

FASPE Design & Technology Fellowship Schedule 2026

Arrival Day - Friday, 22 May

Morning	Fellows greeted at airport & placed in taxis to hotel	<u>Location: Melia Berlin Friedrichstraße 103</u>
Upon Arrival	Please look out for FASPE staff (Rebecca, Thorsten, Maya) in the lobby, and be sure to complete registration, obtain welcome materials, and claim stipend upon arrival. Hotel will store luggage if check-in is not yet available	
	Free time to explore Berlin (maps available at hotel)	
3:00-5:00pm	Check-in at hotel	<u>Location: Hotel lobby</u>
5:30 PM	Assemble by small interdisciplinary group	<u>Location: Hotel lobby</u>
5:45 PM	Depart for dinner	
6:00-7:00pm	Meet & greet drinks and mingling	<u>Location: Hopfingerbräu (Ebertstraße 24)</u>
7:00-8:30pm	Dinner	

Program Day 1 - Saturday, 23 May (Berlin): Orientation

6:30 – 7:45am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Melia Berlin Friedrichstraße 103</u>
8:00 AM	Meet in lobby; assemble in small interdisciplinary groups	<u>Location: Hotel lobby</u>
8:30 – 10:15am	Welcome and Introductions (Interdisciplinary) -- David Goldman, Thorsten Wagner, Rebecca Scott, Maya Dobler	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
10:15-10:30am	Coffee break	
10:30-11:45am	Session 1: Introductions (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Rebecca Scott This session will be focused on getting to know one another and establishing a community charter (rules of engagement, include NDA/Chatham House guidelines)	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
11:45-12:00pm	Coffee Break	
12:00-1:15pm	Session 2: Defining Oneself as a Professional - Competencies & Values (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Rebecca Scott Fellows will establish a framework for self- reflection and understanding their position as a professional. Fellows should accept that their role as a professional means that they will have influence, that with that influence comes responsibility, and that responsibility requires them to accept and examine their own agency. Fellows should be engaged in a discussion about why they chose to become a technologist, what are the competencies that make someone good/successful/ethical in this role, and be asked to articulate positive and negative values, both individually and professionally.	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
1:15-2:00pm	Lunch with Small Interdisciplinary Groups (I)	
2:00-2:45pm	Session 3: Introduction to Contemporary Germany (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner	<u>Location: 7 Claire-Waldoff-Straße 710117 Berlin</u>
2:45-3:00pm	Bag drop at hotel, pick up Whisper set	
3:00-6:00pm	Walking tour of Berlin (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner <i>Return whisper sets at end of tour</i>	
6:00-7:15pm	Break	
7:15 PM	Meet in hotel lobby to depart for dinner	

7:30 PM	Dinner with cohort	<u>Location:</u> <u>Business - Lawrence (Oranienburger Str. 69)</u> <u>Law - Maximilians (Friedrichstraße 185-190)</u> <u>Design & Tech - Nolle (Georgenstraße 203)</u>
Program Day 2 - Sunday, 24 May (Berlin): Professionals in the Early Years of the Third Reich		
6:30 – 7:30am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Melia Berlin Friedrichstraße 103</u>
8:00 – 10:00am	Session 4: Historical Foundations - (Thorsten Wagner)	<u>Location: Hotel conference room (Sevilla)</u>
10:00-10:15am	Break	
10:15-11:15am	Session 5: The Transformation of German Society in the 1930s and the Role of the Professionals (Interdisciplinary) - Thorsten Wagner	<u>Location: Hotel conference room (Sevilla)</u>
11:15-12:45pm	Walk to lunch	
12:45-1:45pm	Lunch	<u>Location: Beba at Gropius Bau (Niederkirchnerstraße 7, 10963 Berlin, Germany)</u>
1:45-2:45pm	Introduction to Topography of Terror Time to explore exhibit on own	<u>Location: Niederkirchnerstraße 8, 10963 Berlin, Germany</u>
2:45 – 4:00pm	Session 6: Review of pre-trip assignment (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Rebecca Scott This session is devoted to reviewing the pre-trip assignment . The assignment is designed to give fellows a hands-on way to familiarize themselves with the historical episode(s) we're studying and to use a role-playing exercise to help them understand professional complicity. Fellows will be asked to share their responses and engage in discussion.	<u>Location: ToT seminar room</u>
4:00-4:15pm	Break	
4:15-5:30pm	Session 7: The Role of the Professional in Nazi Germany -- (Thorsten Wagner)	<u>Location: ToT seminar room</u>
5:30-7:00pm	Free time	
6:15 PM	Faculty/staff meeting	<u>Location: hotel lobby</u>
7:00 PM	Meet in Hotel Lobby	
7:15 PM	Dinner	<u>Location: Amrit Berlin Mitte (Oranienburger Str. 45, 10117 Berlin, Germany)</u>
Program Day 3 - Monday, 25 May (Berlin): Moral Neutrality & Role Morality & Competing Obligations		
9:45 AM	Meet in hotel lobby	
10:00-12:00pm	Session 8: Nazi Ethics (Interdisciplinary) -- Thorsten Wagner 10:00-10:35 - Introduction & viewing of Himmler's 1943 speech at Posen 10:35-10:45 - Transition to breakout spaces 10:45-11:30 - Breakout discussions by cohort 11:30-11:40 - Return to plenary 11:40-12:00 - Plenary discussion	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, room 2a</u>
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch	

