

<b>Veranstalter</b>	<b>Prof. Dr. Astrid Böger</b>
<b>Thema</b>	<b>Autofiction by Women Writers</b> [ENG-7, ENG-7a, ENG-13, AA7, AA11, LAA10, LAA13, AA-MA01, AA-MA02, AA-MA03, IAA22, IAA23, IAA24, IAA25, BAC1, BAC2, BAC3, IAA41, IAA42, IAA43]
<b>Art der Veranstaltung</b>	<b>Seminar II</b>
<b>Veranstaltungsnummer</b>	<b>53-560</b>
<b>Zeit</b>	<b>Di 12-14</b>
<b>Raum</b>	<b>Phil A 11005</b>
<b>Beginn</b>	<b>02.04.2024</b>

**Course Description:**

Even though the genre designation itself was first coined in the 1970s, autofiction has emerged roughly since the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century as a popular form of writing that intentionally transgresses or blurs seemingly fixed generic boundaries such as, most obviously, ‘autobiography’ and ‘fiction’. We will use this seminar to explore this relatively new genre and its specific affordances regarding the creative representation of personal as well as cultural memory. The overall aim is to enable students to become aware of, and critically appreciate, new and innovative ways of dealing with one of the oldest questions addressed by literature, namely, of how a truthful representation of reality can be achieved.

**Important note:**

All students must acquire the following books:

- Jenny Offill, *Dept. of Speculation*. NY: A. Knopf, 2014/Paperback 2023. ISBN-13: 978-1783789344.
- Martina J. Kohl, *Family Matters. Of Life in Two Worlds*. Berlin: PalmArtPress, 2023. ISBN-13: 978-3962581435 [attn: This book has appeared in English and German – we will use the English version!]

Additional course materials will be provided via AGORA. For preparatory reading, S. Smith and Julia Watson’s *Reading Autobiography. A Guide for Interpreting Life Narrative* (U of Minnesota P, 2009) is highly recommended.

**Course Requirements:**

The requirements for receiving full course credit include: Regular attendance and active participation, excellent knowledge of the assigned texts, shorter written assignments and/or in-class presentations, as well as a term paper to be completed at the end of the semester.

<b>Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:</b>	Mo 14-15 Uhr u. nach Vereinbarung per E-Mail
<b>Sprechstunde in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:</b>	s. Sprechstundenliste auf der Instituts-Webseite