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Dear Sir / Madam

Your trip to Germany is fast approaching.

We would therefore like to inform you of its current state of planning.

The enclosed program is still provisional; some details may still have to be finalized. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We would ask you to not contact directly the discussion partners and speakers named in the program at this point. This is because not all of them have given final confirmation of their intention to participate, and it is therefore possible that changes may yet be made. If you would like to get in touch with one of the contacts, please let us know via your local German mission, and we will be happy to arrange this for you.

When you arrive in Germany, an accompanying officer from Goethe-Institut will be there to meet you. He or she will present you with a printed version of the final program and accompany you to your hotel. You can find his/her telephone number below.

We look forward to welcoming you to Germany and wish you a pleasant journey.

Yours faithfully,
Patricia Olligschläger



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Itinerary

Sunday, 06/07

Venue

08:00 Arrival in Frankfurt/Main on flight LH 419
Welcome at the airport by your tour guides

Afterwards Transfer to Heidelberg by bus

Green = Casual
 Purple = Business Casual
 Yellow = Business Formal

Sunday, 06/07

Venue

12:00

Guided Tour
 of Heidelberg and Heidelberg Castle

Heidelberg

Heidelberg, the former residence of the Electorate of Palatinate, is renowned for its picturesque old quarters and the castle ruins which overlook the town. Its university, well known far beyond Germany's borders, is the oldest one in today's Germany. Founded in 1386, it was the third university established in the Holy Roman Empire north of the Alps. Heidelberg Castle (in German: Heidelberger Schloss) is one of the most famous castle ruins in Germany and the landmark of Heidelberg. Since the early 19th century, it is the epitome of German romanticism. The former palace buildings were among the most important Renaissance structures north of the Alps. After suffering several destructions in the 17th and 18th century the castle was only partially rebuilt. It is located 80 metres up the northern part of the Königstuhl hillside, and thereby dominates the view of the old downtown. The earliest castle structures date from the 12th century.

Monday, 06/08

Venue

08:00

Transfer to Sindelfingen by bus

10:00

Gemeinschaftsschule im Eichholz
 Joint secondary school

Theodor-Heuss-Str. 88-100,
 71067 Sindelfingen
 Tel.: 07031 706408-11

Welcome
 and presentation
 by Ms. Barbara Knöbl, Director

Subject
 The school's profile and its special characteristics

11:00

Sitting in on classes

11:45

Discussion
 with teachers and students

12:15

Lunch
 with representatives of the teaching staff

Monday, 06/08

Venue

13:00

Introductory lecture

on the German system of vocational education and training
by Mr. Knut Becker, Head of the Department for Policy Issues
and Quality Management in Vocational Schools



Gemeinschaftsschule im Eichholz
Joint secondary school
Theodor-Heuss-Str. 88-100,
71067 Sindelfingen
Tel.: 07031 706408-0

13:45

Q+A Session

Afterwards

Transfer to Heidelberg by bus

Tuesday, 06/09

Venue

08:33

Transfer to Mannheim by train S1

Arrival: 08:51

09:30

John Deere Deutschland

Manufacturer of agricultural machines

Discussion

with Mr. Ingolf Prüfer, Global Human Resources Director
Region 2

Subject

The German vocational system in an American enterprise

John-Deere-Straße 90
68163 Mannheim
Tel.: 0621 829-8204

14:00

Handwerkskammer Mannheim Rhein-Neckar-Odenwald

Training academy of the Regional chamber of trade and crafts

Discussion

with Mr. Franz-Otto Trautwein, Director of the inter-
company training

Subject

The inter-company vocational training

Gutenbergstraße 49
68167 Mannheim
Tel.: 0621 18002-212

Tuesday, 06/09

Venue

16:30

of Mannheim

Mannheim has some 300,000 inhabitants, making it the third-largest city in Land Baden-Württemberg. The former residence (1720–1778) of the Kurpfalz (Electoral Palatinate) is characterized by its baroque palace, one of the largest palace complexes in the world, which today houses the university. It is also known as the “city of squares” on account of the checkered design of its road network, which still exists and dates back to the building of the city in the seventeenth century. Today, Mannheim is a major industrial and commercial center and the location of the principal offices of companies including Daimler, John Deere, Caterpillar, ABB, IBM, Roche, Unilever and Siemens. Mannheim is home to the world's oldest municipal theater, and to the Popakademie Baden-Württemberg – University of Popular Music and Music Business, the modern continuation of the Mannheim School that brought many musicians to Mannheim back in the mid-eighteenth century (including Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart).

