The James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellows Project
An initiative to strengthen the transatlantic partnership
among European and American policy and opinion makers.

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Overview

The Transatlantic Renewal Project (TRP) was launched by the World Affairs Institute (WAI) in the Winter of 2014 to strengthen the transatlantic community by facilitating communication, information exchange, and cooperation between Europeans and Americans working on policy issues that are vital to the security and the preservation of the partnership.

TRP is driven by our view that the transatlantic partnership has been and continues to be the fundamental building block upon which Western values and security are protected and advanced. This historic and highly successful partnership has frayed in the past decade amidst rising and urgent internal and external threats. We consider it a security imperative to rebuild ties between policy and opinion-making counterparts within the partnership, both individual and institutional.

In the past three years, the TRP Roundtable Series has convened over 250 senior government and parliamentary officials, think tank experts, and leading journalists in 2-day discussions across seven capital cities in eastern Europe, as well as numerous formal and informal meetings in Washington, DC to speak about the immediate challenges confronting the partnership.

The Transatlantic Fellows Program was launched in March 2017 by James (Jim) S. Denton of the World Affairs Institute (WAI) as a follow-on activity to the TRP Roundtable Series to engage American and European policy and opinion-making counterparts, to build cadre among them by deepening understanding and cooperation, and to develop strategies that will meaningfully counter mounting threats. Starting in 2018, WAI began to transfer the program over to the Center for European Policy Analysis. Following James Denton’s passing, CEPA took full responsibility for the program and named Reka Szemerkenyi, CEPA's EVP, to be its Program Director and Jackie Mahler as Program Coordinator. CEPA re-named the Fellowship the “James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellowship” in honor of its founder. Taking the Fellowship over, CEPA undertook the goal of living up to James Denton’s memory and life-long commitment to forging stronger ties across the Atlantic between Central East Europe and the US. It is CEPA's goal to continue the already prestigious Fellowship and make it a cornerstone of building a strong and cooperative transatlantic community.
**Program Activity**
Denton Fellows will spend three weeks (March 21, 2020 – April 11, 2020) in Washington, DC. During the first “orientation” week, Fellows will meet with a representative group of the D.C.-based foreign/security policy and opinion-making community, organized by CEPA. During the second and third weeks of the program, each Fellow will have a chance to organize professional meetings that are in their own field to deepen their understanding and network. The Fellows are responsible for initiating and setting up these meetings. CEPA offices can be used as a base during this time and CEPA Denton Fellowship coordinators will be available for limited assistance. During the second two weeks, the Fellows will conduct activities and research in pursuit of their own professional goals that they proposed in the “Transatlantic Project” section of their application, which may have been modified in subsequent consultations with CEPA and the host office. Fellows will have the opportunity to submit an article to be published on the CEPA website following their stay in the US.

**Eligibility and Criteria**
To be eligible, applicants must:
- be a citizen of and reside in Central and Eastern Europe;
- be employed in national government, politics, think tanks, or journalism (editorial or correspondent) whose work relates to issues of immediate concern to the transatlantic community;
- have excellent written and verbal English language skills;
- and complete the James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellowship Application (below) and submit as instructed.

**Guidelines**
In selecting candidates, CEPA will give preference to applicants:
- whose participation in the program is highly likely to facilitate the strengthening of the transatlantic partnership meaningfully, and in ways relevant to the urgent challenges before it.
- who have not had comparable professional work or fellowship experience in the United States in the past five years.
- who work in transatlantic relations, national security and defense, counterterrorism, information and disinformation, cyber security, anti-corruption and government accountability (in Ukraine).
- who are mid-career.
- are able to secure and document that they can provide cost-sharing in an amount equal to $500 USD to supplement their weekly stipend.

**Interviews**
CEPA will conduct interviews with select finalists. Interviews will be conducted by a representative of CEPA via Skype.
**Program Costs**
CEPA will provide Fellows’ international air travel to Washington, DC and return, lodging for three weeks in Washington, DC, welcome and the farewell dinner together with a working lunch, a modest stipend ($250/week), and other program costs associated with various activities conducted during the three-week fellowship.

**Supplemental Subsidy**
Applicants are required to secure a subsidy of at least five hundred dollars ($500 USD) to supplement the weekly stipend provided by CEPA. This subsidy can be provided by the Fellow, by their employer, or by a small grant from an outside foundation.

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