

Our 2016 Theme: Refugees



The Global Citizenship Alliance convenes seminars in Austria and Germany. As our Statement of Purpose says, “The Global Citizenship Alliance promotes education for engaged knowledge and responsible action in an interdependent world.”

We strongly believe that in times like these it would be impossible to discuss global citizenship without addressing the current refugee situation in Europe, with hundreds of thousands on the move – fleeing from their home countries to escape war and seek refuge and shelter in the European Union.

Only a few decades ago, Europe herself was war-torn with millions of displaced peoples on

the run. Today, the EU is struggling to develop a clear approach on how to go forward with regard to accommodating refugees. Instead, member countries are blaming one another and building fences in the hope to discourage refugees from making the long and dangerous journey via sea and land. Meanwhile, right wing parties and movements that play on the fears of their citizens are on the rise.

The GCA has therefore decided to make the refugee situation in Europe the overarching theme in our seminars this year.