Meeting point: Baroque Palace, entrance of Palace Church
Bismarckstraße
68161 Mannheim

Not really an opportunity to change, so you will probably still be in your business casual clothes

Wednesday, 06/10

Venue

Morning

Transfer to Adelsheim by bus

10:00

Landesschulzentrum für Umwelterziehung
State Academy for Environmental Education

Discussion
Mr. Meinolf Stendebach, Director

Subject
The mission and pedagogical concept of the Landesschulzentrum für Umwelterziehung

Eckenberg 1
74740 Adelsheim
Tel.: 06291 27100

15:00

Guided Tour
of Schwäbisch Hall
including a brewery tour

Schwäbisch Hall, once a Free Imperial City of the Holy Roman Empire, owes its economic development to a salt mine, located within the confines of the town, and the royal mint established by the Holy Roman Emperor here in the 12th century. With its well preserved ensemble of half-timbered houses and narrow lanes, the small town is an impressive example of a medieval townscape. The Marktplatz is one of the most beautiful squares in Germany and combines the architectural styles of several epochs, ranging from the Romanesque-Gothic church of St. Michael to the Baroque town hall. Modern architecture is present by the gallery of the German entrepreneur and art collector Reinhold Würth.

Haller Löwenbrauerei
Ritterstraße 6
74523 Schwäbisch Hall
Tel.: 0791 751-212

Thursday, 06/11

Venue

08:48

Departure to Karlsruhe by train S3

Arrival: 09:36

10:00

Industrie- und Handelskammer (IHK) Karlsruhe

IHK Chamber of Industry and Commerce Karlsruhe

Lammstraße 13-17

76133 Karlsruhe

Tel.: 0721 174-132

Discussion

with Mr. Dietmar Pesch, Press and Public Relations

Subject

The cross-border project 'Business provides education' of the Chambers of Industry and Commerce Karlsruhe and Alsace, France

14:00

Departure from Karlsruhe to Fulda by train ICE 278

Welcome at the station by your tour guides

Arrival: 16:09

Afterwards

Transfer to Geisa by bus

17:30

Guided Tour

of the Faber Bakery

Werner-Deschauer-Str. 16

36419 Geisa

Tel.: 036967-75254

Faber Bakery in Geisa was first mentioned in 1553, making it Thuringia's oldest bakery. The bakery is a family-run business and was privately operated - by the same family - even in the GDR era. Fascinating information about the history of the Faber family and their enterprise before and after the peaceful revolution of 1989 is waiting to be discovered.

Friday, 06/12

Venue

All Day

Point Alpha Stiftung

Point Alpha Foundation

Schlossplatz 4

36419 Geisa

Tel.: 036967 5964-0

09:00

Guided Tour

of the Point Alpha Memorial

14:00

Discussion

with a contemporary witness

Subject

Life in the restricted zone of the former inner-German border on the Eastern side

