

Veranstalter:	Prof. Dr. Susanne Rohr
Modul:	Theorie. What We Talk about When We Talk about American Studies (AA-MA03, BAC3)
Art der Veranstaltung:	Seminar III
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Raum:	Ü35 – 11041
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Course description:

This class is designed to expose you to a range of theories and methods in the field of American Studies. Since American Studies is an interdisciplinary and still emerging field, the readings for this class will not provide you with an exhaustive or definitive account on what American Studies is. However, you will experience an array of texts that have shaped the field, from the founding of the movement, its current directions and theoretical underpinnings. Thus, through the writings of William James and James Dewey you will learn about the philosophy of American Pragmatism. We will discuss major ideas of the influential “Myth and Symbol School” that have shaped the field in the first half of the 20th century, will read about the revisionist scholarship of “The New Americanists” and others, will retrace the so-called “transnational turn” and then interrogate most recent approaches.

Course requirements, in addition to regular attendance, active participation and keeping up with the readings, are the following: Each of you will provide one 15-minute introduction to the readings for one class which you can plan as you see fit.

Sprechstunden im Semester:	s. Sprechstundenliste
Sprechstunden in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	s. Sprechstundenliste