

Call for applications
Genshagen Trilateral Summer School 2024

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Europe Left Alone? The Future of Transatlantic Relations from a Weimar Triangle Perspective

Genshagen Castle, 21-28 August 2024

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About the Summer School

Every summer since 2012, the Genshagen Trilateral Summer School brings together Master's and PhD students from German, French, and Polish universities at Genshagen Castle close to Berlin to discuss a topic of European relevance. This year's edition will take place from 21-28 August 2024 and will deal with the future of transatlantic relations.

The structure of the Summer School will be threefold. First, a series of lectures given by experts on the topic will provide participants with an overview of different aspects, challenges, and implications of transatlantic relations. This theoretical part will be complemented, secondly, by a study trip to Berlin during which participants will get the chance to discuss the Summer School topic with practitioners active in the policy field. At the end of the Summer School, thirdly, students will develop a future agenda for transatlantic relations (against the backdrop of a possible American withdrawal from Europe).

About this year's topic

The close relationship between Europe and the United States has been a centerpiece of the post-World War II international order. Despite recurring differences, the transatlantic bond proved particularly strong over the course of decades. However, the last years have seen an increasing number of voices fundamentally questioning this bond, especially in America. Some of these voices are advocating for either a more isolationist US foreign policy in general or a shift of focus from Europe to Asia, particularly as a response to China's growing influence. While it is not a given that the US will fundamentally reorient its foreign policy posture, Europe certainly has to prepare for both scenarios and develop a vision of how it will navigate in an increasingly competitive international order without the US at its side or with a diminished US presence in Europe. But what does this mean in concrete terms? How can Europe become more independent in its security and defence policy, which heavily relies on US security guarantees and particularly the US nuclear umbrella? What consequences might arise for transatlantic economic relations if the US, the EU's primary trading partner, adopts a more protectionist stance? How might the EU influence a shifting global order if not closely aligned with the US? Can Europe exert influence over international climate policy in the absence of the US, the world's second-largest emitter of CO₂? And what would losing a powerful ally in the global

struggle between democracy and authoritarianism mean for European democracies? In the end, whichever scenario plays out, the Weimar Triangle will play a key role in shaping a “post-American” Europe. But will France, Germany, and Poland be able to play the role of Europe’s engine in this regard? And how much room for maneuver does the Triangle actually have?

The Summer School will take an inside look at all these questions. It will offer participants an overview of the fundamental shifts occurring in transatlantic relations today, prompting them to engage in discussions about the future trajectory of the relationship between Europe and the US.

Who can apply?

We invite applications from **students at Master’s level as well as PhD students enrolled at a German, French or Polish university** (all nationalities) and **students with German, French or Polish nationality enrolled at universities in other countries**. Prior experience with the topic is welcome, but not obligatory. As the Summer School’s working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite. Up to eight students from each country will be able to participate in the Summer School.

How can I apply?

Please send us a **cover letter** detailing why you wish to participate in the Genshagen Summer School 2024 and your interest in the topic as well as a **short CV (both in English)**. We only accept electronic applications sent via e-mail to: summerschool@stiftung-genshagen.de. **The deadline for applications is 9 June 2024 and successful candidates will be notified by 14 June 2024.**

How much does it cost?

The tuition fee is 200€ per participant. This covers all costs related to your stay in Genshagen: a shared double room at the castle and all meals are included. Unfortunately, we cannot cover your trip to Genshagen and back. Please organise your travel by yourself.

Stipends: We’ll be able to give **stipends covering the tuition fee to a small number of participants**. If you want to apply for a stipend, please get in touch with us after having been offered a place and we’ll provide you with further details. Please note that stipends will be awarded according to social criteria.

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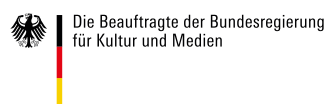
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Summer School Programme Lineout

Introduction Day

Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Teambuilding

Keynote Lecture: "The Future of Transatlantic Relations – What's at Stake?"

Day 2

Thursday, 22 August 2024

First & Second Session:

Kick-Off Workshop "The Weimar Triangle Countries and Transatlantic Relations - Different Approaches and Similarities"

Third Session: "Transatlantic Relations in Defence & Security"

Day 3

Friday, 23 August 2024

Study trip to Berlin

Day 4

Saturday, 24 August 2024

Fourth Session: "Transatlantic Economic Relations"

Afternoon: Working Groups to Develop a Future Agenda for Transatlantic Relations

Day 5

Sunday, 25 August 2024

Cultural trip to Berlin

Day 6

Monday, 26 August 2024

Fifth Session: "Transatlantic Relations and the Future of Multilateralism & Global Order"

Sixth Session: "Transatlantic Relations and Democracy"

Day 7

Tuesday, 27 August 2024

Seventh Session: "Transatlantic Cultural Relations"

Final Session: "Presenting a Future Agenda for Transatlantic Relations"

Final Day

Wednesday, 28 August 2024

Wrap-up, feedback, and farewell

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