

AN INVITATION
TO JOIN
A LIFE-CHANGING,
INSPIRATIONAL
JOURNEY

FASPE

**Ethics
Abroad
Travel Program**

“Our trip with FASPE to Berlin and Poland was transformative. FASPE’s focus on the perpetrators is eye-opening and offers insights into past as well as current events in the U.S. and Europe. FASPE plays an essential role teaching our country’s future leaders how to learn from the past to ensure that history does not repeat itself.”

— PEGGY AND DAVID TANNER

“The FASPE trip rearranged a lot of the issues that I’ve faced — or avoided facing — during numerous previous trips to Poland as well as time living and working in Berlin. We spend a lot of time trying to find explanations for the tragedies of the past and misusing the “Never Again!” cliché. FASPE demands something more challenging from its participants: the recognition that there are difficult questions with no easy answers for understanding the past, and then by helping us confront many of those same questions in the present.”

— TOM FREUDENHEIM



SITE TOUR, POLAND

FASPE'S ETHICS ABROAD TRAVEL PROGRAM

is an inspiring and compelling week-long program for intellectually curious travelers who are interested in engaging in FASPE's distinctive approach to ethics and history. Participants travel to Berlin and Poland, with FASPE's unique VIP access to historic and cultural sites and their curators.

ETHICS ABROAD is a one week combination of lively conversation around critical issues of the day; engaging in the cultural and culinary fascinations of Berlin and Kraków; and a personalized exploration of what is perhaps the most evocative site of memory of the 20th century, Auschwitz/Birkenau.



HOTEL ADLON, BERLIN

TRIP AT A GLANCE

8 NIGHTS/7 DAYS

GERMANY: 4 nights in Berlin

POLAND: 4 nights in Kraków, includes extended visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau

UPCOMING ETHICS ABROAD DATES:

APRIL 26 – MAY 4, 2025



KRAKÓW

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Comprehensive educational program, including seminar-style discussions with FASPE faculty and key leadership at host sites;
- Accommodations in first-class hotels;
- Services of exceptional travel directors and experienced local curators;
- Luxury dining experiences;
- Pre-travel materials and learning;
- Standard gratuities.

NOT INCLUDED: Round-trip airfare; personal travel insurance.



KRAKÓW



WIERZYNEK RESTAURANT, KRAKÓW



WALL OF FACES, BIRKENAU

While learning about the actions and motivations of the professionals in Nazi Germany, faculty and participants engage in daily lively seminars and informal conversations about ethical issues that face the professions **today**—such as:

- The role of the professions in America's fraught racial past and present
- How can we provide equitable and high-quality health care within the system of commercial medicine?
- What does it mean to be an ethical business professional?
- Journalism and social media in a "post-truth" era
- How can clergy be ethical leaders?
- Technology and the ethics of the future



BERLINER PHILHARMONIE



**BRANDENBURG GATE,
BERLIN**



AUSCHWITZ II (BIRKENAU)

FACULTY

LYDIA DUGDALE, MD, MAR (ETHICS)

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**Sample faculty members*

GERMANY

SAMPLE ITINERARY

ARRIVAL DAY

- Arrival at the Hotel Adlon, Berlin
 - Free afternoon, with optional [curated] visit to Museum Island or the Jewish Museum
 - Welcome drinks & dinner
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DAY 1

- Visit the Topography of Terror, the former national headquarters of Gestapo and SS
- 'Reading the City': Explore Berlin's multi-layered landscape of memory on a walking tour
- History Seminar: *The Role of the Professionals in Nazi Germany*
- Medicine Seminar: *Bioethics and the Challenge of Genetic Manipulation*
- Visit the iconic Peter Eisenman Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
- Attend an evening performance at Berliner Philharmonie



MEMORIAL TO THE MURDERED JEWS OF EUROPE



HOUSE OF THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE



HOTEL ADLON, BERLIN

DAY 2

- Visit the former Brandenburg prison, one of the killing sites of the “Euthanasia” murder program
- Tour the House of the Wannsee Conference, the villa where the Nazis planned the final solution
Journalism Seminar: *The Press in Nazi Germany* (Wolf Kaiser, former Assistant Director of the House of the Wannsee Conference)
- Visit to Track 17, one of the main deportation sites for Berlin’s Jews
- History Seminar: *Josef Mengele in the Context of Nazi Medical Ethics — Unmasking the “Angel of Death”*
- Dinner Discussion & Journalism Seminar: *The Role of Journalists and the Press in the Era of “Post-Truth”* (guest moderator: senior German journalist)



DAY 3

- Tour the German Resistance Museum
- Business Seminar: *The Complicity of German Businesses 1933-45: “Aryanization”, Slave Labor, Exploitation of Occupied Countries*
Business Seminar: *The Ambiguities of CEO Activism*



POLAND

DAY 4

- Depart Berlin and arrive at the Copernicus Hotel, Kraków
- Explore the beautiful cultural capital of Poland and Kazimierz, the Jewish quarter of Kraków, on a walking tour guided by a local scholar
- Law Seminar: *Dual Loyalties: Who I am Serving as a Lawyer — My Client or Justice?*



DAY 5

- Clergy Seminar: *Religious Leaders in the “Third Reich”:* Ideological Accommodation, Flawed Compromises, Moral Courage
 - One hour drive to Oświęcim, the town the Germans called Auschwitz
 - Introduction to Oświęcim and the Auschwitz Jewish Center by its director
 - Guided tour of Auschwitz I
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DAY 6

- Optional walk to Jewish Cemetery and Great Synagogue Memorial Park
 - Guided visit of Auschwitz II (Birkenau)
 - Private tour of the Auschwitz Conservation Department
 - Interdisciplinary Seminar: *Contemporary Professional Ethics and the Question of Evil*
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DAY 7

- Interdisciplinary Seminar: *The Ethics of End-of-Life Decision-Making and the Roles of Medical Professionals and Chaplains*
Concluding Discussion: *Professional Leaders in a Fragmented and Polarized Society: How to Repair the Guard Rails?*
 - Optional guided tour of museums and cultural sites in Krakow
 - Cocktail reception followed by closing dinner
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DEPARTURE DAY

- Breakfast and departure



VIEW FROM COPERNICUS HOTEL



AUSCHWITZ



AUSCHWITZ II (BIRKENAU)



BRANDENBURG MEMORIAL



CZARTORYSKI MUSEUM



SITE TOUR, POLAND

COST INCLUDES LUXURY
ACCOMMODATIONS AND A
CAREFULLY CURATED EXPERIENCE.

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FASPE (Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics) challenges its professionals to recognize and exercise their ethical and leadership responsibilities as influencers. FASPE's distinctive approach is to examine the roles and behavior of individual professionals in Germany and elsewhere between 1933 and 1945 as an initial framework for approaching ethical responsibility in the professions today.

Each year, FASPE awards 80 to 90 Fellowships to graduate students and early-career professionals in Business, Design & Technology, Journalism, Law, Medicine, and Seminary. The Fellowships begin with intense study in Germany and Poland where FASPE takes advantage of the urgency created by the power of place to translate the history into the present. Beyond its signature Fellowship program, FASPE utilizes its distinct methodology in ethics training workshops for practicing professionals in organizations across business sectors, in public writings and lectures, and in a condensed European study trip for practicing professionals.

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