1:00-2:30pm	Session 9: Interdisciplinary Session 1 (The Case of Topf & Sons) - Moral Neutrality Using the case of Topf & Sons as a launching pad, each discipline track will discuss whether/when being a professional can be morally neutral; we will then gather as a whole to learn from the perspectives of other professions.	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, 2a</u>
2:30-2:45pm	Coffee Break	
2:45-4:00pm	Session 10: Role Morality & Competing Obligations (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - David Goldman When operating within an unethical system, when does compromise serve to mitigate harm, and when does it make a technologist complicit? When does mere participation in an unethical system, even with the best intentions, become unethical? And in such a situation, how does one make their own decision about whether to stay or leave, weighing the power to “make a difference” from the inside vs. participating in unethical ends.	<u>Location: Reinhardtstraßen--Höfe conference center, lounge</u>
4:00-4:15pm	Coffee Break	
4:15-5:45pm	Session 11: IBM & the Holocaust (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - David Goldman This session will focus on the relationship between individual decision-making and dynamics of commerce, particularly in the context of a global economy of nascent technologies. Fellows will be engaged in a discussion on the readings vis-a-vis their personal experience as young professionals.	
6:00pm -	Dinner on own in small interdisciplinary groups II (fellows only)	<u>Fellows find location on their own</u>
7:00 PM	Faculty dinner	
Program Day 4 - Tuesday, 26 May (Berlin): Site visits by Cohort - Normalization and Transformation		
6:30 – 8:15am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Hotel</u>
BUSINESS & DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY		
7:45 AM	Meet in hotel lobby	
8:00 AM	Depart for Schöneeweide Nazi Forced Labor Documentation Center	
9:00-1:00pm	Program at Schöneeweide	<u>Location: Britzer Straße 5, 12439 Berlin</u>
1:00pm-	Free time, lunch and dinner on own	
Program Day 5 - Wednesday, 27 May (Berlin): Dehumanization & Othering: Creating Universes of Obligation		
6:30 – 7:45am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Hotel</u>
8:00 AM	Meet to depart for Brandenburg	<u>Location: Hotel Lobby</u>
8:10 AM	Board Bus	
8:15-10:15am	Bus to Brandenburg “Euthanasia” Center and Memorial – Context will be provided on the bus	
10:30 – 11:45pm	Guided Visit of the Memorial Site and Exhibition (Center Educators)	<u>Location: Nicolaipl. 28/30, 14776 Brandenburg an der Havel</u>
11:45 -12:00pm	Self-guided time	
12:00 – 12:45pm	Lunch	<u>Location: Brandenburg Memorial seminar room</u>

