Veranstalter:	PD Dr. Simone Knewitz
Modul:	Current Debates in U.S. Cultural and Political
	Debates
	[SLM-WB, Master-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung:	Informal Discussion Group
Veranstaltungsnummer:	53-570
Zeit:	1st. Blockkurs 6 Termine Mo 18-20 (tba)
Raum:	Ü35-02019
Beginn:	11.10.2021

Course description:

In times of major social and political upheavals, current U.S. cultural and media discourse is characterized by intense and lively debates about the future and the past of the nation, the rights of political, social, cultural and economic participation of marginalized groups, and the (re-)building of structures and institutions of American democracy. In this class, we will have conversations about and reflect upon some hotly debated issues of the present, such as, for example, the controversies around "cancel culture" or "critical race theory", the quest for

police reform in the wake of BLM, the resurgence of right-wing extremism and the rise of conspiracy theories, or the fight for transgender rights....

We will select the exact topics that we wish to discuss together at the beginning of the term, according to the interests of the participants, who will also be actively involved in the selection of readings for each meeting.

Please note:

This is an optional class for students interested in discussing phenomena of current U.S. American political culture in an informal setting and in what is expected to be a small group. We will meet via Zoom on Oct. 11 for an introductory session and then in person (if the Covid situation allows it) on the following dates: Oct. 25, Nov. 15, Dec. 6, Jan. 3 and Jan. 24.

Course Requirements:

Students may earn credit points for this class through active participation, both in the selection and preparation of topics and through contributing to our discussions.

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