

YOUTH SEMINAR OCTOBER 16 – 17, 2025

JUGENDHERBERGE WIESBADEN

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Practice your English, get to know other young people and learn more about the U.S. with us this October!

WHAT'S NEXT? THE U.S. AND ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD

What does the future of transatlantic relations look like after Germany and the United States have held elections and chosen new governments? In our youth seminar, we want to take a closer look at the transatlantic relationship and how it has changed in a short period of time. Are the values and priorities of both countries still aligned and how can we assess the state of U.S. democracy? Which role will the United States play in Europe under the Trump administration? We will be discussing topics such as the state of democracy, security in Europe, and more with experts and are excited to hear your opinions! Meet new friends, practice your English and learn more about transatlantic relations! Join us for two days filled with lectures, discussions and activities this October in Wiesbaden.

Gebühr:

25,- € mit Übernachtung in Mehrbettzimmern und Essen in der Jugendherberge Wiesbaden. Anreisekosten und Tagungsgetränke sind selbst zu tragen.

Das Seminar richtet sich an Jugendliche und junge Erwachsene aus Hessen und Rheinland-Pfalz. **Die Teilnehmendenzahl ist begrenzt, daher empfehlen wir eine frühe Anmeldung.**

Bei Minderjährigen muss nach der Anmeldung die Einverständniserklärung der Eltern eingereicht werden. Die Anmeldung ist erst damit vollständig. Mit der Anmeldung wird das Einverständnis erklärt, dass im Seminar gefilmt/ fotografiert werden darf.

Die im Seminar entstandenen Ton- und Bildmaterialien dürfen von den beteiligten Institutionen, bspw. für Dokumentations- und Evaluationszwecke, weiterverwendet und veröffentlicht werden.

Personalausweis oder Reisepass muss für die Veranstaltungsteilnahme mitgebracht werden.

OUR SPEAKERS

Prof. Sarah Surak

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT SALISBURY UNIVERSITY. Her research focuses on democratic participation and civic engagement. She works extensively in Germany, coordinating workshops on topics of democratic civic engagement and American government.

Brandon Bohrn

He is a member of the BERTELSMANN STIFTUNG'S EUROPE PROGRAM, where he focuses on transatlantic trade and security cooperation as well as U.S. politics and foreign policy. He previously worked for the Bertelsmann Foundation in Washington, D.C. Previously, he worked on the foreign policy team of a U.S. senator and served at two U.S. diplomatic missions in Germany.

Elmar Theveßen

WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF

As a correspondent for ZDF, he reports on international politics and transatlantic relations, with a particular focus on the US. He has written numerous books on security matters and global politics including the rivalry between the US and China. He has received numerous awards for his journalism.

Anmeldung und weitere Infos unter:

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Seminarleitung:

Pia Snella, Hessische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung
Sarah Wagner, Atlantische Akademie Rheinland-Pfalz
Lena Oschewsky, Fridtjof-Nansen-Akademie für politische Bildung im WBZ Ingelheim

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16.

2-2.30 PM

WELCOME REMARKS
AND INTRODUCTION
TO THE PROGRAM

Pia Snella, Lena Oschewsky,
Sarah Wagner

2.30-4 PM

THE STATE OF
U.S. DEMOCRACY

Prof. Sarah Surak,
Salisbury University

4-4.30 PM

BREAK

4.30-6 PM

TRANSATLANTIC
RELATIONS IN TROUBLE?
U.S. FOREIGN AND
SECURITY POLICY IN THE
AGE OF TRUMP

Brandon Bohrn,
Bertelsmann Stiftung

6-7 PM

DINNER

7 PM

INTERVIEW

with Elmar Theveßen (ZDF)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

9.00 AM-2.00 PM

BASE TOUR, U.S. ARMY
GARRISON WIESBADEN

2.30-3.45 PM

GROUP DISCUSSION:
FOREIGN POLICY IN
THEORY AND ON THE
GROUND

4.00 PM

END OF PROGRAM,
DEPARTURE