Universität zu Köln



Introduction MA North American Studies Spring 2023

Department of History| Institute for North American History| Faculty of Arts and Humanities|

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Diversity at Cologne University

The students in our MA North American Studies Program come from a variety of national, cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

It is pivotal for us that all students are made to feel welcome here.

We therefore encourage lively discussions and the exchanging of ideas on the basis of mutual respect.



Department of English I (ES I) – <u>American Literature and Culture</u>

- Dedicated to the study of North American Literature and Culture
- In particular:
- American poetry
- Speculative Fiction and TV
- Ecocriticism, Mobility Studies
- (Cultural) Violence Studies
- Gender and Queer Studies
- Intersectional approaches to American culture



Faculty and Staff – American Literature and Culture

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Department of History – Institute for North American History

Dedicated to the study of North American history from the 17th century until today

Our research projects explore:

- forms of social participation, marginalization/discrimination with a focus on gender and race relations;
- the meanings of space and the built environment as reflections of and agents in power relations;
- forms of exchange and interaction in travel and tourism; and
- children and teenagers as agents of history, a perspective informed by historical Childhood Studies.



Faculty and Staff – North American History

Full Professor:

Prof. Dr. Anke Ortlepp

Associate/ Assistant Professors:

- Dr. Silke Hackenesch
- Dr. Jacob Birken
- Dorothee Schwieters

Tutor:

Leontien Potthoff

Administrative Staff:

- Katja Niederschulte & Jonas Frings (Administration)
- Katharina Kloock (Library)
- Student Assistants



MA North American Studies

- North American Studies
- Master of Arts
- Fully accredited 2-year program (4 semesters)
- Starts Spring and Fall
- Language: English



NAS Program

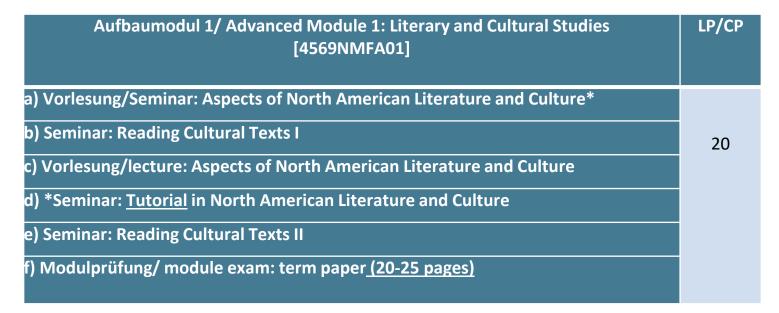
- Cooperation between
 - the Institute for North American History
 - the Department of English I (ES I), especially American Literature and Culture, at the U of Cologne
- Teaching cooperations with
 - Instituto de Historia Ibérica y Latinoamericana
 - Institute for Art History
 - Institute for Media Studies at the University of Cologne
- Teaching cooperation with
 - the North American Studies program at the University of Bonn



Program Structure

AM1: Literary and Cultural Studies •Exam: termpaper AM2: History and Society •Exam: termpaper AM3: Postcolonial Studies •Exam: oral exam •You can substitute MM3 Postcolonial Studies with a module at the University of Bonn AM4: Research •Exam: oral presentation and written component of your MA thesis Specialization Module: Internship •6 weeks •10-15 pages internship report Master thesis •60 pages





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Aufbaumodul 3/ Advanced Module 3: Postcolonial Studies [4569NMFA03]	LP/CP				
a) Seminar: Introduction to Post-Colonial Theory					
b) Tutorium/ tutorial	20				
c) Seminar: Postcolonial Studies: A Methodological Primer					
d) Vorlesung/ lecture: Postcolonial Problems in North America and the Caribbean					
e) Seminar: Applied Postcolonial Studies					
f) Modulprüfung: oral exam <u>(45 minutes)</u>					
Aufbaumodul 4/ Advanced Module 4: Research [4569NMFA04]	LP/CP				

a) Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies I

b) Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies II

c) Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies III

d) Selbstständige Studien/ independent studies

e) Modulprüfung: module exam: oral presentation with written component (exposé)



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Aufbaumodul 3/ Advanced Module 3: Postcolonial Studies [4569NMFA03]	LP/CP	Bonn
a) Seminar: Introduction to Post-Colonial Theory		Exchange
b) Tutorium/ tutorial	20	possible for AM 3
c) Seminar: Postcolonial Studies: A Methodological Primer	20	
d) Vorlesung/ lecture: Postcolonial Problems in North America and the Caribbean		
e) Seminar: Applied Postcolonial Studies		
f) Modulprüfung: oral exam <u>(45 minutes)</u>		
Aufbaumodul 4/ Advanced Module 4: Research [4569NMFA04]	LP/CP	
a) Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies I		
b) Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies II	20	
c) Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies III	20	
d) Selbstständige Studien/ independent studies		
e) Modulprüfung: module exam: oral presentation with written component (exposé)		
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AM 3: Postcolonial Studies Module and Bonn Exchange

- AM 3 can be exchanged with a module (Politics or Economics) from the University of Bonn
- Students must complete the entire module at the University of Bonn
- Students participate in the courses in Bonn, do the required exam and get a certificate which will be recognized for the MA NAS in Cologne
- For course registration, students must contact the lecturers of the specific classes and ask for admission.
- Offered classes and lecturer contact details can be seen on the <u>website of the North American History Institute</u>.