1:00 – 2:15pm	Session 12: Interdisciplinary Session 2 - Ethics & Artistic Representation, Ursula LeGuin “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas” Using Ursula K. LeGuin’s Those Who Walk Away from Omelas, we will consider the ethical complexities of leadership, decision-making, and responsibility. Revisiting the themes of moral neutrality and normalization, we will explore how business professionals navigate trade-offs, justify difficult choices, and define success—and at what cost.	<u>Location: Brandenburg Memorial seminar room</u>
2:15-2:30pm	Break	
2:30 – 4:00pm	Session 13: Dehumanization & Othering (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Thorsten Wagner This session will examine how technological processes of abstraction, categorization, and classification, as well as incentives to ‘scale’ technology and design are integral to the Profession. How might today’s approaches to technological innovation reinforce existing inequities? What are ways we might be able to challenge the distance between ‘end-users’ and the tech world?	<u>Location: University for Medicine, Nicolaipplatz 19, 14770;</u>
4:15 PM	Board bus to return to Berlin	
4:30 PM	Bus departs for Berlin	
4:30-6:30pm	Bus to Hotel	
7:15 PM	Meet in hotel lobby, depart for dinner	
7:30 PM	Dinner	<u>Location: Da Vinci Restaurant (Georgenstraße 192, 10117)</u>
Program Day 6 - Thursday, 28 May (Berlin): Normalization		
6:30-7:30am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Hotel</u>
7:45 AM	Meet in hotel lobby	<u>Location: Hotel Lobby</u>
8:00 AM	Board Bus and depart for House of the Wannsee Conference (GHWK) visiting memorial installation in the Bavarian Quarter en route	
9:30-10:45am	Introduction & Guided Visit (GHWK educators)	<u>Location: Am Großen Wannsee 56-58</u>
10:45-11:15am	Self-guided time/questions for educators	
11:15-12:30pm	Session 14: profession-specific workshops, offered by GHWK educators	<u>Location: Seminar rooms</u>
12:30-2:00pm	Lunch [staggered timing to avoid all three groups going at the same time]	
2:00-2:30pm	Break, time to explore grounds on own	
2:30-4:00pm	Session 15: Normalization (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - David Goldman This session will focus on processes of “normalization” using the notion of “normalization of deviance” by Diane Vaughn and her work on the Challenger disaster. Fellows will be encouraged to reflect on instances in which they found themselves in processes of normalization and honestly discuss if and how individual ethical considerations played a role here.	<u>Location: Seminar rooms</u>
4:00 PM	Board Bus to Grunewald	
4:30-5:15pm	Visit to Train Station Grunewald / Track 17	<u>Location: Am Bahnhof Grunewald</u>
5:15 PM	Board Bus back to Hotel	
5:45pm -	Free time and dinner on own	
Program Day 7 - Friday, 29 May (Berlin → Krakow): Travel Day		
6:30-7:30am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Hotel Lobby</u>

7:40 AM	Assemble in lobby with luggage, put luggage onto transfer van, pick up lunch boxes	
8:00 AM	Depart for train station	
8:52 AM	EC59 Train, departing from Berlin main station to Krakow Główny Station	
4:09 PM	Arrive Krakow Główny station, ~20 minute walk to hotel	
4:30 PM	Check in to Amber Design Residence	<u>Location: Świętego Marka 35, 31-024 Kraków, Poland</u>
5:30-7:00pm	Walking tour of Old city (Adam Musiał) get a whisper set	<u>Location: outdoors / walking tour</u>
7:00pm –	Free evening in Krakow Opportunity to attend services Dinner on own	
7:15 PM	Faculty dinner	
Program Day 8 - Saturday, 30 May (Krakow): Complicity & Spielraum, Obedience & Loyalty		
8:00-10:30am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Coffee&Wine (Szpitalna 34, 33-332 Kraków, Poland)</u>
Morning	Free time. Opportunity to attend services.	
10:45 AM	Meet outside hotel, pick up Whisper set and sandwich (bring water)	<u>Location: Main square</u>
11:00-1:00pm	Walking tour of Krakow - Kazimeirz (Adam Musiał) Return Whisper set at conclusion of the tour	<u>Location: outdoors / walking tour</u>
1:15-2:45pm	Session 16: Polish History, Memory, and Identity (Lukasz Krzyzanowski)	<u>Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)</u>
2:45-3:00pm	Coffee Break	
3:00-4:15pm	Session 17: Complicity & Spielraum (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Thorsten Wagner In this session, we will ask: when does compromise serve to mitigate harm and when does it make you complicit? Building on questions of obedience and how professionals can remain alive to discretion, the question of spielraum, or “wigggle-room”, challenges us to think about whether ethical behavior requires dogma, and if so, does it eliminate the possibility for compromise? When faced with these situations, how does one make individual decisions around whether to stay in a position/institution or leave, taking into account the power to make a difference vs. collaborating in the ethically wrong?	<u>Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)</u>
4:15-4:30pm	Coffee Break	
4:30-5:45pm	Session 18: Obedience & Loyalty - Berthelot (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Thorsten Wagner This session will contextualize the fellows’ personal experiences of mentorship and loyalty with the Berthelot case and the notion of loyalty rooted in relational dynamics and enacted behaviors, especially those that emerge over a longer period of time. Fellows are asked to come to the session having reflected on these personal experiences and being ready to talk about them.	<u>Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)</u>
6:00-7:30pm	Dinner	<u>Location: Tram Station Restaurant</u>
7:45-9:15pm	Session 19: Reading of Ideation	<u>Location: Galicia Museum (Dajwór 18, 31-052 Kraków, Poland)</u>
9:15 PM	Faculty/staff meeting	<u>Location: TBA</u>
Program Day 9 - Sunday, 31 May (Krakow/Oswiecim): Auschwitz I		

