Preliminary Syllabus

WSP 353: Cities of Intrigue: Vienna, Prague, Budapest, and Istanbul

Stanford Continuing Studies ♦ Summer 2018 ♦ August 11 & 18

For over four centuries the Hapsburg Empire was the preeminent power in Central Europe. Hapsburg dominance and influence radiated out from their three principal capitals: Vienna – seat of the Austrian Imperial Court, Prague – the Czech capital, and Budapest – prime pivot of the contested zone between Hapsburg Vienna and its nemesis, Ottoman Istanbul, for centuries the world’s largest & most magnificent city.

Workshop Format:

Saturday, August 11

Morning 10:00-12:00

**Vienna** – Imperial Capital – Frontier Bastion of Christendom
   Tradition versus Modernity – Ringstrasse Monumentality
   Viennese Belle Époque – Freud/Jung and Psychoanalysis

Afternoon: 1:30-3:30

**Prague** – Bohemian Capital – Magic Circle of Emperor Rudolph II
   Center for Scientific Revolution – Astronomy & Alchemy in Prague
   Heterodox Legacy: First Protestant City – Largest Jewish Quarter

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**Budapest** – Hungarian Capital – Prime River Port on Danube
   Tale of Two Cities: Buda – Castle & Cathedral on the Heights
   Pest – Commercial/Political Center – Century of Ottoman Rule

Afternoon: 1:30-3:30

**Istanbul** – The Queen of Cities – Principal Crossroads of Civilization
   Constantinople and the Eastern Roman Empire – Byzantine Heritage
   Seat of Mediterranean Empires – Splendors of the Ottoman Dynasty

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