THE KRUPP INTERN

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Dear Professor Beitz,

the Krupp Internship Program for Stanford Students in

Germany is thirty years old. As we approached this anniversary, we invited alumni of the program to share their memories with us, so that we could share them with you. Each voice is unique and yet each resonates on a common sounding board: that special partnership between a German foundation and an American university initiated by a visionary man. We would like to celebrate three decades of partnership by sharing their voices with you.

But how? The testimonials are too lengthy and too numerous to relate in their entirety. As a device for telling their story, I have excerpted and thematically organized a plethora of voices, melding them into one – the voice of **THE KRUPP INTERN**, a real artifice: S/he did do and think everything related here. S/he is a mobile multi-talent, having worked in banks and manufacturing firms, museums and theaters, high tech and medical labs all over united Germany; s/he made bicycle maps for the Elbsandstein park, helped develop an electronic nose for medical diagnostics, persuaded BMW to add coffee cup holders to their X Series, worked as director's assistant at the Berlin Schaubühne and studied migration patterns of Barnacle Geese in the Wattenmeer. THE KRUPP INTERN has already spent a hundred thousand days in German workplaces; if you include preparatory studies in Berlin, s/he has spent nearly seven lifetimes in Germany so far (and without aging a single day: s/he was, is and will remain some 20 years old).

The memories and reflections expressed in **THE KRUPP INTERN'S** voice are quoted verbatim in color in the language in which they wrote to us, be it German or English; the internship year of each voice is flagged at the end of each quote, signalling when one voice ends and another begins while concretizing the different eras of the program represented here. Words printed in black identify the editorial weave that makes one cohesive tale out of many.

Hochverehrter Herr Professor Beitz,

das Krupp Internship Program for Stanford Students in

Germany besteht jetzt seit 30 Jahren. Im Vorfeld dieses Jubiläums haben wir die Ehemaligen des Praktikant(inn)enprogramms eingeladen, sich für Sie, Herr Professor Beitz, an ihren Deutschlandaufenthalt zu erinnern. Jede Stimme ist einmalig und doch erklingen sie auf einer gemeinsamen Klaviatur – die der besonderen Partnerschaft zwischen einer deutschen Stiftung und einer amerikanischen Universität, wie sie einst ein visionärer Kopf ersann. Die Erfahrungsberichte würdigen auf beispielhafte Weise drei Jahrzehnte dieser Partnerschaft.

Aber wie lassen sich die besagten Erfahrungen erfassen? Der Mitteilungen sind es gar zu viele – und in ihrer Gänze sind sie zu lang, als dass man sie hier vollständig wiedergeben könnte. Daher haben wir uns eines Kunstgriffes bedient: exzerpiert und gebündelt ertönen die vielfältigen Stimmen als eine einzige die vereinte Stimme DES KRUPP INTERN. Wer ist er oder sie? Auf jeden Fall hat er/sie all das gedacht und getan, was hier erzählt wird. Er/sie ist ein mobiles Multitalent, hat in Banken und Produktionsstätten gearbeitet, in Museen und Theatern, in High Tech- und Medizin-Laboren überall im wiedervereinigten Deutschland. Er/sie hat Fahrradkarten für das Elbsandsteingebirge erstellt, bei der Entwicklung einer elektronischen Nase für die medizinische Diagnostik mitgearbeitet, BMW davon überzeugt, dass ihre X-Serie dringend mit Halterungen für Kaffeebecher ausgestattet werden musste, war Regieassistent an der Berliner Schaubühne und beobachtete die Wanderbewegungen der Weißwangengans im Wattenmeer. Der/die **KRUPP PRAKTIKANT/IN** hat schon 100.000 Arbeitstage an deutschen Arbeitsplätzen geleistet. Wenn man die dem Praktikum vorangehende Studienzeit am Stanford Center in Berlin mit einbezieht, dann wurden bisher sieben ganze Lebenszeiten in Deutschland verbracht – ohne jegliches Altern. Er/sie ist, war und bleibt stets in etwa 20 Jahre alt.

