Veranstalter	JProf. Dr. Alexander Meier-Dörzenbach
Thema	"He who sleeps in continual noise is wakened by silence": American Realism in Literature and the
	Visual Arts [AA- V4a/b, ENG-13, AA-M5, AA-M15, AA-M16, AA-W]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-566
Zeit	2st., Mo 10-12 h
Raum	Phil 1269
Beginn	17. Oktober 2011

In this course we want to investigate aesthetics of late 19th century American painting and literature amid social, economical and philosophical contexts. Thus we have to consider how the terms "American" and "Art" incessantly interact and are actually used to construct and support a political system.

In addition to short stories, novellas and excerpts from various novels; essays, letters, and manifestos by artists compose the literary corpus for this class: We want to take a closer look at the verbal discourse in which ideas of American art were disputed. However, the main foci of this course rest on the multifaceted approaches towards pigment and canvas in the late 19th century and the literature usually labelled "realist" or "naturalist". Although we will analyze, interpret, and compare paintings, an art historic education is not a prerequisite, but will rather be an integral part to be acquired during this class.

Landscape: The Eye and the I





Moving West: Artistic Expansion







Portraiture: From Representation to Presentation







The Ten and the Ashcan School: Modernisms





A reader with the texts will be available at the beginning of the course.

An oral presentation in class and a *Hausarbeit* supplement the regular and active participation that will enable you to acquire a *Schein*.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Mo. 16-17.30 h in Phil 1261
Sprechstunde während der Semesterferien:	nach Verabredung