

# 16<sup>TH</sup> TRANSATLANTIC STUDENTS SYMPOSIUM

NEW YORK, MARCH 24-31, 2018  
(FIELD TRIP & CONFERENCE DURING SPRING BREAK)

- The Symposium Field Trip and Conference will be held in cooperation between Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Oregon State University, Uniwersytet Warszawski.
- You will meet with a group of International Students from Europe and other parts of the world.
- The symposia invite **students of the humanities and social sciences**, including Public Policy, Cultural and Literary Studies, History, Education, and others, to work together and approach political and historical topics with a strong relation to present-day cultural and public policy issues.
- The experiential learning trip is prepared by a mandatory, **no-credit class in Winter Quarter** (Friday, 1:30-3 PM, Bexell 207). You may sign up for Independent Study / Reading & Conference Credit if you wish.
- **Participant Cost: approx. 250 USD**

## CALL FOR PAPERS:

### CHALLENGES TO TRANSATLANTICISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY: RE-ENVISIONING THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP

After World War II, transatlantic relations were seen as a necessity in the West in order to rebuild Europe, to locate Germany securely within a democratic framework, and to meet the challenges of the Cold War. The Transatlantic Relationship was never free of conflicts, but in case of doubt, it was regarded as instrumental in promoting Western cooperation and security.

Now, 70 years after the Marshall Plan was implemented, the Transatlantic Relationship seems to be more in question than ever. It would be easy to attribute that situation to the agitations of few political leaders and demagogues, or to the short-term strategic interests of a few countries. A solid transatlantic framework should be able to successfully meet such disturbances.

Yet what appears to be visible now is probably a cultural shift, a notion that Transatlanticism itself is not only not anymore important, but also not desirable. Indeed, such questioning seems to extend to the ideas of globalization, free trade and internationalism. There has always been this criticism on the political left, but



now the same critique can be heard, albeit in different tones, on the political right as well.

Faced with such an unusual bipartisan anti-global and anti-international coalition, we will need to investigate possible root causes of such changes in the political spectrum in an age of uncertainty in which every reliable societal marker seems to be under question.

The upcoming 16<sup>th</sup> Transatlantic Students Symposium will explore the cultural, social, economic and political dimensions of such a shift, and discuss possible remedies to restore and possibly re-envision the Transatlantic Relationship.

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