

Veranstalter.....	Nina Stedman
Thema.....	(AA-V5, ENG 14) Advanced Integrated Skills “British Politics and Literature in the Twentieth Century”
Art der Veranstaltung.....	Obligatorische Sprachlehrveranstaltung
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-612
Zeit.....	Mo 14-18
Raum.....	Phil 701
Beginn.....	02.04.2012

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 list, 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, for example the transition from colonial to postcolonial writing.

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

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:Di 16-17 Uhr
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:laut Aushang