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Call for Applications

The Transatlantic Digital Debates (TDD) is a joint initiative of the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) and New America that brings together young professionals from Germany and the United States to work on the key challenges that sit at the intersection of technology and policy. For the second round of the program, we seek 18 participants from civil society, academia, politics, and business who are willing to engage with and challenge each other's ideas concerning the future of the digital economy and cybersecurity in Europe and the US.

The fellows will have the opportunity to debate and discuss their ideas with leading experts and practitioners from different sectors. At the end of the program, they will emerge with a broader understanding of the pressing issues defining transatlantic relations in the coming years and with new ideas on how to tackle the respective challenges. We hope that our fellows, together with the TDD alumni, will form a strong network of future decision-makers in the US and Germany.

Over the course of 2017, the fellows will meet for two weeklong dialogue sessions in Germany and in the US. Discussions will take place around two main issue areas: innovation and regulation in the digital economy, as well as key challenges of cybersecurity, privacy and the transformation of the public sphere. The two dialogue sessions will take place in Berlin and Hamburg (May 28–June 3, 2017) and in Washington, DC and Austin (November 4–11, 2017).

In between the sessions, the TDD fellows will disseminate the results of their work through blog posts, op-eds, podcasts, high-profile discussions, and policy breakfasts.

The application deadline is March 19, 2017, 23:59 Central European Time (CET).

Application Requirements

Interested applicants must:

- Be a citizen of Germany or the United States.
- Have at least three years of professional experience.
- Be 35 or younger as of May 28, 2017.
- Demonstrate a strong interest in internet and technology policy and in addressing emerging global challenges.
- Have an outstanding academic record and an excellent command of English.
- Demonstrate commitment, motivation, and leadership.
- Be able to attend both sessions of the program. Successful candidates will be asked to provide written confirmation from their employers agreeing to the time commitment.

Please submit your application as a single PDF file. Your application package must include:

- Your curriculum vitae (including date of birth, nationality, professional experience, academic background, language skills, and extracurricular activities).
- A letter of motivation explaining why you want to join the Transatlantic Digital Debates. Please refer to instances in which you have demonstrated interest and/or professional experience in the program's topics, and how your participation in the program would further your professional and personal development.
- Optional: one letter of recommendation (can be sent in a separate email).

Please send your application to tdd@gppi.net by March 19, 2017, 23:59 Central European Time (CET). Interested applicants (and their employer) are welcome to contact the program team with questions at the email address above.

The selection process will be administered by GPPi in close consultation with New America and the steering committee. The applications of short-listed candidates will be sent to the steering committee for final selection. Successful candidates will be notified the latest by April 21, 2017.

Please note that we are not able to discuss unsuccessful applications.

The program will pay for travel, accommodation, and meals. Each fellow must pay a one-time participation fee of €200.

Transatlantic Digital Debates is organized by GPPi in Berlin and New America in Washington, DC, with guidance from a steering committee of experts from a range of stakeholder groups. The program is generously supported by the Transatlantic Program of the German Federal Government, with funding from the European Recovery Program (ERP) of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. Additional support is provided by the Bertelsmann Foundation North America.

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