8:00-11:00am	Breakfast at Coffee&Wine Hotel checkout by 11:00am, large luggage can be stored if you'd like to bring a smaller overnight bag for the next 2 nights. (Large luggage can also be brought with us.) Opportunity for Sunday services Free time in Krakow	
11:45 AM	Meet to board bus, have luggage for next 2 nights ready with you	<u>Location: Hotel Lobby</u>
12:00-1:15pm	Bus to Oswiecim; Arrive at Hotel Galicja (store bags)	<u>Location: Generała Jarosława Dąbrowskiego 119, 32-600 Oświęcim, Poland</u>
1:30-3:00pm	Lunch Visiting Auschwitz (Thorsten Wagner)	<u>Location: Hotel Galicja</u>
3:00 PM	Board bus for Auschwitz I	
3:30-6:30pm	Guided tour of Auschwitz I	
6:30 PM	Board bus for hotel	
7:30 PM	Dinner	<u>Location: Hotel Galicja</u>
8:30 PM	Opportunities for Group Reflection: (i) attend faculty-led discussion, (ii) attend unstructured discussions with fellows, (iii) quiet/silent time with fellows (sketching, journaling, etc)	<u>Location: Hotel Galicja</u>
Program Day 10 - Monday, 1 June (Oswiecim): Auschwitz-Birkenau		
7:00-7:45am	Breakfast at hotel	
8:00 AM	Board bus for Auschwitz-Birkenau	
8:30-12:30PM	Guided tour of Birkenau	
1:00 PM	Board bus for AJC	
1:00-1:45pm	Lunch at Auschwitz Jewish Center	<u>Location: Auschwitz Jewish Center (Plac Księdza Jana Skarbka 5 32-600 Oświęcim)</u>
1:45-7:00pm	Opportunities for Reflection: (i) Board Bus at 1:45 to return to hotel*; (ii) walking tour of Oswiecim starting at 1:45pm from the AJC and ending at the hotel at approximately 3:15pm (iii) time in town on own; (iv) Remain at AJC and have self-guided time (iv) journal/reflect in conference rooms; (v) join faculty-moderated conversation (vi) Bus pick-ups starting at 3:45 from AJC and then hotel to return to Auschwitz I or Auschwitz Birkenau. *those who return to hotel at 1:45pm and would also like to return to visit Auschwitz I or Birkenau should board the bus outside the hotel at 4:00pm	
7:00 PM	Board bus to hotel (for those at Auschwitz or Birkenau)	
7:30-9:30pm	Dinner	<u>Location: Hotel Galicja</u>
Program Day 11 - Tuesday, 2 June: Post-Auschwitz		
7:00 – 9:15am	Breakfast	<u>Location: Hotel</u>
9:00 AM	Faculty/staff meeting	
9:30 AM	Store bags on the bus	
9:45-10:30am	Small interdisciplinary group check-in/reflection (III)	<u>Location: Hotel Galicja 3rd floor conference room available, pavilions/tables outdoors, groups to find their own locations</u>

