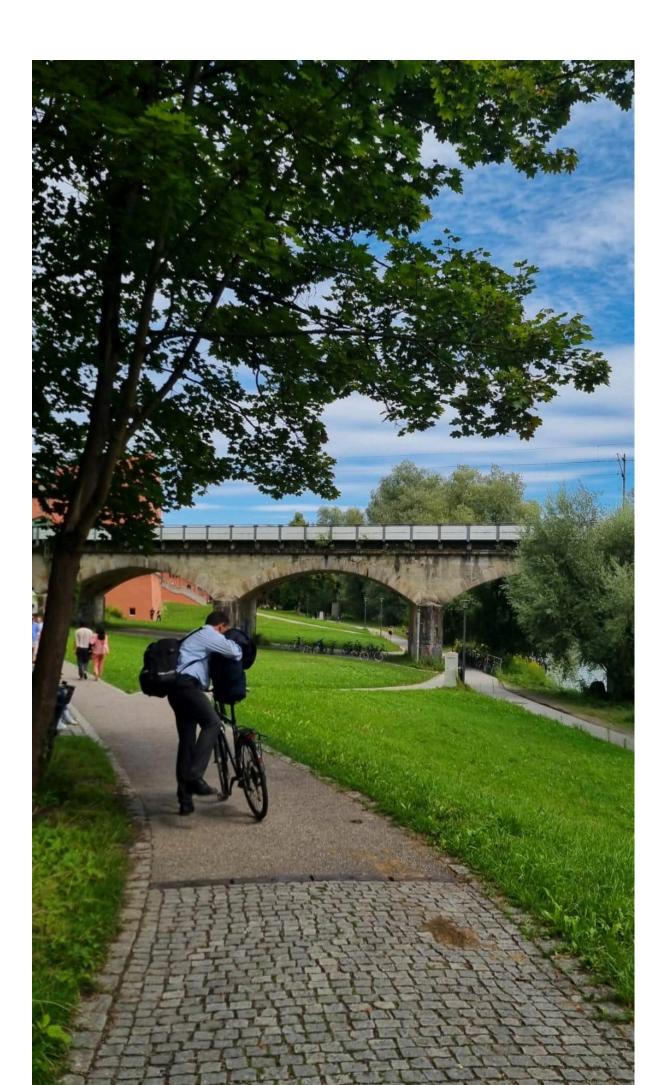
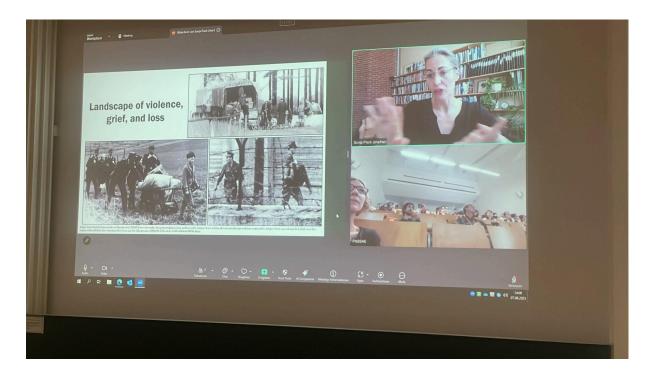
Report

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I traveled to Passau, Germany, on August 3rd, 2025, to attend PASSAE – the Passau Summer School for Applied Ethics.



The first day began with a keynote lecture by Dr. Melanie Altanian from Freiburg, focusing on genocide denial, with particular attention to Turkey's denial of the Armenian genocide. Afterward, participants were assigned to working groups that they would remain in for the rest of the week. I joined the Future of Europe group, whose final task was to create a scroll-based digital storytelling project to be featured on the university's website. Throughout the week, our group engaged in thought-provoking discussions on history, ethics, morality, and the duty of remembrance.



That afternoon, we took a guided tour of Passau. Each student was assigned a city landmark to describe and compare with something from their hometown. This not only deepened my knowledge of Passau but also gave me insights into cities from around the world through my fellow participants' presentations.

The second day began with another keynote, this time by Dr. Martin Hennig from Tübingen. Later, we went on a scenic hike to a nearby castle.



On the third day, we took a study trip to the town of Alkoven in Austria, where we visited Hartheim Castle—a site that served as a euthanasia and extermination center during the Nazi regime. We were given a two-hour guided tour followed by an hour-long discussion with the director of the current exhibition housed in the castle.

The remaining days featured more keynote lectures, brief presentations from each working group, and bonding activities such as a barbecue at the university. The final day was shorter, with casual conversations, a group photoshoot, and the closing ceremony.

Outside of the official program, I spent time with other participants, discussing their perspectives on the duty of remembrance and the future of Europe.

Overall, it was a deeply enriching experience. I returned to Budapest with new insights, meaningful connections, and a much broader understanding of the topics we explored. I am sincerely grateful to the ELTE Travel Grant for partially supporting my participation in this remarkable summer school.

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