Veranstalter:	Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Rodenberg
Thema:	<b>Thoreau as Social Critic</b> [AA- V4a/b, ENG-13, AA-M7, AA-M15, AA-W]
Art der Veranstaltung:	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53-569
Zeit:	2st., Mi 12-14
Raum:	Phil 564
Beginn:	19. Oktober 2011

## **Course description:**

Henry David Thoreau was one of the key figures of the American philosophical movement that became to be known as Transcendentalism. Some of his texts achieved the status as world classics and inspired men like Mahatma Gandhi or Martin Luther King. Apart from the analysis of Thoreaus most important texts, the course will look into the development of Transcendentalism and follow the influence of Thoreau to the present.

Zu lesende Literatur:

Henry David Thoreau: Walden, or Life in the Woods

"Resistance to Civil Government"

"Walking"

"Life without Principle"

(all texts are contained in *Norton Anthology of Am. Lit.*, 6th ed., vol. B, a short test at the beginning of the semester will test the fulfilment of the obligatory reading of these texts)

Requirements for credit: Presentation of a short paper in class and a written paper (Hausarbeit)

Passing a short test during the first meeting to ensure a satisfactory knowledge of the texts will be a requirement for participation in the course.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Mi 14-16, Phil 108
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	10.8. und 7.9.2011, 14-16 Uhr in Phil 108