

**ORIENTATION PROGRAM  
FOR AMERICAN FULBRIGHT  
GRANTEES 2018-19  
Vienna, September 18-21, 2018**

All events **will take place at the Museumsquartier  
Hof 2, Stiege 8, Tür 4, 1070 Vienna**, unless otherwise noted.

**Tuesday, September 18**

- 09:15 – 09:30**      **Arrival and Registration**
- 09:30 – 11:00**      **Welcome and Introductions: Program Overview**  
Mr. Nathanael M. LYNN, Cultural Attaché, US Embassy  
Dr. Lonnie R. JOHNSON, Executive Director
- 11:00 – 11:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 13:00**      **Living in Austria: The Challenges of Everyday Life**  
An open session on pragmatic concerns (university enrollment, documentation, banking, finances, transportation, communications, shopping, laws and regulations, etc.) with program officers and ‘veteran’ US Fulbrighters.
- 13:00 – 14:30**      **Lunch Break**
- 14:30 – 16:00**      **Austria: A User’s Guide**  
A few points of historical orientation that may be of use when dealing with the “natives” in the coming months.  
Dr. Lonnie R. JOHNSON, Executive Director

**Wednesday, September 19**

- 8:30 – 12:00**      **FOR STUDENTS**  
Vienna-based Fulbrighters: meet Dune Johnson and Darrah Lustig at MA35 (*Einwanderung und Staatsbürgerschaft*) to hand in either your residency permit applications (full-time research grantees and Fulbright-Mach grantees) or *Meldezettel* and have your fingerprints taken (combined grantees). Meeting point: ground floor of the building
- Address:** Dresdner Straße 93, Block C, 1200 – Directions: S-Bahn (toward Floridsdorf) from Wien Mitte or tram 2 to the stop Traisengasse.
- Grantees studying at the University of Vienna: after the MA35, please proceed to the University of Vienna with Darrah Lustig to finalize your registration (bring a passport-sized photo, your passport and an Austrian debit card). Address: 1010 Wien, Universitätsring 1 (ground

floor). Students at other Viennese universities are encouraged to finalize their registrations at this time independently.

US Scholars and non-Vienna-based US Students have free time.

13:30 – 15:00

**Hot Topics in Austria Today: Austria's Commemorative Year 2018 and Cultural Memory – The Collapse of the Habsburg Empire, the Establishment of the First Republic, and the Nazi German Anschluss of 1938**

A panel discussion with Dr. Heidemarie Uhl and Dr. Stefan Benedik.

Dr. Heidemarie UHL, Institute of Culture Studies and Theatre History, Austrian Academy of Sciences

Heidemarie Uhl is a senior researcher at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna and lecturer at the University of Vienna and the University of Graz. She holds a PhD in Contemporary History from the University of Graz and has published extensively on contemporary Austrian and European history and historiography. She was a research fellow at the IFK (Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften Vienna) and the Berliner Kolleg für Vergleichende Geschichte Europas. She was a guest professor at Strasbourg University, Hebrew University Jerusalem, Strasbourg University, AUB Andrassy University Budapest and Fulbright-Botstiber Visiting Professor at Stanford University. Uhl is a member of the Austrian Delegation to the IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and a member of the scientific board of the Haus der Geschichte Österreich (vice chairperson), the Militärgeschichtliche Denkmalkommission at the Austrian Ministry of Defence (vice chairperson) and the Fachkommission der Stiftung Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten. She is a member of the editorial boards of *Zeitgeschichte* and of *Contemporary Austrian Studies*. She is currently directing the project Neugestaltung des Österreichischen Heldendenkmals (Reconceptualization of the Austrian Hero's Monument) in Vienna on Heldenplatz.

Dr. Stefan BENEDIK, Haus der Geschichte Österreich

Dr. Stefan Benedik is the digital curator at the House of Austrian History and a lecturer in the gender studies program at the University of Graz. He studied history and cultural anthropology in Graz and Prague and held a scholarship from the Austrian Academy of Sciences for cross-disciplinary research on Romani migration from 2011 to 2013. In 2013, he was a visiting researcher at the University of Toronto. He conducted various research projects in the areas of gender history, Romani studies, migration and racialization, gender and nationalism, and 20<sup>th</sup>-century Central Europe. Since 2014, he has been a member of the editorial board of the *Austrian Journal for Historical Studies* (OeZG). His recent publications include the co-edited volume *Embodiment*.

