

Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies at Freie Universität Berlin

The program promotes a new generation of young North American scholars with specialized knowledge of modern and contemporary Germany and Europe. The program supports scholars in all social science and humanities disciplines, including historians working on the period since the mid-18th century. Fellowships are awarded for doctoral dissertation research as well as postdoctoral research.

The Berlin Program offers a stimulating academic environment that combines excellent research opportunities at one of Germany's most distinguished research universities with intellectual and cultural interaction. Our colloquium serves as a central meeting point for all fellows to share, discuss and support each other's work. Guided by eminent scholars, the program colloquium also seeks to address current German public debates, invites distinguished guests and arranges cultural excursions.

Essential to the program's mission is our close cooperation with our North American partner, the German Studies Association (www.thegsa.org)—the largest professional association of scholars focused on German, Austrian, and Swiss history, literature, culture studies, political science, and economics. Each year, our Summer Workshop, the GSA Distinguished Lecture at Freie Universität Berlin as well as our Alumni Panel at the GSA Annual Conference in the U.S. provide a forum for scholarly exchange and seek to strengthen ties between fellows, alumni and the academic community in Berlin and beyond.

Berlin Program events in recent years have been:

Summer Workshop 2016: *Becoming TransGerman: Transnational, Transdisciplinary, Transgender, Transhuman*

GSA Distinguished Lecture 2016:
Memory Work for/in the 21st Century

Alumni Panel 2015:
Writing Histories of Germans Abroad: Approaches and Methodologies to German Sources on Africa and the Middle East

Summer Workshop 2015:
Violence, Oppression and Civil Disobedience: From the Cold War Past to the Neoliberal Present

GSA Distinguished Lecture 2015:
Arnold Schoenberg's A Survivor from Warsaw in Postwar Europe: Musical Remigration and Holocaust Commemoration in the Germanys

Alumni Panel 2014:
Integration in Theory and Practice, 1960-2010

Summer Workshop 2014:
Virtual Germans

GSA Distinguished Lecture 2014:
Orientalism and the Classical Tradition in Germany

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for the next fellowship competition.

Deadline: **December 1.**

Applications will be accepted as of **November 1, 2016.**

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Refugees, Migrants, Citizens Germany's Recurring Complexities of Becoming a Country of Immigration

Berlin Program Alumni Panel
at the 40th Annual GSA Conference in San Diego
Friday, September 30, 2016 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Garden Salon 1



Refugees, Migrants, Citizens **Germany's Recurring Complexities of Becoming** **a Country of Immigration**

Moderator:

Levent Soysal (Kadir Has University, Anthropology / Communications, Berlin Program 2001-2002)

Commentator:

Deniz Göktürk (UC Berkeley, German)

Participants:

Sultan Doughan

(UC Berkeley, Anthropology, Berlin Program 2015-2016)
Tolerance in Times of Crisis? How Refugees Unsettle the National Past and Future in Germany

Lindsay Preseau

(UC Berkeley, German, Berlin Program 2015-2016)

"Kein Englisch, Kein Schwörerdeutsch": The Effect of Language Ideologies and Policy on the Refugee Experience

Phi Hong Su

(UCLA, Sociology, Berlin Program 2015-2016)

Transforming Refugees into Citizens: Vietnamese-Origin Germans and the Legality Divide

The recent 'refugee crisis' in Europe has triggered varied responses from politicians and social movements. While some, such as chancellor Angela Merkel, have advocated a pro-refugee politics, other political actors such as AfD and the CSU have contended that this is an irresponsible political move that cannot be borne by German society. Indeed, the entry of refugees into German society writ large is accompanied and shaped by mass political phenomena such as PEGIDA, who are reacting against

what they perceive as the government's pro-Islam, -migration, and -refugee politics. Beyond these political positions, everyday people and community organizations such as "Moabit Hilft" already grapple with the massive demographic transformation of Germany, and offer public and private solidarity.

This panel addresses the complexities of integration politics in contemporary Germany in order to elucidate the impact of migration on long-debated but unresolved questions of national belonging. Our aim is to center the activities and negotiations of local communities, organizations, and actors to these unprecedented changes. Through comparative historical, ethnographic, and interview methodologies, this panel will pay particular attention to how the 'refugee crisis' has reopened and exacerbated older questions on integration and assimilation through the lenses of race, gender, citizenship, and religious identity. We investigate: How does Holocaust education feature in integrating Syrian refugees into German society? And how does this reshuffle the position of established Muslim and Jewish communities? How do naturalized former "boat people" refugees from Vietnam relate to both co-ethnics without citizenship and those newly arriving refugees? What insight can be gained by intertwining the histories of Germany(s) with those of Asia and Africa? The contributors will demonstrate how these questions regroup and organize different actors, communities, as well as religious and migrant organizations, in order to emphasize how migration is an ongoing, irreversible reality that triggers old questions anew.

Sultan Doughan is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation research examines the practices surrounding historical memory, liberal

democracy, Muslim minorities, and political education in contemporary Germany. In researching major educational sites of Holocaust education, it investigates the extent to which discourses on Muslim integration in Germany are entangled with Germany's perception of itself as a liberal post-Holocaust society.

Lindsay Preseau is a PhD Candidate in the German Department at the University of California, Berkeley. Lindsay's main research interests lie in language contact and change in the Germanic languages. During her fieldwork in Berlin with newly-arrived refugees and youth with migrant backgrounds she conducted research for her dissertation project entitled "Dialect Transfer in Multilingual Germany: Kiezdeutsch and "Kiezenglish."

Phi Hong Su is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her areas of interest are international migration and politics, and her dissertation focuses on relationships between individuals from varied migration streams out of Vietnam to Germany during and after the Cold War.

Levent Soysal is Associate Professor of Anthropology and Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Communication at Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey. Between 2001-2002, he held a position as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies. During 1998-2001, he taught at the John W. Draper Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Humanities and Social Thought, New York University. His teaching and research interests cover contemporary urban spaces and spectacles, and movements of peoples, cultures, and goods. He is the co-editor of *Orienting Istanbul* (Routledge, 2010).