10:45-12:15pm	Session 20 - Walking Away From Auschwitz Fellows will have the option to choose to attend one of the following sessions, each focusing on a different means through which people have sought to move forward while grappling with the existence of Auschwitz and its implications: <u>Literature</u> : A discussion of selected excerpts of literature & poetry (Rebecca) <u>Justice</u> : A discussion of post-Holocaust legal reckonings (Thorsten) <u>Art</u> : Visiting the Gerhard Richter Birkenau cycle followed by discussion (Will Partin) <u>Religious Reckonings and the Idea of Forgiveness</u> : The Case of Rudolf Höss & Father Lohn (David)	
12:15 PM	Board bus	
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch at AJC	<u>Location: Auschwitz Jewish Center</u> <u>(Plac Księdza Jana Skarbka 5</u> <u>32-600 Oświęcim)</u>
1:15-2:30pm	Session 21 - My profession and Auschwitz (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) This session will focus on examining the fellows' professions through the lens of Auschwitz. Fellows will be asked to share observations about where they saw their profession present or implicated in the building, running, or creation of the camp system, and to reflect on what they take away. Here, they will be asked to write a short diary entry to bring to the discussion. In the discussion, fellows will also be asked to return to their pre-trip assignment.	<u>Location: AJC synagogue</u>
2:30-4:00pm	Bus ride back to Krakow	
4:00 PM	Check back into hotel	
4:00-	Dinner on own, free time	
Program Day 12 - Wednesday, 3 June (Krakow): Motivations and Self-Awareness /Resistance, Agency, & Tactics		
8:00 – 9:45am	Breakfast	<u>Location:Coffee&Wine (Szpitalna 34,</u> <u>33-332 Kraków, Poland)</u>
10:00 AM	Meet to depart for Collegium Medicum	<u>Location: Front of hotel</u>
10:15-11:45am	Session 22: Motivations and Self-Awareness (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - David Goldman Drawing on the readings, we will use this session to interview each other about why, as technologists, what we think we do, why we do it, and what we hope our impacts will be. What does it mean to be 'good at tech.' What draws you to this profession? Which of the dominant frames about the tech profession, discussed in your readings and sessions together, resonate with you (e.g., make you proud, worried, or something else, about being in tech)? Which frames do you want to challenge? What would make you quit? How would you describe your motivations for entering this profession with someone you loved who didn't understand a tech career? What do you hope you'll feel by the end of your career in tech? What would help you arrive at that feeling?	<u>Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej</u> <u>Anny 12, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)</u>
11:45-12:00pm	Coffee Break	

12:15 – 1:15pm	Session 23: Resistance, Agency, & Tactics (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - David Goldman In this session, we will ask fellows to write down some of the ways that they have pushed back (or not) against uncomfortable requests. What made these effective, or not? Will past forms – employee sit-ins, walk-outs, protests, open letters – that had various impacts on the industry in the 2010s still viable in the 2020s?	Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej Anny 12, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
1:30-2:30pm	Lunch	Location: Chimera (Świętej Anny 3, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
2:30 – 3:45pm	Session 24: Capstone Workshopping (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - David Goldman In this session, faculty will workshop the individual ideas for the FASPE publication with the fellow. As part of the session, previous contributions will be shared and discussed.	Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej Anny 12, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
3:45-4:00pm	Coffee Break	
4:00-6:00pm	Session 25: Interdisciplinary Session 3 - Case Study	Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej Anny 12, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
7:00 PM	Dinner	Location: La Grande Mamma (Rynek Główny 26, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
Program Day 13 - Thursday, 4 June (Krakow): Looking Back, Looking Forward		
8:00 – 9:30am	Breakfast	Location: Coffee&Wine (Szpitalna 34, 33-332 Kraków, Poland)
9:45 AM	Meet in front of hotel to depart for Collegium Medicum	
10:00-11:00am	Session 26: Wrapping Up (surveys, etc)	Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej Anny 12, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
11:00-11:15am	Coffee Break	
11:15-12:15pm	Final Small Interdisciplinary group meeting (IV)	Location: Conference rooms, cafe, or other locations nearby according to group preference
12:15-12:30pm	Break, transition back to seminar rooms	
12:30-1:30pm	Session 27: Final session (Will Partin, Mona Sloane) - Rebecca Scott The purpose of this session is to take time to wrap up the trip in a more substantive way. The discussion will be free flowing, but fellows will be asked to consider and share what they have learned and experienced and how they will integrate these findings into their professional lives going forward. They will be asked to express the three most salient experiences and share why these stood out for them.	Location: Collegium Medicum (Świętej Anny 12, 31-008 Kraków, Poland)
1:30-7:00pm	Free time in Krakow, lunch on own	
7:00 PM	Depart for dinner (we will take photos on the square on the way, weather permitting)	
7:30 PM	Final Dinner	Location: Hawelka (Rynek Główny 34, 31-010 Kraków, Poland)
Departure Day - Friday, 5 June (Krakow → USA): (Travel Day)		
8:00-10:30am	Breakfast (breakfast boxes will be available at reception for those with earlier departures)	Location: Coffee&Wine (Szpitalna 34, 33-332 Kraków, Poland)
11:00 AM	Hotel checkout	
Morning Airline Departures. Hotel checkout by noon. FASPE will provide group transport to the airport for those departing today.		