Central Europe: International Study Tour  
POL-291 / PSY-291 (4 credits)  
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Spring 2023 Semester / (Travel Dates: March 10th – March 19th, 2023)

Students have an amazing opportunity to participate in a 10 day international study tour to the central European capitals of Berlin, Prague, and Vienna. This is an interdisciplinary 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:

**Berlin:** Brandenburg Gate, former Reichstag building, former East and West Berlin districts, Berlin Wall remnants, Check Point Charlie, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp memorial.

**Vienna:** Schönbrunn Palace, Ringstrasse, various sites connected to the history of modern psychology including the Sigmund Freud and Viktor Frankl Museums, home and museum dedicated to W.A. Mozart, St. Stephan’s Cathedral, experience of world-famous coffeehouse culture.

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

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**
- **Who may participate?** WLC students, faculty, and staff.
- **Are there any academic prerequisites?** None (including no prior language courses or aptitude)
- **How many credits is the course?** 4 credits
- **How and when will the course be taught?** Spring 2023 semester. There will be six two hour long pre-travel campus meetings (Weeks 1-6, days & time TBD), the onsite travel dates over Spring break, and then one post-travel campus meeting held Week 15 (date & time TBD).
- **What is the cost? $3,100** – **Includes:** airfare, lodging, breakfast each morning, regional train and local transportation, entrance fees to all sites, health/emergency and limited travel cancelation insurance policy (positive COVID-19 test prior to departure), and coach shuttle bus transfer to/from WLC/Chicago O'Hare airport. The 4 credits for the course are also included in a student’s overall Spring semester tuition bill. **Excludes:** textbooks, dinners, personal spending money, passport origination or renewal fee (if applicable), and required vaccinations (if applicable).
- **What is the payments process?** Payments are made directly to the WLC Business Office per a set schedule.
- **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.