

Canadian Settler Colonial Studies

Hybrid Teacher Seminar

Friday, January 20, 2023, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Sladja Blažan, University of Würzburg

Organizer: Recherchezentrum, Programme Schüler*innen und Lehrkräfte
Stiftung Bayerisches Amerikahaus gGmbH – Bavarian Center for Transatlantic Relations
Registration fee: € 10. Active participation is possible in-person or digitally.

This seminar for teachers focuses on the growing field of settler colonial studies, specifically highlighting **Canada's past and present relations to its colonial roots**. It covers social and political debates regarding (de)colonization and how these inform more recent Canadian literature and culture and identity-building processes in general. A close, interactive look at potential classroom materials will round off the seminar, leading into an open discussion.

Schedule:

09:00 Theory (terminology, field of study): What is settler colonial studies?

09:45 A brief history of settler colonialism in Canada

10:15 Guidelines for teaching settler colonial studies

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Intersection of race and settler colonialism

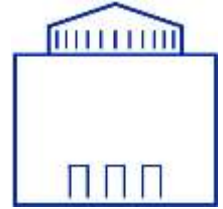
11:30 Land and relationality (environmental humanities perspective)

12:00 Literature/Culture and Indigeneity (decolonial perspective) – interpretation of
REDress Project by Jaime Black

12:30 Decolonizing the syllabus – close reading of *The Marrow Thieves* by Cherie
Dimaline

13:00 Open discussion

14:00 End



“I Can’t Breathe”: Contemporary Race Relations in the United States

Hybrid Teacher Seminar

Friday, February 17, 2023, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Markus Hünemörder, LMU Munich

Organizer: Recherchezentrum, Programme Schüler*innen und Lehrkräfte
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This talk examines **race relations in the United States** today with a specific focus on the situation of African Americans and the recent controversies over **police violence**. Were the great achievements of the civil rights movement in the 1960s in vain? What is **the social and economic situation of racial minorities** in the early 21st century? Is **class** as much a factor in today’s problems as race? What role does the extremely fragmented **organization of police forces** in the U.S. play? What are the **political implications** and consequences of recent conflicts? We will look at these and other questions. As much as possible, political humor and satire will help lighten up these grim topics.

Schedule:

09:00 Introduction: The Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement

09:45 Race and Education, Income and Class

10:45 Coffee Break

11:15 Political Participation and Voter Obstruction


11:45 Criminal Justice, Police Shootings, and Protests

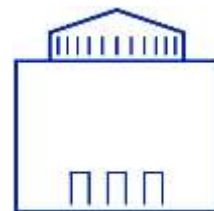
12:30 Post-Racial Society or White Privilege? Different Perceptions of Racism in the U.S.

13:00 Open Discussion

14:00 End

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USA Update 2023

Hybrid Teacher Seminar

Friday, March 31, 2023, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Markus Hünemörder, LMU Munich

Organizer: Recherchezentrum, Programme Schüler*innen und Lehrkräfte
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Two years have passed since Joe Biden's inauguration as president, and the **2022 midterm elections** on November 8 have altered the make-up of Congress. In light of this, where does the United States stand? What **administrative and legislative reforms** have the Biden administration brought about and what changes are on the horizon considering the new members of Congress?

This seminar will look at central topics of American politics such as **international relations** and **economic policy**, as well as perennial issues like **immigration** and **racial justice**. Was the Democratic Party doomed to lose the congressional midterm elections a few weeks ago? And are there any signs of the Republican Party growing more independent of Donald Trump?

As usual, satirical cartoons and videos will provide comic relief on these often dark and serious issues.

Schedule:

09:00 The end and legacy of the Trump presidency

09:45 Foreign Policy Priorities and Challenges for the Biden Administration

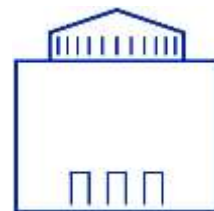
10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Domestic Priorities and Challenges for the Biden Administration

12:00 Midterm Elections, Local Politics and their Implications for the United States

13:00 Open Discussion

14:00 End



The Dysfunctional States of America? The U.S. Political System and Political Polarization

Hybrid Teacher Seminar

Friday, July 14, 2023, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Andreas Etges, LMU Munich

Organizer: Recherchezentrum, Programme Schüler*innen und Lehrkräfte
Stiftung Bayerisches Amerikahaus gGmbH – Bavarian Center for Transatlantic Relations
Registration fee: € 10

The United States is the world's oldest democracy. It has survived major political and economic crises and even a civil war. In the recent past, a deep and growing political, ideological, and cultural division can be observed throughout society. Polarization and partisanship have grown to such a level that the American political system is frequently described as "dysfunctional" and "broken." Some commentators even worry about another civil war. The attack on the United States Capitol on January 6th, 2021 sent shockwaves through the country. While in 2004 Thomas Frank asked "What's the Matter with Kansas?" one might now ask the question: What's the Matter with the U.S.?

The teacher seminar will put a main focus on the American political system, arguing that in order to truly understand many of the current problems it is necessary to take a deeper historical look at the Constitution and the way political structures have changed and developed, the constraints they impose as well as the opportunities for reform.

Schedule:

09:00 Introduction

09:15 The Legislative: Congress

09:45 The Executive: The Presidency

10:15 The Judiciary: Supreme Court and Federal Courts

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Political Parties and Polarization


11:45 Voting Rights and Elections

12:30 Current Challenges and Possible Reforms

13:00 Open discussion

14:00 End

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