

# Invitation

## Welcome Meeting 2015 Hansestadt Hamburg

October 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

### Join the Fulbright Spirit

*“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 second 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 with us your idea of the Fulbright Spirit in today's globalized world and hope to inspire you with our varied program.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Best regards in the name of the organizing committee,

*Thevagar Mohanadhasan & Aline Klingberg and  
the entire board of the Fulbright Alumni e.V.*

PROGRAM | For updates please check [www.fulbright-alumni.de](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de)

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

##### 06.00 PM: Wine Reception

US General Consulate Hamburg

Alsterufer 27/28, 20354 Hamburg

[S21, S31: Station Dammtor; U1: Station 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 05:30 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.

##### 09.00 PM: Get-together

Alex Hamburg, ALEX Gaststätten Gesellschaft mbH & Co. KG

Jungfernstieg 54, 20354 Hamburg

[S1, S3, U1, U2, U4: Station Jungfernstieg]

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

##### 10.15 AM: Registration / Coffee

Amerikazentrum Hamburg e.V.

Am Sandtorkai 48, 20457 Hamburg

[U4: Station Überseequartier, U1: Station Meßberg]

##### 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

01.00 PM: Lunch Break

##### 02.00 PM: Key Note Speech (tba)\*

*\*Please check under [www.fulbright-alumni.de](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de) for updates.*

03.00 PM: Coffee Break

##### 03.30-05.00 PM: Workshops 1, 2, 3 at Amerikazentrum

##### 03.30-05.00 PM: FAeV Regional Chapter Jour Fixe

*at Café Mélange (see below)*

#### WORKSHOP 1

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 president of the board of the German Fulbright Alumni e.V.

#### WORKSHOP 2

Florian Grigoleit & Thevagar Mohanadhasan: *Join the Fulbright Spirit*

*“...Our future is not in the stars, but in our minds and hearts.”* (J. W. Fulbright). To strengthen this special connection – *the Fulbright Spirit* – and to encourage and support intercultural contacts and dialogue, we host various regional, national, and international events, ranging from joint conferences with other European and international Fulbright Alumni Associations. We want to motivate Fulbrighters to help organize events, acquire sponsoring, create new networks. Everyone can contribute in their own fashion and according to their own skills and interests (from sailing trips to Pow-Wows). New ideas are always appreciated. During the workshop, the board of the Alumni Association will present current projects and encourage discussion about new ideas and projects.

Florian Grigoleit studied mechanical engineering and computer science in Munich. He spent his Fulbright year 2010-2011 at Washington State University Pullman, where he obtained a M.S. in Computer Engineering. Today, Florian is a Ph.D. student in artificial intelligence at the Technische Universität München. In 2015, he was elected as treasurer of the Fulbright Alumni Association.

Thevagar Mohanadhasan, better known as Thiva, is an undergraduate student at the Georg-August University of Göttingen. He is currently majoring in Philosophy, Politics and Economics and spent his Fulbright stay at the University Of Kentucky in Lexington as a scholar of the

Diversity Initiative. In 2015, he was elected as Vice President Events of the German Fulbright Alumni e.V.

#### WORKSHOP 3

Mehmet Osman Gülyesil: *Integration from a Transatlantic Perspective*

The workshop intends to discuss the current situation of the Muslim minority in Germany from an interdisciplinary perspective. In comparison minority rights in the US shall serve as an alternative narration for the question of cultural diversity in modern western societies.

Mehmet Osman Gülyesil studied Law and Islamic Sciences in Göttingen and Istanbul. Currently he is pursuing his PhD in Islamophobia and Law at the Humboldt University of Berlin under the guidance of Professor Christoph Möllers.

##### 03.30-05.00 PM: FAeV Regional Chapter Jour Fixe

Café/Restaurant Mélange

Neuer Wall 31, 20354 Hamburg

[S1, S3: Station Jungfernstieg]

Ning Wang

This jour fixe addresses the different activities of the regional chapters and questions the portfolio of these activities. Are we prepared for the upcoming changes of the German Fulbright program? This jour fixe is offered to the representatives of the regional chapters and interested members.