Friday, 06/12

Venue

16:15

Transfer to Fulda by bus

17:14

Departure from Fulda to Weimar by train ICE 1643

Arrival: 18:56

Evening

Group reflection

Saturday, 06/13

Venue

09:30

Guided Tour
of the Buchenwald Memorial

Buchenwald

Buchenwald concentration camp was established on the Ettersberg (Etter Mountain) near Weimar in July 1937, one of the first and the largest of the concentration camps on German soil, following Dachau's opening just over four years earlier. Prisoners from all over Europe and the Soviet Union – Jews, Poles and other Slavs as well as mentally and physically disabled persons, religious and political prisoners, Roma and Sinti, Freemasons, Jehovah's Witnesses, convicts, homosexuals, and prisoners of war – were deported to it. Buchenwald soon became a synonym for the Nazi concentration camps and their forced labor system. More than 250,000 persons were ultimately imprisoned in the camp on the Ettersberg and its 136 subcamps. From 1945 to 1950, the camp was used by the Soviet occupation authorities as an internment camp, known as NKVD special camp number 2. In 1958, the GDR government opened the National Memorial Buchenwald. After German reunification, the redesigned memorial was reopened and it has hosted many different exhibitions dealing with the site's history.

Casual in that you need to be comfortable, but still respectful as it is a memorial. No shorts, no tanktops.

14:58

Departure from Weimar to Leipzig by train ICE 1549

Arrival: 16:14

20:00

Attend the
Bach-Festival concert Nr. 17 – Bach Cantatas

Thomaskirche
Thomaskirchhoff 18
04109 Leipzig

performed by
Kölner Kammerchor and Collegium Cartusianum
Conductor: Peter Neumann
Soloists: Hanna Zumsande (Soprano), Elvira Bill
(Mezzosoprano), Manuel König (Tenor), Tobias Berndt (Bass)

Sunday, 06/14

Venue

Morning

Guided Tour

of the Leipzig Forum of Contemporary History

The Leipzig Forum of Contemporary History in Leipzig's city center commemorates the opposition, resistance and moral courage in the GDR in the context of the German division. The exhibition, documentation and information center offers a forum for the approach, analysis and debate about German history from the end of World War II to the present.

Grimmaische Straße 6

04109 Leipzig

Tel.: 0341 2220-401

Afternoon

Guided Tour

of the Runde Ecke Memorial Museum

The memorial Museum in der Runden Ecke (Museum in the Round Corner) presents in its permanent exhibition "Stasi - Power and Banality" the history, structure and working methods of the Ministry of State in the German Democratic Republic. It is located in the former district headquarters of the "Stasi", the secret service of the GDR. Operator of the memorial is the non-profit association Bürgerkomitee Leipzig (Citizens Committee of Leipzig), which originated during the Peaceful Revolution in 1989. With its present work it continues to contribute to the process of reappraisal of the past in Germany.

Dittrichring 24

04109 Leipzig

Tel.: 0341 96124-43

Evening

Group reflection

Monday, 06/15

Venue

10:00

Universität Leipzig

Competence Center for Right-Wing Extremism and Democracy Research

Universitätsstraße 1-5, Room S 024

04109 Leipzig

Discussion

with Prof. Dr. Oliver Decker, Spokesman of the Executive Board

Subject

Pegida demonstrations with focus on counter demonstrations in Leipzig

13:51

Departure to Berlin by train ICE 890

Arrival: 15:05

Monday, 06/15

Venue

16:00

**Sightseeing Tour
of Berlin**

Berlin, the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany, looks back on an eventful history. First mentioned in a document in 1237, Berlin was, in the course of its history and under different systems of government, royal seat and capital city of the Brandenburg Electorate, the Kingdom of Prussia and the German Reich until its fall in 1945. In 1949, the eastern part of the city was proclaimed capital of the German Democratic Republic (GDR).

With the reunification in 1990, Berlin once again became all-German capital city. Since then, Berlin has established itself as a world-renowned artistic and cultural metropolis which attracts cultural professionals from all over the world. Its architecture, universities and research institutions are as well known as its major events, festivals and museums. A diversity of lifestyles marks the urban life.

