e.V.*

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

#### 06 PM: Wine Reception

US General Consulate Hamburg  
Alsterufer 27/28, 20354 Hamburg

[S-Bahn: Station Dammtor or Stephansplatz]

The wine reception will start at 6 p.m. sharp. Please do **not** bring any luggage or bags and no photo devices (including smart phones) since these items are not allowed within the general consulate or they would delay the security screening process.

**Please note:** Make sure you will be at the entrance gate (south) by 5:30 p.m. at the latest, as security screening may take a while. Please bring a form of accepted identification (Passport, German Personalausweis); otherwise you will be denied access to the building.

#### 09 PM: Get-together

Kosmos St. Liederlich  
Paul-Roosen-Straße 29, 22767 Hamburg

[S1, S3, S11 Station Reeperbahn / U3 Station St. Pauli]

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

#### 10.15 AM: Registration / Coffee

Amerikazentrum Hamburg e.V.  
Am Sandtorkai 48, 20457 Hamburg  
[U3 Station Baumwall, U1 Station Meißberg]

#### 11.00 AM: Official Welcome

#### 11.15 AM: Living the Fulbright Spirit (David Patrician)

In 2006 David participated in the Fulbright young journalist exchange program in Cologne. Some of his assignments included being embedded with the German Bundeswehr in Afghanistan as well as hosting special reports for WDR TV and Radio Bremen. Currently he is a moderator for Delta Radio in northern Germany. In addition, David is the regional coordinator for the Hamburg Fulbright Alumni Group.

#### 12.00 PM: Networking Accelerated & International Quiz

01.00 PM: Lunch Break

#### 02.00 PM: Keynote Speech (tba)\*

03.00 PM: Coffee Break

#### 03.30 PM: Workshops or Tour

**Please note:** The tours will probably not be finished before 6.00-6.30 PM

#### WORKSHOPS

David Wedepohl: *A Sunny Future? Solar Energy*

This session will explore the "how" of the Energiewende – the German energy turnaround – and the role solar energy can play in it. We will explore the role and limits of solar power for the global and German energy supply and how it integrates with other technologies to form a decentralized energy system. We will discuss challenges and solutions of solar energy as a part of the energy mix for future generations. The workshop addresses various possibilities to utilize solar energy today.

David studied journalism in Germany and at the American University in Washington, where he started his career as a press officer at the German embassy. He got involved in the solar industry and is now the head of the market and communications department at the German Solar Industry Association (Bundesverband Solarwirtschaft).

Vanessa Wergin: *The Perfect Interview*

Have you ever wondered how you can increase your chances to make a perfect first impression during a reception, a conference, or at an interview? Learn some tricks to peak your charisma when it comes to this point where you need to make a remarkable and memorable impression. You can also learn about typical HR recruiting officers and their scanning and selection methods.

Vanessa holds a MSc in Psychology from the University in Frankfurt, with a focus on human resources. She spent her Fulbright year at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and is currently the vice president for members for the board of the German Fulbright Alumni e.V.

\* Please check under [www.fulbright-alumni.de](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de) for updates on the key note speaker and further information.

#### TOURS

**Tour Elbphilharmonie:** Take a tour...

...of one of the most prestigious constructions sites in Germany. The Elbphilharmonie in Hamburg was inspired by the famous Opera House in Sydney and shall "soon" officially welcome all visitors that arrive at the Hamburg harbor, just like the Australian role model. Be one of the few who actually get to see this controversial building from inside before it will officially open (who knows when) and form your own opinion on this project.

The tour will start at 4 p.m. and due to the exclusive nature of this guided tour there is a limit of a maximum of 20 people. Thus, slots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. The fee to participate at this tour is 10 Euro per person.

**Tour Sankt Pauli:** "Auf der Reeperbahn Tags um halb...

...vier," life is not as glamorous as it is at night. During the day, however, this famous tune from Hans Albers seems to be far away. "Reeperbahn" is probably the best known street in all of Germany. Take a tour of this internationally well-known harbor district of Hamburg. During the day you can have a look behind the scenes and explore Sankt Pauli as most tourists would never imagine it to be. The tour will show you various new and unexpected aspects about this multifaceted, colorful urban district. A local guide who has been strolling the streets and scenes of Sankt Pauli all his life will show you St. Pauli beyond tourist traps and gags. The fee to participate at this tour is 10 Euro per person. Treffpunkt Wohlwillstr.1 St. Pauli [U3 Station St. Pauli , S1, S3, S11 Station Reeperbahn]