Die in der Stimme des/der KRUPP-PRAKTIKANT/IN wiedergegebenen Erinnerungen und Gedanken werden im Folgenden wortgetreu zitiert, in der Sprache, in der sie ursprünglich verfasst wurden, mal Englisch, mal Deutsch. Zur Verdeutlichung wurde dieser Originalton farbig unterlegt. Das Praktikumsjahr ist am Ende des jeweiligen Zitats vermerkt, somit wird auch der Übergang von einer Stimme zur nächsten markiert. Zusammengenommen umfassen die einzelnen Zitate die gesamte Laufzeit des Programms. Die schwarz gedruckten Wörter und Passagen kennzeichnen den redaktionellen Webfaden, der die vielen Geschichten zu einem Geschehen werden lässt.

		2007	1985	5	2008
1996 1995 <u>1982</u>	Day One. My internship was scary, humbling, daunting, lonely, self-challenging,				
2007	eye-opening, isolating, intense, fierce, and cold (of course, Frankfurt in the	2011		1986	
	winter!). Most frightening of all: it was real-life, wirklich. They began training		1987	2	000
2010	me to be their phlebotomist, something I was sure required more training in		2	2010	
	safety and technique than I was being given at the time! Suddenly it was my				
	job to answer about 50 questions a day $-$ none of which I actually knew the				
2008	answer to including on a cell phone to someone in Bavaria I could hardly				
	understand I spent much of the first week hyperventilating. Hin und wieder				
	war es etwas schwierig für mich hier in einem fremden Land. Es konnte auch				
	passieren, dass etwas Einsamkeit oder eine Art Heimweh in den Alltag eintrat,				
	trotzdem wir als erwachsene Menschen gewertet wurden Für mich hiess es,		1986		
	die Abhängigkeit vom vertrauten heimatlichen Boden überbrücken zu lernen.				
	As a Mexican-American woman, brown skin, brown eyes, black hair I had				
	visions of World War II but one foot after the other I walked up to the door				
	and the rest is history every step I took led to a safe and welcoming				
1996	environment. I found the German people to be so highly educated and				
	aware and inviting.				

					2009
Ŋ	Yes, the experience was challenging. But that was exactly what made it 1986	1991		1996	
e	educational, exhilarating, transformative, liberating, <i>spannend, lehrreich und</i>		2007		
1	lebensändernd. I was fortunate to be working with a supportive group of	1983		1996	
v	warm, integrating, genuine Germans. I have such incredible memories walking	19	87 ¹⁹	93	1986
t	through the underpass that connected the Intendanzgebäude and the Opera's			1995	
r	main building. The feeling of anticipation: what stages were the rehearsals at				
t	today? Wonder: who would I run into? The experience proved to be worldly	998 2003			
a	and practical (as in <i>Praktikum</i>), unlike anything I had <mark>do</mark> ne before. It was		1992		
c	confidence-building; I felt very happy when a small contribution of code that			1	986
Ι	I'd written earned praise as being elegant. My internshi <mark>p w</mark> as even chocolate-		1982	1	
f	filled (we got 25 DM of chocolate with every paycheck and I spent every			-	
ŀ	<i>Pfennig!</i>). (We Californians have a penchant for modifie <mark>rs</mark> – thank you for	1991			
ł	bearing with me as I continue my 30-year litany of affi <mark>rm</mark> ative adjectives).				
N	My Krupp Internships have been invaluable, broadening (because I came home			1993	3
V	with another worldview to complement – and in some cases supplant – the			:	2009
c	one I'd had), fascinating, unique, stimulating, inspiring, memorable, engrossing, 1982	1983 2003	1985	1986	1993
r	rewarding, adventurous, instructional, and thought-provoking. And curiously,	1992		984	1990
t	they were at once career-affirming and career-changing – either way, catalytic	991, 1992, 1999, 2008	, 2011		2001
a	a great leap forward for my professional experience.	1988, 1990, 1991	, 2007		
				1992	

But it was the little things, the "aha" moments, that made for lasting impressions.

