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| Veranstalter..... | Richard Bonnie |
| Thema..... | Phonologies of Varieties of English |
| Art der Veranstaltung..... | Seminar II |
| Veranstaltungsnummer..... | 53-513 |
| Zeit..... | Do 10-12 Uhr |
| Raum..... | Ü35-01054 |
| Beginn..... | 05.04.2018 |

Course description:

Why should one study varieties of English? - Because the expansion of the English Language within the last centuries has driven and stimulated the evolution of new varieties of English which exhibit unique features (largely spoken) that distinguish them from other varieties. This course, thus, introduces students to the different types of varieties and the structural, phonological, lexical and pragmatic variations within the English Language.

Although this course focuses on phonological patterns across regional varieties of English, we will start by introducing the most important types of varieties, including social, functional and regional varieties and we will clarify central notions such as phonology, lect, dialect, accent, New English, pidgin, creole, etc. As a second step, we will address the problem of distinguishing between standard and nonstandard varieties of English in order to boost the awareness of linguistic variation and also of the sometimes tricky question of whether a feature is actually standard or non-standard. Then we will focus on different geographical varieties of English. This survey will include native varieties of English such as British and American English, but also varieties in regions in which English is used as an official language, such as in Ghana. We will also consider brief accounts of historical and current sociolinguistic situations in these varied regions. This survey will be complemented with an introduction into pidgin varieties of English, exemplified with Ghanaian Student Pidgin and Nigerian Pidgin.

Participants are expected to attend class regularly, participate in discussions, complete readings and homework assignments and give one oral presentation in class in order to pass the course. Students who require full credit points will additionally have to write a term paper.

Literature:

Bamgbose, A. (1997). Non- Native Englishes On Trial in M. E. Kropp Dakubu,(Ed.) English in Ghana. Accra: Black Mask Publishers.

Dadzie, A. B. K & V.O. Awonusi, (Eds.) (2004). Nigerian English – Influences & Characteristics. Nigeria: Concept Publications Ltd.

Kortmann, Bernd/Edgar Schneider/Kate Burridge/Raj Mesthrie/Clive Upton, eds. (2004). A handbook of varieties of English. 2. Vols. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. (+CDROM) Mesthrie, Rajend/Rakesh M. Bhatt. (2008). World Englishes. Cambridge: CUP.

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| Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit: | Donnerstag, 8 – 9 Uhr |
| Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien: | Terminabsprache per E-mail |

