



EUROPEAN Symposium

ABOARD THE *CRYSTAL MAHLER*

August 30 to
September 10, 2020

a program of the stanford alumni association

What could be better than setting sail along the Danube, stopping at scenic cities that speak of another time? Doing it beside a Stanford scholar and global thought leaders, getting their perspective every step of the way. Our 2020 Symposium offers a unique opportunity to combine a luxurious river cruise aboard the *Crystal Mahler* with a lecture program provided by our faculty leader Jeremy Weinstein, renowned journalists, regional leaders and other luminaries. On this trip, we explore the evolution of Europe and the European Union over the past century, as well as its shared history and relationship with the United States. After disembarking in Budapest, former British Prime Minister David Cameron will provide a keynote speech and panel discussion. Join us and delight in specially arranged musical performances, wine tastings and gallery visits side by side with many of our speakers.

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BRETT S. THOMPSON, '83, DIRECTOR, STANFORD TRAVEL/STUDY



BELVEDERE PALACE, VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Highlights



GATHER in the Hungarian capital of Budapest to hear from prominent leaders, including David Cameron, former prime minister of the United Kingdom from 2010 to 2016.



EXPLORE exquisite cities along the Danube with a variety of excursion options, including private gallery visits, exclusive wine tastings and touring in Berlin, Vienna and Budapest.



ENJOY an outstanding combination of a rich educational program and private musical performances, including a concert by members of the Vienna Philharmonic.



ENGAGE daily with high-profile speakers, leaders and other luminaries, among them Sylvia Poggioli, the award-winning senior European correspondent for NPR's International Desk.



BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Faculty Leader



JEREMY WEINSTEIN, a professor of political science at Stanford University, has worked at the highest levels of government on major foreign policy and national security challenges, including most recently as deputy to the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations (2013–2015). His research focuses on civil wars and political violence; ethnic politics; the political economy of development; democracy and accountability; and migration. In addition to his numerous appointments at Stanford and ETH Zürich, Professor Weinstein is a nonresident fellow with the Center for Global Development in Washington, D.C. He is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on a number of nonprofit boards and advisory groups. As a social scientist and former policymaker, Professor Weinstein will explore some challenging contemporary policy issues—from both European and American perspectives—including the migration crisis, the threats to democratic institutions and the future of the European Union.



At Stanford University (currently):

- Professor of political science
- Fisher Family Director of Stanford Global Studies
- Senior fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies
- Senior fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
- Faculty co-director, Immigration Policy Lab (an international community of scholars with another branch at ETH Zürich)
- Faculty co-director, Data for Development Initiative, King Center on Global Development

Publications:

- Author of *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence* (Cambridge University Press), which received the William Riker Prize
- Co-author of *Coethnicity: Diversity and the Dilemmas of Collective Action* (Russell Sage Foundation), which received the Gregory Luebbert Award

Awards:

- International Studies Association's Karl Deutsch Award, 2013
- Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University, 2007

Education:

- BA, Swarthmore College
- MA and PhD in political economy and government, Harvard University

Itinerary

SUNDAY & MONDAY,
AUGUST 30 & 31

U.S. / BERLIN, GERMANY

Depart the U.S. on overnight flights to Berlin. Check in to our hotel, then gather for a welcome reception and dinner. ADLON KEMPINSKI (D-8/31)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1 & 2

BERLIN / POTSDAM

Take advantage of all that this dynamic capital city has to offer, whether visiting private contemporary art galleries, tasting delicacies from leading restaurants, or venturing to Potsdam, a UNESCO World Heritage region, with views of the Sanssouci and Cecilienhof Palaces. Alternatively, take a tour of the Reichstag and its iconic dome, join an architectural city tour featuring the Jewish Museum or instead learn about the history of East Berlin. ADLON KEMPINSKI (B,L,D-9/1; B,L-9/2)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

**BERLIN / VIENNA,
AUSTRIA / EMBARK**

Board a privately chartered flight to Vienna, then explore the city's many riches—art and music, food and wine, history and contemporary life. Excursion options include the intricate Belvedere Palace, the Imperial Schönbrunn Palace of the Hapsburg rulers, or a Jewish heritage tour of the city. Others may choose an e-bike adventure along the waterways of Old Danube Island. Embark the *Crystal Mahler* on Thursday and overnight in port for further explorations of Vienna throughout the day on Friday, ending with a private concert by members of the Vienna Philharmonic. CRYSTAL MAHLER (B,L,D-BOTH DAYS)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

WACHAU VALLEY / MELK

The lecture program continues during a morning of cruising. Disembark this afternoon in the World Heritage site of Wachau Valley to visit Artstetten Castle (former residence of the Hapsburgs), wander through Melk Abbey and Old Town, or choose

an active option to explore instead. CRYSTAL MAHLER (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**LINZ / ČESKÝ KRUMLOV,
CZECHIA**