The German fondness for sleeping in very cold rooms. The doorless elevator	
(Paternoster) at Krupp. How difficult it was for working persons to do weekly	
food-shopping in Germany in the early 90s people generally thought what was	1991
good for store employees was also good for the whole community. Walking out	
of KaDeWe and hearing a tenor singing an operatic aria in a voice powerfully	1982
carrying over the noise of traffic and the streetcar. How Germans shopped with	
their baskets or tote bags when we in the US were still using paper and plastic	
bags. Watching Turkish girls, swathed in black head scarves, poring over the	
celebrity photos in the latest teen magazine just as their urban German	1998
counterparts did. Those different – and equally valid – ways of confronting	
problems, from the everyday (e.g., how to design a toilet) to the abstract	2001
(e.g., deontological reasoning). Small things, like how Germans have a song for	
every season, or that they don't cook for dinner	

	Speaking of which: the food! At the	risk of <mark>sou</mark> nding as though I'd been half
	starved in the US, Germany was gast	ronomically enriching (as an intern I tried
	Hackepeter for the first time, learned	how to eat a soft-boiled egg out of the shell
1989	with dignity and experienced the pl	easures of drinking a <i>Schnaps</i> after a meal –
	das hilft der Verdauung). The Krupp	Semina <mark>r t</mark> reated us to a great <i>Gruenkohl mit</i> 1990
	Pinkel dinner in Bremen after taking	, us to <mark>the</mark> Daimler plant; <mark>I got to enjoy fresh</mark>
1986	baked bread delicious coffees, and	incredi <mark>ble</mark> beers – the food and drink seemed
	so much better in Germany. I came	o unde <mark>rst</mark> and that a German waitress is not
	less effusive than her American cour	nterpart because "the Germans" are a serious 1989
	people, but because she does not have	re to re <mark>ly</mark> on my tips to earn a decent living.
1992	I learned that <i>Kaffeepause</i> was not a	"waste of time" but an important part of
	team-building and informal collabor	ation, and that workers at Krupp Atlas
	Elektronik in Bremen are passionate	about their <i>"Mahlzeit"</i> , greeting each other in
	the hallways with that very word any	time between the hours of 10 – 14. We ate
1982		ick", with Weißwurst if it was someone's
	birthday, and a beer tap in the cafete	eria. I fondly remember breakfasts with
		ved <i>Brötchen</i> , but I was the only one who
	always ended up with a lap full of cr	umbs my first real introduction to
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	friend them, they are extremely kind and will bend over backwards for you. They like to
2011	try new things and be involved in the community. But in fact Germans sometimes get
	close quickly like when I got my first <i>Bussi</i> during Fasching in Cologne from a random
1985	woman. As it turned out, making friends is as simple as inviting someone to lunch
	Yes, they like their privacy, and they may not smile every time they see you, but they are
2011	nice. They are very conversational (if you initiate) and eager to help/solve your problems;
	they are, in fact, a very warm, fun people with a very lighthearted side once you get
	through first impressions. I developed a great appreciation for and a love of Germany and
1993	Germans.