Tuesday, 06/16

Venue

to be confirmed

09:30

Rudolf-Wissell-Grundschule
Primary school**Study visit**
and discussion

Ms. Cordula Stoberneck, Director

Subject

Challenges, benefits, and best practices for teaching students with a migration background

Ellerbeker Straße 7-8
13357 Berlin
Tel.: 030 4979994-0

11:00

Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
Federal Office for Migration and Refugees**Discussion**

with a representative of the Federal Office

Subject

Tasks of the Federal Office in matters of integration

Askaniering 106
13587 Berlin
Tel.: 030 35582-0

Tuesday, 06/16

Venue

14:00

Guided Tour

of the Kreuzberg district and the Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum

Adalbertstraße 95 A
10999 Berlin
Tel.: 030 505852-33

The X-Berg-Tag (Kreuzberg Day) begins with a guided tour of Kreuzberg Museum, followed by a walk through the legendary postal area SO 36, where Berlin's Kreuzberg district is at its most colorful. There will also be a visit to a German-Turkish youth project, mosque or cultural center. The tour ends with lunch at a Turkish restaurant. During the tour, there will be an opportunity to talk about the coexistence of people from different backgrounds in a unique Berlin district. The initiators are between 19 and 27 years of age and all of them were born and grew up in Kreuzberg.

There will not be an opportunity to change, so you will still be in your business formal for this part of the day.

Wednesday, 06/17

Venue

09:30

Löcknitz-Grundschule

Primary school

Berchtesgadener Str. 10-11
10779 Berlin
Tel.: 030 90277-7164

Study visit

and discussion

with Ms. Christa Niclasen, Principal

Subject

The special profile of the primary school

12:30

Auswärtiges Amt

Federal Foreign Office

Werderscher Markt 1
10117 Berlin
Tel.: 030 5000-2628

Lunch

at the invitation of the Directorate-General for Culture and Communication hosted by

Dr. Heinz Wirth, Desk Officer, Division Cultural and Media Relations with Europe, USA, Canada

14:00

Europäische Akademie Berlin e.V.

Private non-profit institution for civic education

Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften
Veranstaltungszentrum
Jägerstr. 22-23
10117 Berlin
Tel.: 030 20370-427

Discussion

with Dr. Andrea Despot, Deputy-Director

Subject

Fundamental concepts of the EU, current issues, Germany's role in Europe

optional

17:30

Boat Tour

on the Wannsee

Thursday, 06/18

Venue

09:30

Germany Today

Lecture about current issues in mainstream German discourse, followed by a Q&A session with Prof. em. Wolf Wagner, sociologist

Auswärtiges Amt
Besucherzentrum, Fritz-Kolbe-Saal
Werderscher Markt 1
10117 Berlin
Tel.: 030 5000-0

13:45

Visit to
the Berlin Wall Memorial

The Berlin Wall Memorial is a central memorial to the East-West German division. Situated on Bernauer Straße, it extends along 1.4 kilometers of the former border. The memorial contains a section of the Berlin Wall with the grounds behind it preserved as they were before the Wall fell. It thus gives an impression of how the border fortifications developed until the late 1980s. The preserved historical remnants on display here are a testament to the events that took place here and help visitors gain a deeper understanding of the history of Germany's division.

Bernauer Straße 119
13355 Berlin
Tel.: 030 4679866-66

Afterwards

Home Visit

Meet residents of former East and West Berlin for an informal get-together over coffee and cake

Friday, 06/19

Venue

Evening

Wrap-Up Meeting

Opportunity to reflect on the journey and your experiences in Germany with Ms. Asia Afaneh, Facilitator

All Day

Free time

Participants can visit museums, cycle along the Spree or at Tempelhof, shop, visit Potsdam, etc.

Saturday, 06/20

Venue

07:45

Departure from Berlin/Tegel on flight LH 175

Appendix

Contact

Mr. Prof. em. Wolf Wagner,
Sociologist

Information

Wolf Wagner (1944) is a German sociologist and author of several publications on topics as diverse as the German university system, the relationship between East and West Germans, the democratic political system, and poverty and culture. He studied English literature, philosophy and political science. After 1967, he increasingly aligned himself with the leftist student movement and worked as a research assistant at the Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science at the Freie Universität Berlin, where he received his doctorate on Marx's Immiseration Thesis in 1976. In 1992 he was appointed professor of social sciences and political systems at the University of Applied Sciences in Erfurt.

