

Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Vereinten Nationen
Landesverband Nordrhein-Westfalen (DGVN NRW e.V.)

***“Determined to save succeeding
generations from the scourge of war”***

The United Nations and International Peace & Security

Excursion to New York City

16-23 March 2024

Our study trip is open to the public

while priority will be given to members of DGVN
- Landesverband Nordrhein-Westfalen
esp. those residing in the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

It will mostly be conducted in English.

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Tentative agenda

The UN is nearing its 80th birthday. While in recent years issues like combating climate change and fighting global pandemics have been in the forefront of the UN's efforts, the issue of International Peace and Security has never been out of sight and came to the limelight again on February 24th 2022. While Germany celebrated its 50th anniversary of joining the UN and decades of Peace and Prosperity surrounded by our neighbors and friends within Europe, a few hundred kilometers to the East millions of Europeans were forced to flee or hide in bunkers from an unprovoked aggression by their neighbor. The UN – as they were so often before – were criticized for “not doing enough” and the issue of Reform of the Security Council (UNSC) gained new momentum. How did and do the UN and its members states try to maintain/establish Peace? Which different perspectives and approaches exist to tackling the issues? Can and should the UNSC be reformed?

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Please note that this tentative programme is a draft and under development.

Events may be changed based on current events and due to availability of speakers.

16 March, Saturday

Suggested arrival

17 March, Sunday

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day, e.g. the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade down 5th Ave

evening joint dinner, getting-to-know in person

18 March, Monday

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10 am Welcome and introduction to the content of the program

2 pm Welcome at the German House
Briefing by the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN
(in German)

19 March, Tuesday

10 am Briefing by the US Mission to the United Nations (tbc)

2 pm UN and Media / briefing by UNHCR

5 pm 1st group exchange on impressions

20 March, Wednesday

- 10 am Briefing by the Ukrainian Mission to the UN
- 12 pm The UN Security Council - Briefing
- 3:30 pm Briefing by the Armenian Mission to the UN (tbc)

21 March, Thursday

10 am Briefing at EU Mission to UN

Afternoon Cultural Visits (optional): Visit of Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island and/or 9/11 Memorial and One World Trade Center

22 March, Friday

- 10 am Briefing by the Estonian Mission to the United Nations
- 2 pm Guided Tour of the UN NY headquarters
- 4 pm 2nd group exchange on impressions - evaluation
- 7 pm optional joint farewell Dinner

23 March, Saturday

Suggested departure

Important organizational notes:

DGVN NRW e.V. is not a tour operator. While we will be happy to provide recommendations, the organization of accommodation and transportation as well as any immigration requirements remains the sole responsibility of the individual traveller.

Participants' arrival shall be **no later than 17th March**, suggested earliest departure is 23th March. Earlier arrivals as well as later departures solely depend on the traveller.

The general organizational fee for the excursion is € 195,- per person. DGVN members residing in the State of North Rhine-Westphalia are subject to a reduced fee of € 95,-. DGVN members residing outside of NRW are subject to a reduced fee of € 145,-.

Priority Application closes on 15 December 2023 or upon reaching the maximum group size, whichever comes first. Applications will be collected on a first come first serve basis with priority for DGVN members, esp. from NRW. You will then receive a registration form. **Please do not make any travel arrangements before your participation is confirmed.**

There will be a mandatory introductory meeting online to go over expectations and organizational details in late January 2024. Participants will receive a sign-up form and further info via e-mail.

All questions regarding organizational issues may be directed to the organizers listed on the cover:

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