Ich war beeindruckt von der Gastfreundschaft der Deu <mark>tsc</mark> hen… viel Toleranz		
und Gelassenheit… Es war angenehm für mich zu erle <mark>ben</mark> wie freundlich die	1986	
Bevölkerung ist in Deutschland, von offenem Sinn, un <mark>d i</mark> mmer sehr zuverlässig.		
Though not everyone, I must admit, seemed to fit tha <mark>t m</mark> old: I had a coworker,		
Ritschie, who was antisemitic; that was interesting. Once, early on in my		
internship he complained to me about a politician whom he didn't like, "and he's		
Jewish!" Another coworker (who had escaped from t <mark>he</mark> East in a boat) said I		
ought not let on that I'm Jewish as Ritschie had once <mark>sai</mark> d that all Jews should be		
shot. Anyway, I slowly let on that I might possibly be J <mark>ew</mark> ish, and by the end of		
the summer, Ritschie was passionately expressing ho <mark>w e</mark> very person needs to be		
judged individually and not based on their race, religion or anything else		
When I had four days left in Stuttgart after the end of my lease, he invited me to		
stay with him and his family and it was great. I'm glad we both stuck it out		
and got past the stereotypes. One assumption that I had made was that Germany		
would not be as ethnically/culturally diverse as the U <mark>S. I</mark> was pleasantly surprised		
to find that there are many people of different cultures/ethnicities from around		1997
the world living and thriving in Germany. Als Ausländer in Deutschland war es	1986	
eindrücklich für mich zu erfahren wie fortschrittlich D <mark>eu</mark> tschland geworden ist.		
In other words, the Krupp internship was, for me, a sort of lens for viewing		
Germany a way to get past these initial judgments and stereotypes that		
Americans and Germans hold about each other. By interacting with people in a		
work setting over an extended period of time, we get a more complete under-		
tanding of both the cultural and individual identity o <mark>f t</mark> hose around us, which		
I would like to believe fosters international respect and more global thinking		
for everyone involved.		

	Many of my new insights into Germany came through daily contact in the workplace. I learned	
	most exactly about German eating habits from working with Germans. I learned about work-group	
	dynamics and pecking order. I learned about dress habits/standards. I learned about German	
	appearance and behavior standards I learned about how Germans expresse pride in their work and	
		992
	work-group. I learned to know (isn't <i>kennenlernen</i> a great word!) German tradesmen (carpenters,	1987
	plumbers). One thing I'd wrongly assumed about the German work culture was that the atmo-	
	sphere in the workplace would be very serious and exact the atmosphere was always relaxed, patient	2007
	and friendly, even when someone made occasional mistakes in his/her work. Everyone was nice!	
	Prior to coming to Germany, I'd assumed that Germans and Europeans were less effective/efficient at	
	work due to their working fewer hours per week and taking longer vacations than Americans. I found	
1997	that to not be the case, and that insight has definitely influenced my own attitudes towards taking	
	vacation and "down time" in my career. I found the favorable stereotype of relatively strong and efficient	
	work habits of Germans to be true. But also, in line with those strong work habits, refreshingly found	
	that Germans largely work to live vs live to work and have passion for "living", traveling, and experiencing	
	the world (and being ultra-efficient affords them opportunity to do so). One day I asked why there were	
199	no checks and balances to catch errors in in <mark>pu</mark> tting information. I was looked at with amazement:	
	"No checks are required – no German would input incorrect information!" In most of my jobs since	
	leaving Stanford, the idea of a 37-hour workweek – and even of having "hobbies" outside of work – would	1991
	be laughable! That's an element of German culture the United States could definitely benefit from.	
	And not the only one: During my undergraduate experience, I spent a good deal of time trying to under-	
	stand "Germanness" so I assumed that the application of patient care in Germany would look a lot	
	different than in the US. Perhaps their hosp <mark>ital</mark> s would be somewhat lackluster, the patient less valuable,	
	and the doctors more authoritarian. Aber nein! The hospital I worked in was laid out in a very relaxed	
	setting, with old buildings and new buildings side-by-side. There was much dedicated green space	
	through which the patients could wander, and verandas for lounging. As fresh air is so critical to the	
2010	rehabilitation of the German taken ill, windows and doors left open to the summer air. As for the staff,	
2010	their treatment of patients was honest and respectful. They took time to listen to their patients' concerns.	
	I developed an appreciation for the way Germans approach a job or transaction. There is a sincere and	
	no-nonsense attitude that, while at times less flexible, does give the counterparty a great deal of con-	
	fidence that what is promised will be delivered. I appreciated the straightforward way of communicating	1004
	in many contexts. Though in some ways, German office culture seemed far behind. Back in 1991, I felt	1994
	like Germans were really afraid of technology. The only people on our floor who would touch the PC were	
	me and the IT guy. Only secretaries typed – even youngish (20 something) product managers handed	
	off their hand-written notes to the secretary to type. So in that way, I felt they were really behind.	
	But in another – totally open office formats – they were totally ahead. It's now "the" preferred high tech	
<u>1</u>	startup office layout to encourage in-person collaboration, and they were doing it 20 years ago.	



