

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Astrid Böger
Thema	America in the Long Nineteenth Century [AA-MA3]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar III
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-570
Zeit	Mo 16-18
Raum	Phil 1269
Beginn	13.04.15

Course Description:

In this seminar, we will take an in-depth look at the nineteenth century in American literature and culture. This will entail the study of such diverse concepts and phenomena as independence, expansionism, the Frontier, Native American cultures, slavery and emancipation, women's rights, and American Transcendentalism as the most incisive intellectual liberation movement of the mid-19th century. In the latter part of the course, we will turn toward the related developments of immigration, urbanization, and industrialization with an eye toward the resulting social problems. Finally, popular culture will also be taken into account. Throughout, some classic texts of American literature including Herman Melville's *Benito Cereno* and Charlotte Perkins Gilman's "The Yellow Wallpaper" will be discussed along with lesser known (or perhaps even unknown) ones. Also, visual culture will be included to complete the picture of what might have been the most dynamic but also the most challenging century in U.S. American history yet.

Course Requirements:

Regular attendance, active participation (based on thorough preparation), response papers, an oral presentation, and a term paper of ca. 15 pages at the end of the course

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit	Mo 14-15 Uhr und nach Vereinbarung
Sprechstunden während der vorlesungsfreien Zeit	Genaue Termine werden noch bekannt gegeben