Tour the enchanting city of Linz, often overshadowed by its more famous neighbors. Options today include a Linzer torte baking workshop or a somber visit to the Mauthausen Concentration Camp. Others may choose a full-day excursion to the picturesque Czech town of Český Krumlov. CRYSTAL MAHLER (B,L,D)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Dock midday in Slovakia's capital, Bratislava. Excursion options include a walking tour of Old Town, with the choice of a culinary emphasis, stopping to savor local specialties and wines, or an architectural emphasis, with several interior viewings plus a beer tasting. CRYSTAL MAHLER (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**BUDAPEST, HUNGARY,
SYMPOSIUM DAY**

Disembark in Budapest, and gather to hear a keynote address from David Cameron, former prime

minister of the United Kingdom, then attend a panel discussion with several guest lecturers. Later this evening retire to our luxurious hotel. FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

BUDAPEST

Admire Budapest's magnificent neo-Gothic Hungarian Parliament Building, or go on a Jewish heritage tour of the city ending at Europe's largest synagogue. Head to a stable outside the city to watch a display of horsemanship and learn about the region as an equestrian center, or indulge in a culinary tour to sample fisherman's soup, Hungarian goulash and savory *lángos*, a traditional street food. Gather again this evening for a musical performance at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, followed by a farewell reception and dinner. FOUR SEASONS GRESHAM PALACE (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

BUDAPEST / U.S.

Transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)





ARTSTETTEN CASTLE, WACHAU VALLEY, AUSTRIA

Special Guests

Please note that speakers will be joining us for varying lengths of time during the program. Featured speakers, confirmed at the time of printing, are subject to change.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David Cameron served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 2010 to 2016, leading Britain's first coalition government in almost 70 years and forming the first majority Conservative government in the United Kingdom for more than two decades. Cameron came to power during an economic crisis, and under his leadership, the UK's deficit was reduced by two-thirds. His administration focused on tax cuts, developing a national minimum wage, education and welfare reform, protections for the National Health Service, sustainable development, and Britain's active role in the global fight against ISIS. Today, Cameron chairs the LSE-Oxford Commission on State Fragility, Growth and Development; sits on the Global Board of Advisors at the Council on Foreign Relations; and advises international businesses—all concentrating on innovative technology-driven sectors: fin-tech, medi-tech and artificial intelligence.



GUEST SPEAKER

Sylvia Poggioli is the award-winning senior European correspondent for NPR's International Desk. She covers political, economic and cultural news in Italy, the Vatican, Western Europe and the Balkans. Poggioli's in-depth, on-air reporting and analysis have encompassed major European issues and events from the past three decades, including the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, race and politics in Europe, and how immigration has transformed European societies. Throughout her career, Poggioli has been recognized for her work with honors, including election as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences "for her distinctive, cultivated and authoritative reports on 'ethnic cleansing' in Bosnia."



GUEST SPEAKER

Sabine Christiansen is one of Germany's most notable journalists and a pioneer for women in the industry. She started her career as a business and economics editor and then became a presenter on ARD's national TV news journal, *Tagesthemen*. From 1998 to 2008, Christiansen led the most-watched political debate show on German television, which regularly featured heads of state and international economic leaders as guests. Throughout her career she has produced numerous award-winning documentaries and reports. Today, Christiansen is Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF Germany, chairwoman of the Sabine Christiansen Children's Foundation and deputy chairwoman of the Laureus Sports Foundation. For her social commitment she has received several awards—among others she is a Knight of the Legion of Honour (France) and received the federal cross of merit (Germany).



SMITH COLLEGE STUDY LEADER

Brent Durbin is an associate professor of government at Smith, teaches courses in U.S. foreign policy, strategic intelligence, military conflict and culture, and international relations. He also directs Smith's Jean Picker Semester-in-Washington program. Durbin's research centers on the political and organizational dynamics of U.S. national security, with a particular focus on the CIA. Durbin has held research fellowships at Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and Pembroke College at the University of Cambridge. He is co-director of the Bridging the Gap Project, which promotes connections between scholars and the broader foreign policy community.



HARVARD STUDY LEADER

Annette Gordon-Reed is the Charles Warren Professor of American Legal History at Harvard Law School and a professor of history in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University. A renowned law professor, scholar of American history and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Gordon-Reed has published six books. Her next, *A Jefferson Reader on Race*, is forthcoming from Princeton University Press. Gordon-Reed's honors include the National Humanities Medal, a Guggenheim Fellowship, a MacArthur Fellowship and the National Book Award for nonfiction. As a student she was an editor for the *Harvard Law Review*; she has served as a trustee for the National Humanities Center and was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society.