	There were great moments. My telling experience came after one particularly
	difficult draw of blood. After I left the patient's room and stepped into the lab
	room, I put down my tray and literally did a little victory dance. My heart was
	pounding, my breath was deep and refreshing, and my mind was clear and
2010	focussed. I had what I consider to be a visceral reaction to using my hands, head,
	and heart in the care of patients. Or when my main mentor took me for a ride
	on the banked-curved test track at the VW testing complex. As we hit 250 kph
	we were so far up the curved bank we were basically sticking to a vertical wall
	my host took his hands off the wheel and declared, "you can go back to America
	and tell them that yes, driving fast is no problem if you have things under
	control!" But learning on the job was tough, too. I used to be pre-med. My first
	week working in the ICU, when I spent 45 minutes with two other doctors trying
	to resuscitate a patient, and the patient died, I realized that although clinical
	work is fascinating, it was too depressing for my personality, and I made the
	decision to purse a research-oriented career If I had not done this internship,
	I would be in medical school right now, and I would possibly have a fair amount
2007	of medical school debt prior to making the realization that research is a better
	covery path for me

career path for me.

	One huge eye opener was the magic – an <mark>d c</mark> hallenge – of foreign language. Upon arrival,	2007
1985	I was instantly illiterate. I struggled with my German, which I think was about equivalent	2008
	to a three or four year old. The transition into the Bavarian workplace was pretty daunting.	
	I felt like I was in a linguistic straightjacket: "Es ging schief in die Hose." I still remember how	
1998	everyone howled at a <i>Stammtisch</i> when I explained how something went wrong with that	
	phrase – the equivalent of, "It went wrong down the drain." But things soon got better.	
	Within three weeks on the job I was making phone calls to executives/businessmen to	
	discuss joint ventures with American companies. Me? I couldn't believe it even while I was	1996
	on the phone call delicately sputtering out the words in German. I loved the everyday	
	formality of conducting basic transactions with Germans. I fondly remember how every	
	<i>"danke" "dankeschoen"</i> or <i>"dankesehr"</i> was met crisply in a call-and-response manner with	
	a <i>"bitte" "bitteschoen"</i> or <i>"bittersehr"</i> . (The predictable certainty of these interactions is	1992
2008	somewhat lacking these days in ever mor <mark>e s</mark> narky parts of the world). I have a newfound	
	appreciation for the power of language to open doors to new cultures; I remember, for	
	example, explaining to the 12 or 13 colleagues who were from the People's Republic of	
	China, communicating with a few words of German and ample hand gestures that	
	chocolate-chip cookies can become flat in the oven, even though the oven doesn't have a	1982
	mechanism to push them down. I also got my first real feel for accents and dialects during	
	the internship. I played soccer with a coworker who lapsed from <i>Hochdeutsch</i> into <i>Bayerish</i>	
	when things went badly on the pitch. Another coworker, from Austria, had what I took to be	
	an odd speech impediment in his Corman until on a weekend trip to Salzburg I discovered	

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everyone there had the same "impediment". Then one day the breakthrough came: Waking up in my dorm at Daimler Benz AG and realizing that I was now fluent in German because I no longer was translating words between German and English but German was now part of my vocabulary. It occurred when I woke up and immediately thought *"Es klingelt"*, when the alarm went off. From that morning on I was thinking in German. I came back to Stanford eager and able to take graduate seminars in German. Since then, I have continued to read German for pleasure, and even published translations of correspondence and journal articles in physics and mathematics. Most importantly to me, German played an important role in getting to know my wife, who lived in Germany between the ages of 7 and 21 and who now teaches high school German. These days, happily I travel frequently to Germany.