Auswärtiges Amt
Federal Foreign Office

Werderscher Markt 1
10117 Berlin
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The Federal Foreign Office represents Germany's interests to the world. It promotes international exchange and offers protection and assistance to Germans abroad. With headquarters in Berlin and a network of 229 missions abroad, the Federal Foreign Office maintains Germany's relations with other countries as well as with international and supra-national organizations. The Visitors Program and its information tours are also initiated by the Federal Foreign Office. Each year these information tours give more than 1,000 guests, among them foreign journalists, politicians, and experts from all fields of education, art and culture an up-to-date and varied picture of Germany through exchange with specialists and personal experience.

Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge
Federal Office for Migration and Refugees

Askaniering 106
13587 Berlin
Tel.: 030 35582-0
M12Posteingang@bamf.bund.de
www.bamf.de

The Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Federal Office for Migration and Refugees) is responsible for implementing the asylum procedure and ensuring the protection of refugees. Its furthermore tasked with facilitating the integration of legal immigrants and migration research. Due to its decentralized structure the Federal Office has branches in every Federal Land. These branch offices carry out the asylum proceedings, coordinate integration in their regions and attend to other migration issues.

Europäische Akademie Berlin e.V.
Private non-profit institution for civic education

Bismarckallee 46/48
14193 Berlin
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ad@eab-berlin.eu
www.eab-berlin.de

The Europäische Akademie Berlin (European Academy Berlin) is an educational institute that holds seminars, conferences, symposia and other events on European issues. The focus of its work lies on the tasks and problems of European integration as well as on issues concerning international policy and modern society. Its scientific library specializes on European integration, the European Communities/Union and teaching material on Europe. The Adacemy, furthermore, serves as European Documentation Center, which – as part of the EUROPE DIRECT information network – keeps EU documents and publications accessible for research and teaching, as well as to the interested general public.

Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum (FHXB)

Local museum

Adalbertstraße 95 A
10999 Berlin
info@kreuzbergmuseum.de
www.kreuzbergmuseum.de

The Kreuzberg Museum is the district museum of the district Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg and considers itself to be the memory of the district. It consists out of a large archive with materials about all of the different neighborhoods within the district shows exhibitions the focus on the district development and planning and also on the district's immigration history because Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg is one of the districts of Berlin with a very long immigration history and one of the highest numbers of people with a migration background.

Gemeinschaftsschule im Eichholz

Joint secondary school

Theodor-Heuss-Str. 88-100,
71067 Sindelfingen
Tel.: 07031 706408-11
rektorat@eichholzschule.de
www.eichholzschule.de

The Gemeinschaftsschule ("joint school") is a learning environment in which the various educational standards of the different German types of schools are combined, and where children and young people are taught and encouraged according to their individual circumstances, talents, interests and needs. In Baden-Württemberg, these schools also have the task of integrating students with disabilities. At Gemeinschaftsschule im Eichholz, students can complete a secondary general school certificate (Hauptschulabschluss), an intermediate school leaving certificate (Realschulabschluss), or obtain their higher education entrance qualifications (Abitur). The school places special emphasis on in-depth career and study orientation.

Handwerkskammer Mannheim Rhein-Neckar-Odenwald

Training academy of the Regional chamber of trade and crafts

Gutenbergstraße 49
68167 Mannheim
Tel.: 0621 18002-212
trautwein@hwk-mannheim.de
www.hwk-mannheim.de

The Chamber of Trade and Crafts in Mannheim offers information and support on the subjects of corporate and innovation consulting, legal counselling and international issues, as well as training and further education for trade and craft businesses in Mannheim and the surrounding counties.

