



Students participating in the US-German Internship Program visited Berlin to meet with US and German government officials.



Peter Beyer, MdB, guided the interns through the Reichstag providing information on German politics today.

US Interns: Get-Together in Berlin

Berlin, June 23-24. Halfway through the internship program, 21 students from US partner universities gathered in Berlin for the annual US-German Internship Program Get-Together. During the two-day gathering, students met with state and national representatives from the American and German governments to discuss economic and trade issues that affect the transatlantic relationship. They exchanged ideas and experiences, and explored Germany's bustling capital, known as both a historical as well as vibrant urban city.

On Thursday, June 23, Sieglinde von Wasielewski from the Office of the North Rhine-Westphalia Representative to the Federal Government welcomed the students and gave an overview of the state, its history and ties to America. The day ended with a boat cruise on the Spree River, presenting the interns with a different perspective of Berlin's numerous sights.

The program continued on Friday, June 24, with a visit to the US Embassy. Brooke Williams, Economic & Trade Policy Officer, and Mathias Köckeritz, Senior Commercial Specialist, welcomed the students to talk about current political and economic matters, giving a brief overview of the workings of different institutional settings worldwide in the context of intercultural exchange and socio-economic relations. During a

Q&A session, the diplomats shared interesting insights into their work with the group.

After the visit, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the Reichstag building, including the roof terrace, where they were informed about the functions and composition of the Parliament, as well as facts about the history and architecture of the Reichstag before ending the tour with a farewell dinner to round off the official program of the get-together.

Ultimately, the interns left Germany's capital with an awareness of contemporary social and

cultural diversity as well as historical facets and a better understanding of German-American relations. ■

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