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	Back in the day the politics of divided Germany were sometimes tense and always			
fascinating. Berlin had a tough, distant, nervous sensation at that period of time				
	before the wall came down. I call it "island fever". The first six or eight weekends I			
	was in Berlin, I visited various parts of the wall. I had this urge to start out in a			
	random direction and travel as far as I could until I hit the wall. What I found was			
	that the wall was different in different parts of the city, just as the city is different in			
	various neighborhoods. After a couple of months, I realized I was subconsciously			
	feeling trapped and mapping my bounds. As soon as I was aware of the feeling, it	3		
	disappeared and Berlin became my world. Berlin was surrounded by a wall and even	-		
	if you were lost, you were never that lost, because you were inside the wall. I traveled			
	once to West Germany by train through East Germany and I did not have a passport			
	or other identification with me because I did not think about the fact that I was			
	traveling from one country through another country. I created quite a buzz on that			
	train. I will never forget going for swims with one of my German DED colleagues			
	in a nearby lake that was split in half between West and East. The western side			
	frolicked with life and the eastern side was completely dead, dominated by a guard			
	tower and barbed wire. We used to like to "trespass" across the border buoys until			
	the tower guards would call out from their loudspeakers and tell us to get back on	1988		
	the western side. To have lived in divided Berlin is an experience I will never forget.			
	I was telling Frau Schreiber, a colleague at the bank, about a visit to East Berlin;			
	she said that she had never been there, despite having spent her entire life in West			
	Berlin it blew my mind and made me realize how even the most absurd situations			
	can eventually start to seem normal. Much of the insight I gained was into the world			
	of East Berlin and East Germany: that people went window-shopping on Alexander-			
	platz; eating crummy-looking apples that were full of the flavor that must have been			
	sucked out of our bright-red ones at home; the excitement in a cafeteria where			
	bananas were available; the significance of a play in which actors kicked busts of			
	Lenin onstage; the perplexity of a border-guard when he realized the book he'd			
	caught us "smuggling in" was a copy of something by Karl Marx. I am especially			
	happy to have had some experience of this world that no longer exists.			

	After the Berlin Wall fe <mark>ll,</mark> my Krupp Internship sometimes took me to what
	Germans still sometim <mark>es</mark> call <i>"die neuen Länder"</i> (despite the fact that they
	were there the whole time). I was fortunate to be in Berlin during the months
	after the "fall" of the Berlin Wall The encounters I had with natives of East
	Berlin stay with me. These people were incredibly generous (serving us the
	precious stores of coffee and chocolate they saved for special occasions), open
	and interested in the "outside" world. They were also incredibly modest,
	having few material possessions. I took long walks through Erfurt and Weimar
1996	on the weekends and daily after work. I observed and listened and digested
	like I never had before. Living in Dresden dramatically changed my impression
	about that region and about the GDR. I found that most of the criticisms I
	had heard about the Neue Länder were not true at all. The people were quite
	friendly once you get to know them, there was a vibrant small business culture
	(it's the medium-size firms the Neue Länder are lacking), the cities were quite
	clean and well-maintained, the civil service was professional and effective in the
	limited capacity with which I interacted with them (better than Berlin from
	my experience), and the people worked hard The former East certainly has its
2009	problems, but I found that the stereotype so common in the West was largely
	untrue. My journalism Internship provided me an unparalleled view into East
	German society and the thorniest issues of reunification — property rights,
	cultural divides, economic disparities. This deeper understanding of the challenges
	surrounding the reunification gave me a great appreciation and admiration for
1990	the way people from both sides were able to overcome differences entrenched over
	decades and make the reunification work.

