

USA Update 2009 **Teacher Seminar, 02 October 2009**

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Nearly one year after the highly contested election of 2008, where does the United States stand? Whoever is president will have to deal with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the fight against international terrorism (which may or may not be called the “war on terror” at that time), the effects of the real estate crisis of 2008, and other unresolved issues such as immigration, climate change, and health care. Undoubtedly, new topics and problems will join the fray. What difference has the new administration made in these and other areas? How do Americans feel about themselves and what does popular culture and satire have to say? This course (held in English) will look at the “state of the union” near the end of the first decade of the 21st century.

09.00 Uhr: one year after the election: what has happened, what has changed, what has stayed the same?

10.45 Uhr: coffee break

11.15 Uhr: state of the union: current challenges for the Obama administration

12.30 Uhr: there will be a reckoning: outlook for the 2010 midterm elections

13.00 Uhr: Ende