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ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN FULBRIGHT GRANTEES 2016-17 Vienna, September 20-23 September 2016

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

Tuesday, September 20

09:15 – 09:30 **Arrival and Registration**

09:30 – 11:00 **Welcome and Introductions. Program Overview**

Ms. Kellee FARMER, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, 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, 'veteran' US Fulbrighters and Austrian Fulbright Student Candidates.

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 21

8:30 – 12:00 **FOR STUDENTS**

Vienna-based Fulbrighters: meet with Mag. Belona Berchtaler and Molly Roza at MA35 to hand in your residency permit applications (Full Research Grantees and Fulbright-Mach Grantees) or Meldezettels and have your fingerprints taken (Combined Grantees). Meeting point: Ground floor of the building
Address: [1200 Wien, Dresdner Straße 93, Block C](#)

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). Students at other Viennese universities are encouraged to finalize their registrations at this time independently. Address: 1010 Wien, Universitätsring 1 (ground floor)

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, Dr. Irene ZAVARSKY

12:00-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-15:00 **Hot Topics in Austria Today: Austria Land of Immigration? – Historical facts and current challenges of migration in Austria.**
A panel discussion with Ernst SCHMIEDERER, Cross-Media-Entrepreneur & Author, blinklicht.media.labs, Die Zeit;
Jelena PANTIĆ, BA; Communitymarketing und Ressortleitung Kultur, “Das Biber”, Austrian news magazine

Thursday, September 22

09:00 – 10:30 **Transatlantic Relations: Austria, the United States, and the European Union**
Mr. Eugene YOUNG, is the Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) at the US Embassy in Vienna. He served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and previously as an Economic or Political officer at the US embassies in Belgrade, Serbia; Zagreb, Croatia; and Bratislava, Slovakia.
Mr. Young's most recent diplomatic assignment was as Consul and US Senior Civilian Representative at the US Consulate in Herat, Afghanistan.

10:30 – 11:00 **Briefing by Mr. Idris RAHIMI, Regional Security Advisor, US Embassy Vienna**

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 **Hot Topics in Austria Today: The European Union in the age of disintegration and political stalemate?**
A panel discussion with Dr. Christa CHORHERR, writer on socio-political issues related to religions;
Otmar LAHODYNSKY, Austrian journalist and EU-expert, European editor for the Austrian political weekly „profil”;

13:00-14:30 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** at the residence of the Minister-Counselor of the Embassy of the United States of America, Mr. Eugene 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 these with you)
Address: Linnéplatz 4, 1190 Vienna
Directions will be provided in your orientation package.

Friday, September 23

10:00 Guided tour of the Wien Museum (metro U2 Karlsplatz, Karlsplatz 8, 1040 Vienna)
12:00 Departure: Friedrich Schmidt Platz 2 (metro U2 Rathaus, behind the Rathaus)
Route: Vienna - Klosterneuburg
12:30 Lunch at Restaurant Stiftskeller, Klosterneuburg
14:30-17:00 Guided Tour of the Stift Klosterneuburg and Wine-Tasting
18:00 Bus departs for Vienna
18:30 Arrival in Vienna