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AAG Statement (January 30, 2017) on the Trump Executive Order limiting travel to the US from several countries

The German Association of Geography ("Deutsche Gesellschaft für Geographie" – DGfG) wishes to express complete solidarity with the above-mentioned AAG-Statement.

The DGfG deeply disapproves of any restriction of the freedom of mobility and travel to the United States solely on the base of citizenship.

When watching that entry or re-entry into the United States is being allowed or denied to people on the single criteria of citizenship, the DGfG is particularly concerned about limiting global diversity and international interaction of academics, researchers and scholars in the United States. President Trump's Executive Order signifies a gradual erosion that is happening to central values of Western democracy – not only in the United States, but also in many other states which refer themselves to the principles of free, democratic societies established on the rule of law.

The DGfG holds the AAG Statement to be true in every detail and is thankful to the AAG for issuing this statement. We also fully support members of the DGfG's various sections who are affected by President Trump's Executive Order, in any way possible.

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