	My Krupp Internship acquainted me not only with th <mark>e li</mark> ved realities of the				
German Question and the Cold War, but also with Ger <mark>m</mark> an political culture in a					
	broader sense. Many young people in Germany were not happy with America.	1986			
	But the war widows always loved us. Conversation soon turned to politics, and to				
	the military in particular. I tried to understand how a country that seemed				
	today so fiercely pacifist could meanwhile employ a compulsory draft				
	I echoed what American generals have argued since Vietnam – that a conscripted				
	army won't fight as well as an all-volunteer force. My German friend then				
	countered, "Why would you want an army that's good at fighting?" Living in				
	Berlin challenged many of my assumptions about wh <mark>at</mark> the developed world can				
	be. I was stunned by the quality and reliability of the public transportation				
	(German complaints about <i>BVG</i> aside), the wisdom of labor laws designed to keep				
	jobs on German soil, the level of respect that was generally granted to workers,				
	and incentives designed to encourage companies to move people to part-time	2009			

work (instead of laying them off) to reduce unemployment. Previous assumption: Germans are united and proud to be German (they had moved on from the events that took place in the 30's and 40's). Reality: Germans still do not call themselves "German." Rather, they call themselves Berliners, Munchners, etc. Even the young are still very much affected by the events that took place in the 30's and 40's. When I found my 20-year-old self with a press pass around my neck attending Marlene Dietrich's burial on the newspaper's behalf, I fully realized how political Marlene Dietrich was, how much she still divided the passions of those who thought of her as a traitor for leaving her homeland and those who thought of her as brave for renouncing the Nazi regime. It was at that moment that I reached a new personal level of understanding of how intertwined German history is with its present.

So many encounters, s <mark>o m</mark> uch learned. I can directly trace back everything
over the past 20-years (the career, lifestyle, premature gray hair etc.) to a
simple decision made in Villa Hügel all those years ago. Also, the power of
your network is special. You never know where it will take or what doors it will
open. I was able to "give back" to the Krupp Program in a small way by
facilitating the placement of interns with SAP we are now seeing a "second
generation" of interns, with a Krupp Program alumnus helping set up a new
group of interns with a company in Germany. My experience working with
refugees in the Leipzig refugee camp, as well as students from diverse back-
grounds at the Jüdisches Gymnasium has been invaluable as we navigate the
Cambodian system to develop a school for children with disadvantaged
backgrounds – the pilot school for what we hope to be 50+ around the world
over the next decade or so. My Krupp internship absolutely changed my
plans Prior to this int <mark>ern</mark> ship, I had not seriously considered a career in
journalism. This intern <mark>sh</mark> ip gave me insight into what it was really like and
inspired me to pursue that career path myself. I spent 8 years at CNN as a 1990
newswriter, editor and producer as a result. As for me, my "aha" moment led
me to realize that I was much more interested in technology as a social
and cultural phenomenon rather than as an engineer. I cannot imagine how
I would have come to h <mark>av</mark> e a career as a historian and as the director of an
independent research library without the experiences I shared in Germany, in
Berlin, and at Haus Cramer. I returned to Siemens in Germany nearly fifteen
years later. From 2002 – 2004, I was working in venture capital as Chairman of
a medical device comp <mark>an</mark> y Our company had developed pattern recognition
software for detecting <mark>ear</mark> ly-stage cancers on medical images. I had the chance
to present the software and company to Siemens Medical they bought the
entire company. The software is now being sold with Siemens medical imaging
devices, and many of my former colleagues are still working with Siemens
today It is with deep gratitude that I want to thank Dr. Beitz and the Krupp
Foundation for getting my career off to a strong start with my first work
experience with Siemens over twenty years ago.