Ning Wang studied aerospace engineering in Stuttgart where he earned his diploma. He spent his Fulbright year 2011/2012 at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. Currently, he is working towards his PhD degree at Airbus Group Innovations in Munich. In 2015, Ning was elected as Vice President Members for the German Fulbright Alumni e.V.

##### 06.30 PM: Dinner

Marinehof

Admiralitätstraße 77, 20459 Hamburg

[S1, S3: Station Stadthausbrücke]

##### 09.30 PM: Party Night at “Club Hörsaal”

Club Hörsaal

Talstraße 12, 20359 Hamburg

[S1, S3: Station Reeperbahn]

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

10.00-12.00 AM: Brunch

Café May

Hein-Hoyer-Straße 14, 20359 Hamburg

[S1, S3: Station Reeperbahn; U3: Station St. Pauli]

01.30-03.30 PM: Tour 1 Shelter Hamburg Central Station

A nuclear shelter right next to Hamburg's Central Train Station? Join us on a tour through the underground air raid shelter at Steintorwall, and see for yourself. This three story underground facility was built primarily for train travelers. You will see many of its 150 rooms and learn about the history of Hamburg, the bunker, World War II and the 'cold war' in Europe. What would life and survival in the shelter have been like? The tour is limited to 30 persons (first come first serve). 10 € per person.

01.30-02.30 PM: Tour 2 "Little Jerusalem"

Join the walk through the "Grindel", a University District that used to be the Jewish Quarter named "Klein-Jerusalem" 150 years ago. Visit precious mansions of former craftsmen's "Logen", remains of former synagogues, cafés and little shops. You'll get a feeling of what the Jewish Hamburg used to be like. Many of the former Jewish inhabitants became victims of the Nazi Regime. In 1941, the "Moorheide" served to gather Jewish inhabitants before their deportation to the Auschwitz extermination camp. The Moorheide Memorial reminds of this tragic crime, just like numerous "Stolpersteine", part of the biggest Memorial project in Germany. The fee for the tour will be 5 € per person.

01.00-05.00 PM: Fulbright Alumni e.V. Strategy Conference for FAeV members

Amerikazentrum Hamburg e.V., Am Sandtorkai 48, 20457 Hamburg

[U4: Station Überseequartier, U1: Station Meißberg]

During this conference, to which all current (and new) FAeV members are invited, the FAeV board will present the implications for our association as they result from a board meeting with the Fulbright Commission in Berlin in July 2015. Together we will discuss ideas about how to best address scholars of the new academic Fulbright programs and how to sustainably integrate them into our association.

**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.

For further information and program updates please check the website on a regular basis: [www.fulbright-alumni.de](http://www.fulbright-alumni.de)

## REGISTRATION / FEE

Registration will open on August 29th and will close on October 1st. 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 October 2nd, 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)

Regular Fee:		35,00 €
Students, Returnees, Current US Grantees:		25,00 €
Tour 1:	<b>Additional</b>	10,00 €
Tour 2:	<b>Additional</b>	5,00 €
<b>Please note:</b> Bring your Student ID for any tour. <i>Sum:</i> _____		

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). Please pay 7,90 € on site for the brunch buffet on Sunday (beverage not included).

## 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 23,00 €

**Please note:** you *don't need* an own DJH member pass. The FA e.V. is a member, covering all affiliated. When you make reservations, refer to "Fulbright Alumni e.V. Deutschland", to be assigned to rooms with other Fulbrighters.

- MEININGER Hotel Hamburg City Center (Hamburg Altona station) beds from 24,00 €
- A&O Hostel mixed dormitories beds from 10,00 €
- Motel 1 at Hamburg Michel rooms from 70,00 € (if interested, please book early!)
- 25h Hotel Twenty Five Hours Hotel Hafencity rooms from 140,00 €

## 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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