



**ORIENTATION PROGRAM
FOR AMERICAN FULBRIGHT GRANTEES 2016-17
Vienna, February 23-24, 2017**

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

Note: Stiege (=stairwell) 8 is situated in Hof 2 (=courtyard 2) which is on the Mariahilferstrasse end of the MuseumsQuartier venue. The offices of the Commission are on the corner of Mariahilferstrasse and Museumsplatz. There is an intercom on the right hand side of the door.

Thursday, February 23

13:30 **Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Robert Greenan, Counselor for Public Affairs,
U.S. Embassy Vienna,
and Dr. Lonnie R. JOHNSON, Executive Director

**Housekeeping Issues: program overview, distribution of orientation materials,
grant disbursement procedures**

An open session on pragmatic issues such as grant conditions, banking,
finances, transportation, communications, insurance, laws and regulations,
etc. Dr. Lonnie JOHNSON; Dr. Suanne HAMSCHA

Coffee Break

16:30 **Austria and Europe: Politics and Populism, Migration and Memory**

A panel discussion and Q & A moderated by Dr. Lonnie JOHNSON with
Dr. Thomas KÖNIG, Vienna Institute of Advanced Studies, Senior Researcher,
Political Science

Thomas König is a social scientist specializing on the relationship of science and politics. 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. Currently, he works as strategic advisor to the director of the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna.

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 Stanford University. Uhl is a member of the Austrian Delegation to the IHRA International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance and member of the scientific board of the Haus der Geschichte Österreich (vice chairperson), the Militärhistorische Denkmalkommission at the Austrian Ministry of Defence (vice chairperson) and the Fachkommission der Stiftung Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten. She is member of the editorial board of *Zeitgeschichte* and of *Contemporary Austrian Studies*. She is currently directing the project Neugestaltung des Österreichischen Heldendenkmals in Vienna (Reconceptualisation of the Austrian Hero's Monument) on Heldenplatz.

18:00 **Meet and Greet for US Fulbright Grantees, US and Austrian Fulbright Alumni/Alumnae and Friends, Partners and Associates of the Austrian-American Fulbright Program**
Raum D/Q21, QDK / Electric Avenue, MQ,
Museumsplatz 1
1070 Wien, (U2/U3 Volkstheater)

Friday, February 24

09:00-10:30 **Teaching at an Austrian University: Differences between Austria and the U.S.**

The purpose of this session is to take a historical and a sociological look at the evolution of the institutional culture of Austrian higher education. It is a hands-on guide that explains curricular and institutional structures with some tips for interpreting the practices, rituals, and habits of the academy in Central Europe.

Dr. Lonnie JOHNSON and Dr. Susanne HAMSCHA are both graduates of the University of Vienna (Alma Mater Rudolphina), which celebrated its 650th anniversary in 2016

Coffee Break

11:00 **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.

Lunch break

14:30

Austria: A User's Guide

Dr. Lonnie JOHNSON, co-author of *Vienna: The Past in the Present* (with Inge Lehne, 2nd ed. 1995) and author of *Introducing Austria* (1989) and *Central Europe: Enemies, Neighbors, Friends* (Oxford University Press, 3rd ed. 2010) will attempt to provide a few points of historical, sociological, and cultural reference that may be of use when dealing with the natives in the coming months.

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

18:00

Dinner at Fromme Helene

Josefstädterstrasse 15, 1080 Vienna (on the corner of Lange Gasse just down from the Hotel Zipser)

Procedural Note:

The Commission secretariat will reserve rooms for those Fulbright grantees, whose assignments are outside of Vienna, at

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It will cover the costs of accommodations for "out of towners" for the nights from February 23 and 24 and reimburse them for the costs of round trip second class rail travel to and from Vienna. For train schedules, consult www.oebb.at.