



“Germany: Making Choices” Campus Weeks–Fall 2017

Colleges and universities across the United States are participating in the “Germany Making Choices” Campus Weeks, which involve a variety of activities during the Fall 2017 semester.

Contest Essay 2017

The Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, the European & Eurasian Studies Program, the Politics and International Relations Dept., the Modern Languages Dept., in cooperation with the German Embassy in Washington D.C., the Consulate General of Germany in Miami, is pleased to announce its annual contest essay on “Refugee Integration Compared: Germany, Europe, and the US”.

• Essay Topic

With their focus on **“Refugee Integration Compared: Germany, Europe, and the US”** the German Embassy’s 2017-2018 Campus Weeks are devoted to discussing Germany’s integration policies. For a few years now, Europe is experiencing a great influx of refugees. Germany has taken in the largest amount overall. While this is both a great challenge but also an opportunity, it will need to be managed appropriately, in particular with regards to the social and economic integration of refugees. Looking at Germany’s overall experience of the recent influx of refugees, what lessons can be learned for other countries in Europe, and the US?

The German Embassy’s Campus Weeks offer an exciting opportunity for American students to discuss these and many other questions.

• Student Eligibility

The contest is open to all FIU undergraduate students— particularly majors in Political Science, International Relations, Economics, History, Social Sciences, Global & Sociocultural Studies, Honors College, International Business.

• Essay

Essays should be of maximum **2500-3000 words**, typed in 12-point font, and double-spaced. Students should respond to a clearly defined question and provide insightful analyses and compelling arguments in polished writing.

• Judging criteria

The essays will be judged on the quality of writing, persuasiveness of argument, clarity of key points, and overall coherence. A team of judges made up of Florida International University faculty and EU specialists will determine the best two essays.

• Prize

The best **two** writers will receive certificates and goodies from the German Embassy during a Recognition Award Ceremony, and the winner will be invited to lunch with the Consul General of Germany.

• Application/Deadline: **November 30, 2017**

- ▶ The essay must be submitted via e-mail by no later than **5:00pm, Nov. 30, 2017**
- ▶ Please send the submission to Christine I. Caly-Sanchez and Dr. Markus Thiel—calyc@fiu.edu and thielm@fiu.edu
- ▶ **The winners will be announced on Dec. 7 during the Recognition Award Ceremony.**

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