

Veranstalter.....	Jasmin Humburg
Thema.....	Fictions of Financial Crises (ENG-7, ENG-7a, ENG-13, AA7, AA11, LAA10, LAA13, AA-MA3, AA-MA4, AA-WB)
Art der Veranstaltung.....	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-569
Zeit.....	4st., Di 16-18 Uhr
Raum.....	Ü
Beginn.....	03.04.2018

Description:

In this course, we will examine 20th- and 21st-century novels, films and television shows that in various ways depict the impact of financial crises and economic breakdowns on the lives of individuals and communities. We will discuss how American society thinks about money, wealth, risk, personal and collective responsibility as these issues also inform current concerns about income inequality, the uncertainty of the job market, student-loan debt, and the affordability of housing. As we analyze these texts together, we will additionally consider questions such as: How are relationships between fictional characters shaped by their attitudes towards money? How are aspirations, anxieties, and illusions regarding economic success reflected in fictional narratives? How do generic conventions and narrative strategies shape our perceptions of the social worlds and individual experiences they depict?

Course Requirements:

- regular attendance and active participation as well as thorough preparation of reading assignments
- collaboration in a group assignment
- two written responses
- final term paper

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Di, 18-19 Uhr
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	Einzeltermine