Industrie- und Handelskammer (IHK) KarlsruheIHK Chamber of Industry and Commerce
Karlsruhe

Lammstraße 13-17
76133 Karlsruhe
Tel.: 0721 174-132
pressestelle@karlsruhe.ihk.de
www.karlsruhe.ihk.de

The Chambers of Industry and Commerce in Germany are the self-government bodies of the local economy. Being statutory corporations, all companies and tradespeople in a region are members by law (except craft businesses, farms and freelancers). They safeguard the overall cross-sector interests of the regional economy vis-à-vis the local government and administration as well as the general public and offer entrepreneurs a diverse range of services, from business start-ups to corporate consulting, expertise in the field of innovation and funding, in tax issues and in questions relating to foreign trade. They ensure the standards within the vocational training and further vocational education system, develop new job profiles and initiate measures to ensure skilled employment.

John Deere Deutschland

Manufacturer of agricultural machines

John-Deere-Straße 90
68163 Mannheim
Tel.: 0621 829-8204
prueferingolf@johndeere.com
www.deere.de

John Deere, the American manufacturer of agricultural machines, took over the Mannheim-based German company Heinrich Lanz AG, which produced the Lanz Bulldog, in 1956. Today, the German subsidiary John Deere GmbH & Co. KG has production sites in Mannheim, Bruchsal and Zweibrücken and a European parts distribution center in Bruchsal. In addition, the European Technology Innovation Center (ETIC) in Kaiserslautern develops and manages IT solutions for precision agriculture in collaboration with research institutes in the field of Agricultural Management Solutions (AMS) as well as future technologies in the vehicle construction sector.

Landesschulzentrum für Umwelterziehung
State Academy for Environmental Education

Eckenberg 1
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www.lszu.de

The Landesschulzentrum für Umwelterziehung - LSZU (State Academy for Environmental Education), with its specifically designed learning environments, offer students and teachers from every kind of school in Baden-Württemberg the opportunity to intensively work on environmental issues. It has four different nature trails and a school garden covering an area of 1000m². Two wind turbines and a photovoltaic system are available for measurement purposes and experiments can be carried out in a fully-equipped chemistry laboratory. The LSZU offers both learning weeks for students, during which classes address an environmentally relevant subject together with a teacher from their school, as well as central in-service teacher training on developing environmental education issues in class.

Löcknitz-Grundschule
Primary school

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Tel.: 030 90277-7164
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sekretariat@loecknitz.schulen-ts.de
www.loecknitz-grundschule.de

The Löcknitz Primary School dates back to the beginning of the 20th century and is located in a so called traditional neighbourhood. The school starts teaching English in grade 1 and offers an extensive program of artistic and creative activities. Its special profile in the field of history originates in the school's background and surroundings. There stood a synagoge its grounds, destroyed during the 2nd World War, and many of its pupils, at the time, were of Jewish faith. Hence, since 1994, 6th graders work on a memorial for those Jewish citizens from the Schöneberg district who were violently killed in German concentration camps. The ground shape of the synagoge has been recreated and every year a stone with the name of one of the victims, to whose life the children have developed a relationship to in their history studies, is added to the memorial.

Ministerium für Kultus, Jugend und Sport des Landes Baden-Württemberg

Ministry for Culture, Youth and Sports of Baden-Württemberg

Thouretstraße 6
70173 Stuttgart
Tel.: 0711 279-0
knut.becker@km.kv.bwl.de
www.km-bw.de

As one of its chief goals, Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport strives toward the continual improvement and development of the state's education system. Another policy focus is on youth, with the aim of linking school and extracurricular youth work to form a meaningful whole. To this end, the Ministry is active in the promotion of international school and youth exchanges and art and music schools for young people. Furthermore, the Ministry is responsible for kindergartens, as well as general, vocational, political, and cultural adult education, and state relations with Christian churches and other religious communities. The Ministry also houses the "State Volunteers Office", an information bureau for volunteers engaged in sport, youth, and care in the home, etc.