#### 7.30 PM: Dinner

Rheinische Republik  
Stadthausbrücke 1-3, 20355 Hamburg  
[U/S-Bahn Station Stadthausbrücken]

#### 10.00 PM: Sankt Pauli Party Night

Sommersalon Hamburger Berg  
Hamburger Berg 6, 20359 Hamburg

[U3 Station St. Pauli , S1, S3, S11 Station Reeperbahn]

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**

**10-12.00 AM: Brunch**

Brunch Chakra Café Schanze  
Café Chakra, Susannenstraße 11, 20357 Hamburg  
[S&U-Bahn: Sternschanze]

**1-2.30 PM: City Tour**

Hamburger Unterwelten / City Bunker Tour

Discover Hamburg from a perspective as you have never seen it before.

[U/S-Bahn Hamburg-to be announced]

Tour Hamburg "Weltkriegsbunker": Get a last glimpse!

Discover Hamburg as you have never seen it before. In the early half of the century various constructions were built in order to find shelter underground, leaving an enormous system behind that only very few got to see. Although located right under our feet (for example underneath the main railway station) these constructions provided shelter in times of war and constant airstrikes hitting the city center of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg. Some of these shelters are up to three stories high (deep) accumulating to more than 150 rooms. Join us on this exclusive tour and learn more about these shelters, the history of Hamburg and World War II in Europe.

During this tour you will get a chance to discover one of the last original shelters, which will soon be demolished, as well. Get a last glimpse of this underground world, listen to stories and anecdotes that you would never get to hear in an ordinary city tour and discover the other side of downtown Hamburg. The fee for the tour will be 10 Euro per person.

**REGISTRATION / FEE**

Registration will open on September 29th and will close on October 31st. Your registration is completed once the money is transferred to the bank account which will be delivered to you with your registration confirmation. If you have not completely registered until November 1st, you will not be able to attend the wine reception at the General Consulate Hamburg on Friday evening.

**Please register under: [www.fulbright-alumni.de](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de)**

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| Regular Fee:  | 35 €                   |
| Students, Returnees, Current US Grantees:               | 25 €                   |
| Tour Elbphilharmonie / Sankt Pauli / Hamburg Unterwelt: | <b>Additional</b> 10 € |

**Please note:** Please bring your Student ID, if you are participating in any tour.

Brunch Buffet Sunday: 8,90 € + Beverage

Apart from your participation in the conference, the fee covers the Wine Reception at the U.S. General Consulate on Friday and the following meals on Saturday: morning network coffee, lunch and dinner (drinks are not included at the dinner). The tours are also not included.

**Please note:** With your registration you agree that pictures from the event (which may include you) may be published within a password secured section of the Fulbright Alumni e.V. homepage or within our yearly publication Frankly.

**CONTACT**

If you have questions regarding the registration, the event venues, or the program, please contact the Fulbright Alumni e.V. via email: [welcomemeeting\(at\)fulbright-alumni.de](mailto:welcomemeeting(at)fulbright-alumni.de)

**ACCOMMODATION**

The following accommodations are within walking distances of all venues on Saturday and charged per person and night.

- DJH Jugendherberge Hamburg *Auf dem Stintfang*, beds from 19,99 €

**Please note:** you *don't need* an own DJH member pass. The F.A.e.V. is a member, covering all affiliated. When you make reservations, please mention "Fulbright Alumni e.V. Deutschland", you may also share rooms with fellow filbrighters.

- MEININGER Hotel Hamburg City Center (Hamburg Altona station) beds from 24 €
- A&O Hostel mixed dormitories beds from 10 €
- Motel 1 at Hamburg Michel rooms from 70 € (if interested, please book early!)
- 25h Hotel Twenty Five Hours Hotel Hafencity rooms from 140 €

**TRANSPORTATION**

Car sharing opportunities are generally available. If you are looking for an empty car seat at a fellow Fulbrighter please contact the nearest Fulbright Alumni e.V. regional coordinator. Further information on the regional chapters can be found under [www.fulbright-alumni.de](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de).

**DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the entire week-end is casual (come as you like), except for the wine reception at the U.S. Consulate General, for which we would like to ask you stick to a more formal dress code. However, a tie is not required.

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For program updates please check the website on a regular basis.



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