*Transdisciplinary Explorations on Gender and Body in History* (2017) and the co-authored monograph *Orte, an denen Geschichte geschrieben wird* (Places Where History Is Written; 2016).

**15:00 – 17:30**      **Walking Tour of the “Imperial Portion” of the Ringstraße**  
Museums, the Hofburg (former imperial residence, now the Austrian National Library), Austrian Parliament (former imperial *Reichsrat*), combining practical information and political anecdote.  
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**Thursday, September 20**

**09:00 – 10:30**      **Transatlantic Relations: Austria, the United States, and the European Union**

Stephen A. HUBLER, Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, US Embassy Vienna

Stephen Hubler has served as Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs at the US Embassy in Vienna since August 2016 and was Acting Deputy Chief of Mission from January 2017 to June 2018. Before his posting in Vienna, he served as the Senior Coordinator for Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Affairs at the US Embassy in Baghdad from 2015-2016. Additional postings have included Consul General at the US Consulate General in Düsseldorf, Germany; Deputy Principal Officer at the US Consulate General in St. Petersburg, Russia; Political-Economic Affairs Counselor at the US Embassy in Skopje, Macedonia; Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Horn of Africa, working out of the US Embassy in Addis Ababa; as well as several postings in Washington DC, San Jose, and Frankfurt. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Steve was a US Army Officer with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment based in Fulda, Germany.

**10:30 – 11:00**      **Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 11:30**      **Briefing by the Regional Security Office, US Embassy Vienna**  
Mr. David L. LYONS, Regional Security Officer, US Embassy Vienna

**11:30 – 12:00**      **Austrian Manners and Customs**

**12:00 – 13:30**      **Lunch Break**

**13:30 – 15:00**      **Comparative Politics: Elections, Topics, and Trends in Austria and the United States since 2016.**

A panel discussion with Dr. Bettina Leibetseder and Dr. Thomas König

**Dr. Bettina LEIBETSEDER, SORA Institute for Social Research and Consulting**

Bettina Leibetseder completed her MS, doctorate, and habilitation in social and economic sciences at the Johannes Kepler University Linz, where she was a lecturer and assistant professor as well as a researcher at the Department of Social Policy from 2002 to 2017. Her fields of research and specialization include Austrian and comparative social policy, minimum income schemes, gender, and family migration. She has published in a wide range of journals in English and in German and most recently was a visiting scholar at the Center of Comparative Welfare Research at the University of Aalborg (Denmark). In 2015 she was the Fulbright-Botstiber Visiting Professor at Hunter College (CUNY) in New York City. She joined the staff of the Institute for Social Research and Consulting (SORA), a leading Austrian research and consulting firm, as a researcher in 2017.

**Dr. Thomas KÖNIG, Head of Strategy and Scientific Services, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna**

Thomas König is Head of Strategy and Scientific Services at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna. He is an expert on science policy and sociology of science; his most recent publications deal with topics such as Austrian higher education policy after WWII and the European Research Area. Besides several other academic publications, he published two books, one on the early history of the Fulbright Program and its impact on post-war Austrian academia (published 2012 in German with StudienVerlag, Innsbruck), and the other on European research policy, tracing the establishment of the European Research Council (published 2017 in English with Polity, Cambridge UK). Thomas has held positions both in academia and in policy-making; in 2014, he was a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University.

**15:00 – 18:30**

**Break**

**18:30**

**Reception Hosted by His Excellency Trevor D. Traina, Ambassador to Austria**

For incoming US Fulbright grantees, “homecoming” Austrian grantees, members of the Fulbright Austria board, representatives of institutions that collaborate with Fulbright Austria, and other friends and associates of the Fulbright Program in Austria. (Invitations will be distributed during orientation; bring them and a picture ID with you.)

**Friday, September 21**

**Bus Trip to Melk Monastery, Wachau-Danube-Valley, Dürnstein**

Meeting point: Friedrich-Schmidt-Platz 1, behind the Rathaus (U2 stop Rathaus)

- 08:30** Departure: Friedrich-Schmidt-Platz 2 (behind the Rathaus)  
Route: Vienna - Melk - Wachau Valley - Dürnstein
- 10:40** Guided tour of the Melk Monastery
- 12:00** Free time for everybody
- 13:30** Meet at the boat dock (Bootsanlegestelle)
- 13:50** Boat departs for Dürnstein (arrival 15:10)  
Free time for everybody
- 18:00** Bus departs for Vienna (Busparkplatz)
- 20:00** Arrival in Vienna