

## Invitation to a lecture series “Understanding Germany: History, Politics and Society” in the summer semester 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Institute of Political Science of the University of Münster together with the Students' Society is organising a lecture series in the summer semester 2016 entitled “Understanding Germany: History, Politics and Society” with an accompanying tutorial. The lectures are open to everyone but are specifically aimed at displaced persons, who would like to learn more about the history, politics and society of Germany. They take place every week from 13<sup>th</sup> April from 4pm to 6pm in the lecture theatre SCH 100.2 at the Institute of Political Science, Scharnhorststr. 100 and are given alternately by lecturers of the institute. After the 90-minute lectures, students of political science are offering more in-depth tutorials and the chance to get to know one another.

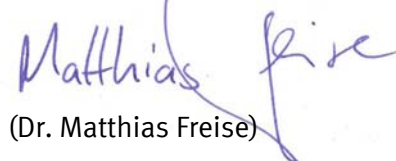
The level of the lectures is on a par with high-school level. Lectures will be in English and therefore require at least a basic knowledge of the language. Lecture material will be provided in German and English. Public transport costs within Münster may be partly reimbursed.

Those who attend regularly can receive a certificate at the end of the semester.

The Institute of Political Science and the Students' Society is asking all those involved in refugee work to promote the event and, where possible, to accompany those interested to the first lectures.

The coordinator at the Institute of Political Science is Dr. Matthias Freise ([freisem@uni-muenster.de](mailto:freisem@uni-muenster.de))

The lecture time-table is attached.



(Dr. Matthias Freise)

## Lecture „Understanding Germany: History, Politics and Society“

Date	Topic
13.04.	Introduction and a very brief overview of German History from stone age to 1918
20.04.	A very brief overview of German History from 1918 until today
27.04.	The German constitution: Basic Law and basic state structures
04.05.	Germany as a federal state
11.05.	Separation of Powers
25.05.	Legal System and Rule of Law
01.06.	Municipalities in Germany
08.06.	Economic Policy in Germany
15.06.	Social Policy in Germany
22.06.	Civil Society in Germany
29.06.	Parties in Germany
06.07.	Germany in Figures
13.07.	Germany in Europe
20.07.	Germany in the world

All lectures take place in lecture hall SCH2 in the department of political science at Scharnhorststr. 100. Each lecture is complemented by a tutorial held by students of the political science department. The lecture starts at 4pm, the tutorial at 6 pm.