Point Alpha Stiftung
Point Alpha Foundation

Schlossplatz 4
36419 Geisa
Tel.: 036967 5964-0
www.pointalpha.com

Point Alpha - as the former U.S. Army observation post is called - was a hot spot in the Cold War. Until 1989, an invasion of Warsaw Pact troops was a distinct and constant possibility at this very point. Today, Point Alpha stands testament to the historic achievement of the Americans in encompasses preserved (and partially reconstructed) border installations of the GDR era. It also contains a museum dedicated to the suffering of East German people in the restricted zone under the GDR border regime. The entire unique complex bears witness to the power struggle between two political systems and at the same time offers the chance to absorb history in an authentic setting. The Point Alpha Memorial is maintained by the Point Alpha Foundation, which was established in 2008 defending freedom on the former border, and thus the U.S. contribution to the reunification of Germany.

Rudolf-Wissell-Grundschule

Primary school

Ellerbeker Straße 7-8

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www.rudolf-wissell-grundschule.de

470 children from 28 countries are taught at Rudolf Wissell Elementary School. The teaching is guided by Montessori educational principles, classes are held in mixed-age learning groups, covering three grades respectively. Since 2001 the school is licensed to provide Islamic religious education, some 85% of its pupils being Muslims of non-German origin. The school is a pilot institution of the Stiftung "Haus der kleinen Forscher" (Foundation Tiny Tots Science Corner), which is involved in a nationwide initiative for the education of daycare and elementary school-age children in natural sciences, mathematics and technology.

Thomaskirche zu Leipzig

Lutheran St. Thomas Church

Thomaskirchhof 18

04109 Leipzig

Tel.: 0341 222 24 100

info@thomaskirche.org

www.thomaskirche.org

The St. Thomas Church is home of the St. Thomas Boys Choir, whose director Johann Sebastian Bach was from 1723 to 1750, and as such a world wide known place of musical creativity. As former cantor of the choir, Bach has found his final resting place in the church.

Universität LeipzigCompetence Center for Right-Wing Extremism
and Democracy Research

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The aim of the Kompetenzzentrum für Rechtsextremismus- und Demokratieforschung – KReDo (Competence Center for Right-wing Extremism and Democracy Research) at the University of Leipzig is to bring together under one roof the research activities being done in the various faculties in order to intensify their cooperation and exchange, and to link cross-faculty and interdisciplinary potential in teaching and research. Researchers from the fields of Medical Psychology and Medical Sociology, from the Institutes of Psychology, Sociology and Politics as well as the Faculties of Theology and Education are involved in the center.

Pegida, abbreviation of Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamisation of the West (German: Patriotische Europäer gegen die Islamisierung des Abendlandes), is a German far right anti-Islam political organisation founded in Dresden in October 2014. It has been organising weekly demonstrations in several German towns against what it considers the Islamisation of the Western world, calling for more restrictive immigration rules, particularly for Muslims. Offshoots of Pegida were formed in various countries.

Participants

	Name	Information
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2	Mr. Brett Brooker USA	Pierce County High School Blackshear, GA
3	Ms. Amanda Connell USA	Tapp Middle School Powder Springs, GA
4	Mr. Matthew Cottone USA	Van Hoosen Middle School Rochester Hills, MI
5	Mr. Tom Glaser USA	Mater Academy Charter High School Hialeah Gardens, FL
6	Ms. Kris Haeussinger USA	Byron High School Byron, MN
7	Ms. Michelle Herczog USA	National Council for the Social Studies (2014-2015) Los Angeles, CA
8	Ms. Kimberly Huffman USA	Wayne County Schools Career Center Smithville, OH
9	Mr. Jeff Johnson USA	Mount St. Mary Catholic High School Oklahoma City, OK

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Oregon, WI |
| 11 | Ms. Kristin Kramer
USA | St. Pius X Catholic High School
Atlanta, GA |
| 12 | Mr. Manny Lopez
USA | Everett Alvarez High School
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| 13 | Ms. Amy Melendy
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Knoxville, TN |
| 14 | Ms. Christina Stewart
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| 15 | Ms. Laura Stibitz
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