Central Europe: International Study Tour
POL-291 / PSY-291 (3 credits)
Instructors: Dr. Jason Badura (Politics & Law) & Dr. Wendy Close (Psychology)
Spring 2022 Semester / (Travel Dates: May 23rd – June 6th, 2022)

Students have an amazing opportunity to participate in a fifteen-day international study tour to the central European capitals of Vienna, Prague, and Berlin. Day-trips to Weimar and the Austrian Wachau Valley region (Danube River) are also planned. This is an interdisciplinary designed course that brings together culture, history, politics, law, and psychology. The central theme of the course focuses upon the meaning and application of the concept “collective remembrance”, or how contemporary societies such as these reflect upon their pasts through various physical and abstract ways. One aspect of that exploration will be a reflection on the Holocaust, paying special attention to understanding both broad historical events and socio-psychological factors, as well as how the lives and theories of influential psychological thinkers, and research ethics were shaped as a consequence. Some of the many sites that students will experience include:

Vienna: Mozart’s home (Figaro House), St. Stephans Cathedral & Karlskirche, Schönbrunn & Belvedere palaces, the Ringstrasse, Riesenrad (ferris wheel) at the Prater, various sites connected to the history of modern psychology including the Sigmund Freud and Viktor Frankl Museums, experience of world-famous coffeehouse culture, outdoor markets, and day-trip along the Danube River & Wachau valley.

Berlin/Weimar: Brandenburg Gate, Berlin Wall, Pergamon Museum (ancient artifacts), Holocaust Memorial, “Check-Point Charlie”, former Reichstag (current National Parliament), former East Germany History Museum, Jewish Museum, Sachsenhausen and Buchenwald Concentration Camp memorials.

Prague: Prague Castle, Charles Bridge, Wenceslas Square, Jewish Quarter, Astronomical Clock, Old Towne Square, St. Vitus Cathedral, Church of Our Lady before Týn (Gothic-era Cathedral), outdoor markets, memorial site to Czech Reformation-era theologian Jan Hus.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):
- **Who may participate?** WLC students, faculty, staff, and “Friends of WLC” (e.g., parents, siblings, alumni).
- **Are there any academic prerequisites?** None (including no prior language courses or aptitude)
- **How and when will the course be taught?** The course will be offered during the Spring 2022 semester. Students will meet in eight 2 hour sessions (TBD) prior to traveling abroad May 23rd – June 6th.
- **What is the cost per participant?** $3,800. This includes three academic credits, airfare, bus/train fare, lodging, daily buffet breakfast, entrance fees to all sites, local transportation, health/travel and trip cancellation insurance policies. It does not include course textbooks, passport origination or renewal fees, lunches, dinners, travel to/from Chicago’s O’Hare Airport/home & personal spending money. Check with the WLC Financial Aid Office for possible financial aid assistance.
- **When are deposits due?** $1,500 deposit is due at the time of Spring 2022 course enrollment (Nov/Dec 2021); remaining $2,300 due by 3/4/22. All payments are made directly to the WLC Business Office.
- **Who should I contact for more information?** Dr. Jason Badura (jason.badura@wlc.edu) or Dr. Wendy Close (wendy.close@wlc.edu)

**NOTE:** THE STUDY TOUR IS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION OR CANCELLATION PER PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.