

Veranstalter:	Dr. Lukas Pietsch
Thema:	Emergence of Standard English [AA-V1, AA-V2, ENG-10, ENG11, AA-W, AA-M1, AA-M2, AA-M3, ASW-M14]
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In this seminar we will look at the history behind what we know today as “Standard English“. We are all used to the existence of a commonly accepted standard language and multiple regional non-standard dialects in English today. But why, when and how were the decisions made that formed the present standard(s), and why were some particular forms (of grammar, phonology and spelling) chosen as a common model and not others? What happened to the multitude of language forms that were rejected from standardization? We will look at crucial stages in this development, from the emergence of London-based “Chancery English“ in the 14th century, the role of printers, grammarians and translators in the 16th, the rise of normative grammars in the 18th, to the establishment of the present polycentric system of standard Englishes world-wide.

Requirements:

Reading assignments (with written reading responses); term paper

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Mi 12.30-14 Uhr, Phil 1157
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