ORIENTATION PROGRAM
FOR AMERICAN FULBRIGHT GRANTEES 2017-18
Vienna, September 19-22 September 2017

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

Tuesday, September 19

09:15 – 09:30 Arrival and Registration

09:30 – 11:00 Welcome and Introductions Program Overview
Dr. Daniel MATTERN, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. 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, '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 20

8:30 – 12:00 FOR STUDENTS
Vienna-based Fulbrighters: meet with Mag. Belona Berchtaler and Molly Roza at MA 35 (Einwanderung und Staatsbürgerschaft) to hand in your residency permit applications (Full Research Grantees and Fulbright-Mach Grantees) or Meldezettel and have your fingerprints taken (Combined Grantees). Meeting point: Ground floor of the building. Address: Dresdener Straße 93, Block C, 1200 – Directions: S-Bahn (direction Florisdorf) from Wien Mitte or tram 2 to the stop Traisengasse.

Grantees studying at the University of Vienna: please proceed to the University of Vienna with Molly Roza after MA35 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.

Non-Vienna-based students have free time.
10:30-12:00 | FOR SCHOLARS
Teaching at an Austrian University: Differences between Austria and the US
Dr. Lonnie JOHNSON; Dr. Susanne HAMSCHA

12:00-13:30 | Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 | Hot Topics in Austria Today: Austria – A Land of Immigration? Historical facts and current challenges of migration in Austria
A panel discussion with Dr. Ernst SCHMIEDERER, cross-media-entrepreneur and author associated with blinklicht.media.labs: a multimedia production and digital storytelling company based in Vienna that develops, produces, and distributes content for film, television, mobile and broadband platforms. He was in the project team responsible for a six volume story-telling project *Wir: Berichte aus dem neuen Oe* (We: Reports from the new Austria) to which over 2,000 students from schools in four Austrian provinces contributed. He also is a blogger and contributes regularly to *Die Zeit*.

Dr. Judith KOHLENBERGER, Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), The Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital

Judith Kohlenberger is affiliated with the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) and the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (IIASA, VID/OAW, WU). She holds a PhD from the University of Vienna in English and American studies, with a focus on cultural studies, Science-Technology-Society (STS), and politics of representation. Her recently published monograph *The New Formula For Cool: Science, Technology, and the Popular in the American Imagination* (transcript 2015) explores legitimation discourses of technoscience in American popular culture. Since fall 2015, she has been working on the *Displaced Persons in Austria Survey (DiPAS)*, which examines the human capital, educational attainment, and values of Syrian, Iraqi and Afghan refugees in Austria. In addition, Judith coordinates the interdisciplinary MSc program “Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy” (SEEP) at WU and serves on the committee of the *Refugee Outreach and Research Network (ror-n)*. She teaches at the University of Vienna and its annual summer program in European Studies.

Thursday, September 21

08:30-09:00 | Briefing by the Regional Security Office, U.S. Embassy Vienna
Mr. Donald JURCZYK, Deputy Regional Security Officer, U.S. Embassy Vienna

09:00 – 10:30 | Transatlantic Relations: Austria, the United States, and the European Union
Acting DCM Stephen A. HUBLER, U.S. Embassy Vienna

Acting DCM Stephen Hubler has served as Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna since August 2016. Before that, he served as the Senior Coordinator for Refugee and Internally Displaced Persons Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad from 2015-2016. Additional postings have included Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Düsseldorf, Germany; Deputy Principal Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in St. Petersburg, Russia; Political-Economic Affairs Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Skopje, Macedonia; Regional Refugee Coordinator for the Horn of Africa, working out of
the U.S. 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 U.S. Army Officer with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment based in Fulda, Germany.

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 Hot Topics in Austria Today: Austrian elections in October 2017
A panel discussion with 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 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 until 2017. Her fields or 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.

Prof. Heinz GÄRTNER, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna
Prof. Gärtner is a lecturer at the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, and Danube University. He was academic director of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs until 2016. He held a Fulbright Fellowship as well as the Visiting Austrian Chair at the Stanford University, where he had further visiting fellowships. He is editor of the book series Internationale Sicherheit (Peter-Lang Publisher). Heinz Gärtner is senior external expert of the RAND-Corporation Europe. He chairs the advisory board Strategy and Security of the Austrian Armed Forces and serves on a number of other editorial and advisory boards. He published two books on the Obama presidency (2008 and 2012) as well as Die USA und die neue Welt (The USA in the New World) in 2014.

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00 Walking tour of the “imperial portion” of the Ringstraße
Museums, Hofburg (former Imperial Residence, now National Library), Austrian Parliament (former Reichsrat) combining practical information and political anecdote
Dr. Lonnie JOHNSON

18:30 Reception hosted by Chargé d’Affaires a.i. Eugene S. Young
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 with you)
Weidlichgasse 1-5, 1130 Wien
Friday, September 22

09:30-11:00 Guided Tour Upper Belvedere
Prinz Eugen-Straße 27, 1030 Vienna
The two Belvedere palaces – Baroque landmarks – were built in the early eighteenth century by the famous Baroque architect Johann Lucas von Hildebrandt and served as the summer residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy (1663–1736). Today the Belvedere houses the greatest collection of Austrian art dating from the Middle Ages to the present day. Highlights from the holdings include the world’s largest collection of Gustav Klimt’s paintings and works by Egon Schiele and Oskar Kokoschka.
Directions: Tram D to Schloss Belvedere or U1 station Südtiroler Platz Hauptbahnhof, tram line 18 and O, station Quartier Belvedere
Meeting place: 09:15 (punctually) at the main entrance “of the Upper Belvedere” on the back side palace

11:30-13:30 Vienna City Bus Tour
Old and New: Belvedere > Karlsplatz > Naschmarkt > Ringstraße > Praterstern > Donau > UNO City > Kahlenberg
Tour Guide: Mag. Martin MUTSCHLECHNER

13:30 Lunch at Heuriger Müller, Cobenzlgasse 38, 1190 Wien
Each participant will be responsible for his/her return trip: Bus 38A to the U4 Heiligenstadt or tram 38, which will get you to the U6 (Nussdorferstrasse) or all the way back into town (U 2 -Schottentor).