Much lives on, one way and another, in memory and in effect. But there is one			
cherished thing I could not take with me w <mark>he</mark> n I departed: Being there, in			
the German places that had become home <mark>– t</mark> he place where the magic stayed	2011		
when I left. <mark>I would do it all over again in a</mark> heartbeat. I remember <mark>realizing,</mark>			
on my 21 st birthday, that there really is beauty in a rainy summer night in	1995		
Hamburg; enjoying the pleasant train ride to Oberpfaffenhofen every morning;	2004 1999		
living and working in Husum; working in Schwalbach a scintillating	1992		
experience; walking at the edge of the Aasee, a long, thin lake that reaches			
right into central Münster people strolling on the lake's frozen, snow-covered	1986		
surface young couples, groups of teenagers, kids playing with dogs and balls;	1992		
Warnemunde, I enjoyed it immensely. And Berlin, an impression as fanciful			
as it is enduring and endearing: Ich lief gerade auf der Baustelle (Potsdamer			
Platz) als ich Moeven herumfliegen sah. Da der Boden in Berlin ziehmlich			
sandig ist und es auch ausreichend Wasser gibt dachte ich mir, hmm, in Berlin			
zu sein ist fast wie am Strand zu sein. Tja wenn man von den kalten	1996		
Temperaturen und dem Eis absieht! In closing, I'd like to harken back			
to the days when I worked only in the scien <mark>ces</mark> or engineering, to share a final			
nostalgic detail, pristine in its uniqueness and after twenty-seven years			
still vibrant in its immediacy: Never shall I forget <mark>seeing the stress lines of</mark>			
automobile engines using double exposure laser holography before and	1985		
after tightening the exhaust manifold bolts on an engine.			

THE KRUPP INTERN has spoken. Many words, but two remain...

I very clearly remember the trip to meet Berthold Beitz. I am just delighted to hear that he has been blessed with good health and long life. To me he was a great role model of an intellectual, cultured man who was also at the helm of great wealth and thus power. I admired the self-discipline that was conveyed in his bearing, the wisdom and confidence with which he spoke. Here with a belated, personal thanks to him!

These are the two words most frequently expressed, words as simple and as they are sincere:

Thank you, Professor Beitz, for your vision, your inspiration, your support – and for the generous hospitality you and your colleagues have extended to the thousand-faced **KRUPP INTERN** at large in Germany.

— Dr. Karen Kramer, on behalf of **THE KRUPP INTERN** and Stanford University

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KRUPP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR STANFORD STUDENTS IN GERMANY

MILESTONES

A pilot project designed to locate internships for Stanford students of engineering and the natural sciences studying at Stanford-in-Berlin is conducted under the auspices of the Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst (DAAD).

The successful pilot project is adopted by the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung of Essen, Germany, as the Krupp Internship Program for Stanford Students in Germany. In subsequent years the Program is expanded to include students of all academic disciplines.

The program places the first interns in eastern Germany – in Berlin (Deutscher Fernsehfunk, WEMEX Werkzeugmaschinenhandel GmbH), Brieselang (Gemeindeverwaltung), Dresden (Alternative Fraktion), and Meissen (Europa-Zentrum Meissen e.V.).

The program is further expanded, allowing students with tight academic schedules to do Krupp Internships during the summer.

The 500th Krupp Intern is placed: Victoria Jew (Materials Science & Engineering) at the Fraunhofer Institute for Biomedical Engineering (IBMT) in St. Ingbert.

First editon of the annual electronic newsletter "Briefe aus Berlin."

The Curatorium of the Krupp Foundation approves renewal of the grant to secure the Program through its 30th year.

Placement of the 1000th Krupp Intern, Molly Bauer (Museum Folkwang, Essen), celebrated with alumni of the Program at the annual Internship Seminar at Villa Hügel in Essen.

30th anniversary of the Program is celebrated at Villa Hügel,

hosted by Prof. Dr. Berthold Beitz, Chairman of the Board of the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung who initiated the Program in 1982, Stanford University President emeritus Prof. Dr. Gerhard Casper, and Director of the Bing Overseas Studies Program, Prof. Dr. Robert Sinclair.

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