Veranstalter:	PD Dr. Simone Knewitz
Modul:	Whiteness in the American Literary and Cultural Imagination (Key Concepts in American Literature and Culture) [ENG-6a, ENG-7, ENG-7a, ENG-13, AA10, LAA9, LAA11, LAA12, LAA13, IAA22, IAA24, SLM-WB, Master-WB, SG]
Art der Veranstaltung:	Vorlesung
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53-532
Zeit:	2st., Mo 14-16
Raum:	digital als Aufzeichnung
Beginn:	11.10.2021

## **Course description:**

This class will introduce you to U.S. American literature and culture through the key concept of whiteness and the lens of critical whiteness studies. A theoretical perspective indebted to the thought and writings of African American and postcolonial theorists of the 1960s and developed as a distinct field in the 1990s, it is an approach which conceptualizes whiteness as a structural phenomenon that goes far beyond skin color. As a dominating structural principle, whiteness crucially depends on the negation of blackness, and has historically worked to uphold the structures of white supremacy even as American society has sought to combat racial discrimination and violence. In this class, we will first examine whiteness as a theoretical concept before having a closer look at how whiteness, white identity, and white privilege have shaped paradigmatic historical moments in the U.S. and how literary authors have represented, negotiated, and critically engaged with whiteness over the course of literary history.

## Please note:

Lectures will be provided as digital recordings via Lecture2go for most weeks. We will meet via Zoom for an introductory session on Oct. 11 and for discussion on the following dates: Nov. 1, Nov. 29, Jan. 10, Jan. 24 (at 2 pm for approx. 45 mins.)

## Course Requirements:

MA Lehramt students will have to submit discussion questions and help facilitate the conversation during our Zoom meetings. Discussion questions are due on the Friday prior to our live meetings, by 6 pm. Each student must submit at least two questions for three of our meetings.

Sprechstunden im Semester:	s. Sprechstundenliste
Sprechstunden in der vorlesungsfreien Zeit:	s. Sprechstundenliste