

Veranstalter.....	Nina Stedman
Thema.....	British Politics and Literature in the Twentieth Century
Art der Veranstaltung.....	Advanced Integrated Skills
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-613, AA-V5 ENG-14
Zeit.....	Mo 14-18
Raum.....	701
Beginn.....	06.04.2011

Course description:

This course explores the close links between "Politics and the English Language", to quote the title of an essay by George Orwell. Together we will look at contemporary literature and 'canonical' writers on the required reading lists, and examine how these reflect British society in the twentieth century and beyond. We will focus on authors who are famous for being political commentators, activists, or even active politicians as well as masters of the English language, such as Harold Pinter and Winston Churchill. Frequent exercises in literary interpretation are a significant aspect of the course.

The aim of the course is to consolidate students' competency in oral and written academic discourse whilst providing an introduction to recent British history and the ways in which political discourse and social change have shaped literary production.

Participants will be asked to give an oral presentation on an author of their choice and lead the class in a discussion of the socio-political aspects of the work in questions as well as the stylistic features of an excerpt. Further requirements for a course credit are active participation and completing argumentative and interpretive writing assignments.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:Mo 18-19 Uhr
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	Di, 8.2. und Mi, 9.2.11 , 11-12 Uhr