

Veranstalter.....	Richard Bonnie
Thema.....	Varieties of English
Art der Veranstaltung.....	Seminar II
Veranstaltungsnummer.....	53-512
Zeit.....	2st, 10-12 Uhr
Raum.....	Phil 1250
Beginn.....	05.04.2016

Course description:

The expansion of the English Language within the last centuries has driven and stimulated the evolution of new varieties of English which exhibit unique features that distinguish them from other varieties. This course introduces students to the types of varieties and the variations within the English language across varied linguistic matrices: lexical, phonological, morphological, syntactical etc. We will start with a historical account to help us understand how English was transported to some of these regions. Then we will trace the development and spread of the English language since the first contacts to the present day and its resulting influx of varieties as well as clarifying some central notions and frameworks that aided this development. We will also examine the structural peculiarities, similarities and differences across several varieties with regards to time and space, and we will debate the question of intelligibility that sceptics of varieties of English often pose. The course will be complemented with an introduction to English based pidgins and creoles and a presentation on their recurrent structural patterns.

Participants are expected to attend regularly, participate actively, do the assigned readings, and be prepared to do class presentations.

Selected Literature:

- Baugh, A. C. & Cable, T. (2012). *A History of the English Language*. 6th ed. GB: Routledge.
- Burchfield, Robert W., ed. (1994). *Cambridge history of the English language. Vol. 5: English in Britain and overseas: Origins and development*. Cambridge: CUP.
- Jenkins, J. (2015). *Global Englishes: A resource book for students*. 3rd ed. Abingdon: Routledge.
- Kachru, B.B. (1986). *The Alchemy of English: the Spread, Functions and Models of Non-native Englishes*. Oxford: Pergamon Press.
- Kortmann, Bernd/Edgar Schneider/Kate Burridge/Raj Mesthrie/Clive Upton, eds. (2004). *A handbook of varieties of English*. 2. Vols. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Schneider, E. W. (2003). "The Dynamics of New Englishes: from identity construction to dialect birth". *Language* 79: 233-281.
- (2007). *Postcolonial English: Varieties around the world*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Siemund Peter et. al. ed. (2013) *Varieties of English: A Typological Approach*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Sprechstunde während der Vorlesungszeit:	Dienstag, 14- 16 Uhr
Sprechstunden während der Semesterferien:	Terminabsprache per E-mail