

## 2017 Faculty Seminar

9 June to 19 June 2017

**“Germany, Europe, and the Refugee  
Crisis – The Challenge to Integrate“**



### **Anonymous comments by the seminar participants regarding the following questions:**

#### **I will remember this seminar as . . .**

„ . . . an interesting learning experience“

„ . . . an eye-opening, enjoyable , crucial for my academic and activist work“

„ . . . good opportunity to make connections“

„ . . . as being very insightful to various aspects of refugees and integration (e.g. access to the labor market, education, culture, women, etc.). It was wonderful meeting with individuals from influential groups such as the UNHCR and the Malteser. I feel more enlightened and equipped to continue my work“

„ . . . an overall valuable experience“

„ . . . a fantastic experience, personally and professionally enriching“

„ . . . a challenging but very inspiring view of Germany’s/Berlin’s approach to migration and recent challenges“

„ . . . an immersive experience that made me check and rethink many of my assumptions on refugee policy, assistance, treatment & life“

„ . . . the formidable organisation and collection of different interest groups on the part of the lecturers as well as the participants. I have made valuable connections in my field.“

„ . . . one of the best summers I had in Berlin“

„ . . . highly informative“

„ . . . enlightening, inspiring“

„ . . . as intellectually inspiring time that also allowed to meet new highly motivated and qualified colleagues from other disciplines to reflect on common research and pedagogical issues“

„ . . . being an important opportunity to learn about the refugee crisis in Germany and Berlin“

### **How beneficial do you think will be the content of the seminar be for your future work/studies?**

„Wealth of information and insights. That allows for shift in perspective and ideas for course development“

„These sessions will be helpful for my personal work/projects and studies“

„Multiple perspectives. Personal Contacts. A „360 degree“ view of the subject“

„I will integrate the material in my courses, but I have learned about many questions and methodologies on how to approach this topic“

„Critical for integrating into future work“

„The seminar caused me to reconsider or rethink many things about the refugees and their integration into Germany“

„The seminar will be very important in terms of the doors that were opened to us. We made some really good connections“

„I appreciated the inclusion of students in the sessions and conversations. It helped me to think in new ways about how to approach topics and teach them to my own students“

„Wonderful range of information“

### **Should Studienforum Berlin repeat this seminar in 2018?**

„Absolutely, this is an ongoing issue and Germany/Berlin is at the core of the response“

„I think this program is very beneficial for educating faculty and students about an important issue, and equipping them to better teach and serve“

„This is a subject that will only grow in importance. You could reframe it to study migration in general rather than only refugees“

„Although I do hope the refugees are better settled in the future, it would be nice to do a comparative seminar that measures the progress of Berlin's/Germany's approaches in the coming years. . . . very worthwhile, educational, moving and memorable“

„This is not an issue/question that will soon be resolved. It would be valuable to see how current policies and efforts have played out over time“

„The topic is of great concern and will change Germany in the long term. With the feedback of this year's seminar (inclusion of refugee voices, conservative voices) the seminar could be more comprehensive“

„Highly important and informative for Americans. The program was impressive: rigorous and thoughtful. I appreciated all of the preparation that went into coordinating this week of impressive sessions“

„This seminar covers an important topic that will be of great relevance for many years“

„Absolutely keep the trip to ICC or other refugee camp. Very important even if it's uncomfortable“

„Great opportunity to learn, well organized, difficult to do on one's own – important topic“