Crystal Mahler

The beautiful *Crystal Mahler* is one of the world's best-rated river vessels, offering exceptional service from professionals chosen for their expertise and traveler care. Extraordinary personal attention is among the ship's defining characteristics, as are plush onboard amenities, European butler service, expansive social spaces crowned with skylights and glass roofs, and an ambience of boutique elegance. The *Crystal Mahler* features all-suite, all-balcony staterooms with king-sized beds and walk-in closets, a dual vanity in the bathrooms in most categories, and panoramic windows. Amenities include robes and slippers; personal iPads; wall-mounted 42-inch, flat-screen HD TVs; and complimentary Wi-Fi. The *Crystal Mahler's* farm-to-table menus are regionally inspired and sourced with the freshest ingredients from local suppliers. Multiple open-seated eateries include three restaurants and a bistro café; service includes unlimited pours of fine wines, champagnes, premium spirits and beers. The *Crystal Mahler* has an indoor swimming pool, a full-service spa, and a fitness center equipped with cardio equipment and free weights—with dedicated professionals for service. Daily fitness and yoga classes are also provided.

Program Cost*

Rates are per person, based on double or single occupancy, as specified.

| CATEGORY / DESCRIPTION | DOUBLE | SINGLE** |
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| A Petite Suite Deck 2; 188 sq. ft. | \$14,990 | — |
| B Petite Suite Deck 3; 188 sq. ft. | \$15,990 | \$23,990 |
| C Deluxe Suite Deck 2; 237 sq. ft. | \$18,990 | — |
| D Deluxe Suite Deck 2; 253 sq. ft. | \$20,990 | \$31,490 |
| E Deluxe Suite Deck 3; 253 sq. ft. | \$24,990 | — |
| F Crystal Penthouse Deck 3; 506 sq. ft.; separate living/dining area | \$42,990 | — |

*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add \$300 per person.

**Single accommodations may be limited to as few as 2 cabins.

DECK 3



DECK 2





DATES

August 30 to September 10, 2020 (12 days)

SIZE

This program can accommodate 94 participants, including travelers from Stanford, the Harvard Alumni Association and Smith College. Single accommodations are extremely limited; please call for availability. For the keynote event in Budapest only, we will be joined by additional travelers from the Commonwealth Club of California, MIT, Princeton, Smithsonian Journeys, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, and Yale.

INCLUDED

5 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations ■ 5-night cruise aboard the *Crystal Mahler* ■ 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners ■ Welcome and farewell receptions ■ Gratuities to guides, drivers and ship crew for all group activities ■ On-tour charter flight from Berlin to Vienna ■ All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary ■ Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days ■ Port fees and embarkation taxes ■ Minimal medical, accident and evacuation insurance ■ Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including a recommended reading list, a selected book, a map and travel information ■ Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

NOT INCLUDED

International and U.S. domestic airfare ■ Passport and visa fees ■ Immunization costs ■ Meals and beverages other than those specified as included ■ Independent and private transfers ■ Trip-cancellation/interruption and baggage insurance ■ Excess-baggage charges ■ Personal items such as internet access, telephone and fax calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times busy and physically demanding. Daily programs can involve a mile of walking, often on uneven terrain. Stairs may not have handrails and elevators may not be available. Participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. Average temperatures are likely to range from the mid-60s to high 70s F and occasionally reaching into the 80s.

Deposit & Final Payment

A \$5,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space for this program. Sign up online at alumni.stanford.edu/trip?symposium2020 or call Travel/Study at (650) 725-1093. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. As a condition of participation, all confirmed participants are required to sign a Release of Liability.

Cancellations & Refunds

Deposits and any payments are subject to a \$500-per-person cancellation fee up until February 2, 2020. Cancellations between February 3 and April 30, 2020 will incur a \$2,500-per-person cancellation fee, until the final payment deadline 120 days prior to departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) can be resold, in which case a \$5,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.

Insurance

Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional trip-cancellation and baggage insurance. Information will be provided to travelers with their welcome materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your policy within 14 days of written confirmation of your participation on the trip.

Eligibility

We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is \$300 more than the members' price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership or call (650) 725-0692.

Responsibility

The Stanford Alumni Association, Stanford University and our operators act only as agents

for the passenger with respect to transportation and ship arrangements and exercise every care possible in doing so. However, we can assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity in connection with the service of any automobile, motor coach, launch or any other conveyance used in carrying out this program or for the acts or defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the program. We cannot accept any responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, quarantine, force majeure or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide arrangements only for the time stated. We reserve the right to make such alterations to this published itinerary as may be deemed necessary. We reserve the right to cancel any program prior to departure, in which case the entire payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part. We also reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of the program. No refund will be made for an unused portion of any tour unless arrangements are made in sufficient time to avoid penalties. Baggage is carried at the owner's risk entirely. It is understood that the ship's ticket, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and the cruise company. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time that passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. Neither the Stanford Alumni Association, nor Stanford University, nor our operators accept liability for any carrier's cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in connection with the tour. Program price is based on rates in effect in November 2019 and is subject to change without notice to reflect fluctuations in exchange rates, tariffs or fuel charges.



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MARGE BLAINE, '55, CRUISING THE DANUBE, 2018

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