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TOP Virtual Study Tour 2020: Wunderbar Together Apart

23 June - 30 July 2020

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Thursday, 09 July 2020

Dear TOP friends,

The Transatlantic Outreach Program and the Goethe-Institut Visitors Programme both welcome you as a virtual guest of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, the Goethe-Institut, Deutsche Bank, Robert Bosch Stiftung, and Siemens.

This study tour consists of several virtual experiences which will provide the opportunity for alumni and friends of the Transatlantic Outreach Program to maintain transatlantic bonds with some familiar German faces while also providing a forum for discussion of some of the most relevant topics of the day.

Enclosed you will find the detailed program itinerary that we have designed for your virtual study tour. The TOP Team and some of our familiar local guides will be glad to help answer any questions you have along your virtual journey.

We hope you enjoy these interesting discussions and learning experiences! We look forward to seeing you back in Germany soon.

Sincerely,

Monika Böttcher and Patrick Brux



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Travel information

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Draft Itinerary / All times Eastern U.S.

Tuesday, 23 June

Venue

10:45	Check-In and Welcome
11:00	Germany Today: Managing the Crisis Lecture by Prof. Dr. Wolf Wagner, Political Scientist followed by a Q&A session
12:30	Virtual coffee chat

Thursday, 25 June

Venue

10:45	Check-In and Welcome
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Thursday, 25 June

Venue

- 11:00 **“Cooking Up Ideas with Über den Tellerand”**
Intercultural cooking project
- Presentation**
of the project followed by the joint preparation of hummus, dinner together and "3 questions about happiness"
- with Lotta Häfele, project manager and Ghaith Hanki, chef
- List of ingredients to be provided. Cook along with us!

- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Tuesday, 30 June

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**
- 11:00 **Regional Teacher Training (RLFB) for High Schools in Lower Franconia**
of the Bavarian State Ministry for Education and Culture
- Panel discussion**
with teachers from both sides of the Atlantic on the topics "Covid-19 and its repercussions on society in Germany, and the United States"
- The exchange is moderated by Mr. Friedrich Frenzel, English teacher at Rhön-Gymnasium in Bad Neustadt an der Saale and advisor for English at the office of the ministerial representative for high schools in Lower Franconia.
- With teachers from both sides of the Atlantic exchanging ideas on recent developments, challenges, an opportunities for educators in Germany and the USA. You will hear about how schools have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic; best practice examples for working with students in an online learning setting; how educators are discussing recent protests and the topic of social justice with their students; and the experiences of these educators during these challenging and rapidly changing times for their profession and society.
- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Thursday, 02 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**
- 11:00 **Foundation 'Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe'**
Panel discussion
on Remembrance Culture in Germany, also with a representative of
the trip stone memorial project
- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Tuesday, 07 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**
- 11:00 **Home Visits in Kaufbeuren**
Talks
over Coffee and Cake with Kaufbeuren Families
on the subjects "Sustainability and Family Life in Germany" and "The
challenges during Corona time"
- 12:30 **Continuation of the virtual coffee chat**

Thursday, 09 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**

Thursday, 09 July

Venue

- 11:00 **Klimahaus Bremerhaven 8° Ost**
Interactive Science Museum
- Presentation**
and talks on the mission of the institution also considering the Fridays for Future movement, the COVID pandemic, Online-Learning
- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Tuesday, 14 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**
- 11:00 **Carl-Benz-Schule Gaggenau**
Vocational School for Metallworking, Mechatronics and Automotive Engineering
- Presentation**
and exchange with Mr. Falk Hartmann, Director of the Vocational Training School Department and German apprentices
- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Thursday, 16 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**

Thursday, 16 July

Venue

- 11:00 **Black Lives Matter**
- Discussion**
and exchange about the German context of the movement
- addressing the experiences of black Germans, the continuity of systemic racism and the dealings with the colonial legacy in Germany
- with
Ms. Diane Arce, artist
Ms. Melanie Bey, teacher at the Jakob-Stoll-Schule in Würzburg
Mr. F. Angelo Camufingo, diversity and inclusion consultant
Dr. Tiffany Florvil, Associate Professor at the University of New Mexico
Ms. Anna Yeboah, architect and coordinator of the Dekoloniale Project
- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Tuesday, 21 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**
- 11:00 **Berlin**
- Walking tour**
through Berlin-Kreuzberg with Özlem
followed by a chat with other TOP guides
- 12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Thursday, 23 July

Venue

- 10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**

Thursday, 23 July

Venue

11:00 **Siegen University**
Chair for Comparative Cultural Sociology and Political Sociology
Panel discussion
on Conspiracy Theories, Nationalism and Extremism During COVID
with Mr. Johannes Kiess, Researcher

12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Tuesday, 28 July

Venue

10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**

11:00 **Workshop**
on the history and functioning of the European Union with the
trainers Caroline Elisabeth Heil und Bettina Schmitt

Bettina Schmitt and Caroline Heil head this workshop. They have worked in cooperation for approximately eight years, preparing workshops on European Union themes for various educational agencies and foundations. They develop a variety of methods for these workshops. Among their favourites are planning games and political simulations. The aim of this EU workshop is to provide a well-founded basic knowledge of the EU (its international organisation, history and the concept of Europe).

12:30 **Virtual coffee chat**

Thursday, 30 July

Venue

10:45 **Check-In and Welcome**

Thursday, 30 July

Venue

11:00

Town of Geisa

Visit

with Jörg Silbermann

Interviews, Drone flight, City Tour - Point Alpha, Faber Bakery, Beer Garden

12:30

Virtual coffee chat

Appendix

Contact

Information