Musterstudienplan [Suggested Study Plan] (adapted from module handbook, p. 18)

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1	Seminar: Aspects of North American Literature and Culture Seminar: Tutorial in North American Literature and Culture Seminar: Reading Cultural Texts I Lecture: Aspects of North American Literature and Culture	Seminar: Introduction to North American History Seminar: Tutorial in North American History Lecture: North American History In Time and Space Seminar: Problems in North American History 1					~ 28
2	Seminar: Reading Cultural Texts II Modulprüfung/ module exam	Seminar: Problems in North American History 2 Modulprüfung/ module exam	Seminar: Introduction to Post- Colonial Theory Seminar: Tutorial to Introduction to Post-Colonial Theory Lecture: Postcolonial Problems in North America and the Caribbean Seminar: Applied Postcolonial Studies Seminar: Applied Postcolonial Studies	Aspects of North American Studies I Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies II			~ 32

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Musterstudienplan [Suggested Study Plan] 2 (adapted from module handbook, p. 18)

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Semester (LP/ credit points)	AM 2 History and Society (20 LP/CP)	AM 3 Postcolonial Studies (20 LP/CP)	AM 4 Research (20 LP/CP)	SM 1 Praktikum (10 LP/CP)	Masterarbeit (30 LP/CP)	ΣLΡ
3		Seminar: Postcolonial Studies: A Methodological Primer Modulprüfung (module exam)	Kolloquium: Comparative Aspects of North American Studies III Selbstständige Studien/independent studies Modulprüfung/ module exam	Praktikum/ internship Modulprüfung/ module exam		~ 30
4					Masterarbeit/ Master thesis	30



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KLIPS – Course Management



- Students have to register for classes and exams via "<u>KLIPS 2.0</u>"
 - You received your student account user name together with your Admissions Letter
- Instructions on course and exam registration for students can be found on the <u>KLIPS Support website</u> (in English)
- Other services: downloading and printing documents (applications, transcripts, etc.), viewing exam results, checking payment status of social fees



KLIPS – Course Management: Course Registration Deadlines

- Registration Phases (for <u>Summer Semester 2023</u>):
 - Phase 1: 01/02/2023-13/02/2023
 - Phase 2: 03/03/2023-20/03/2023
 - Publication of results: 29/03/2023
 - Phase 3: from 03/04/2023 (i.e. late admission)
- Registration Phases (for <u>Winter Semester 2023/24</u>):
 - Phase 1: 12/07/2023–03/08/2023
 - Phase 2: 24/08/2023–20/09/2023
 - Publication of results: 04/10/2023
 - Phase 3: from 05/10/2023 (i.e. late admission)



KLIPS – Course Management: How to apply for courses

- Log in to <u>KLIPS 2.0</u> with your student account
 - Attention: You might have to <u>switch profiles</u> from applicant to student status so that you are able to apply for courses!
 - Click on ,Studienstatus', and then on 'North American Studies'.
 - By way of the drop-down menu (+), your personalized account will display only classes that are open for NAS students
- See the KLIPS Support Website on <u>Applying for Courses</u> for detailed, practical instructions
- You can prioritize your course choices during the application phase
 - Prioritize Seminars, rather than lectures or colloquia
 - See the KLIPS Support Website on <u>Prioritizing Courses</u> for detailed, practical instructions



Exam registration via KLIPS

• The 12-6-2-Rule:

- Exam registration starts 12 weeks prior to the exam date mentioned in KLIPS and ends 6 weeks prior to this exam date in KLIPS
- Exam de-registration ends 2 weeks prior to the exam date mentioned in KLIPS (for oral exams: technical exam date). If students de-register from their exam, they must inform their examiner.

• The 3-Semester-Rule:

- We usually recommend that module exams take place in the same semester as the class they are related to.
- Module exams related to the topic of a class are possible for 3 semesters, the semester in which the class was taken counts as the first semester. After 3 semesters, students can no longer be examined about a course's topic anymore.
- See the KLIPS Support Website '<u>Registering for Exams</u>' for detailed, practical instructions



Courses in the Spring – American Literature and Culture

MA Introductory Seminar & Tutorial

Will be offered in the winter semester

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Judith Rauscher

Lecture (Lit/Cult Module)

VL: North American Speculative Fictions

Tuesday 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Hörsaal C (Lecture Hall C) (Hörsaalgebäude)

MA Seminar (Lit/Cult & PoCo Modules)

HS: Sovereignty and Survivance in Native American Literature and Culture Monday 4 to 5.30 p.m. in S14 (Seminargebäude)



Courses in the Spring – American Literature and Culture

MA Seminars (Lit/Cult Module)

HS: American Women Writers around 1900

Prof. Dr. Andrea Gutenberg Monday 2 to 3.30 p.m. in S92 (Philosophikum)

MS: Sound, Silence, and Noise in US Literature and Culture

Dr. Mahshid Mayar Tuesday 4 to 5.30 p.m. in S82 (Philosophikum)

MS: Androgyny in Science Fiction

Dr. Des. Burak Sezer Wednesday 4 to 5.30 p.m. in S22 (Seminargebäude)



Courses in the Spring – More courses at the Department of English

MA Seminars (PoCo Module)

Dr. Esther Fritsch

MS: Japanese American Fiction

Thursday 10 to 11.30 a.m. in S25 (Seminargebäude)

Dr. Leonie John

MS: Postcolonial Migrant Literature

Friday 2 to 3.30 p.m. online, asynchronous with designated zoom sessions

Research Seminars (Research Module)

Prof. Dr. Susanne Gruß OS: In Focus: Sara Ahmed Monday 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. in S63 (Philosophikum)

Prof. Dr. Andrea GutenbergKO: Prüfungskolloquium LiteraturwissenschaftTuesday 12 to 1.30 p.m. in B IV (building 107b, behind the USB)



AM 2: Courses in the Spring – American History

Prof. Dr. Anke Ortlepp

Lecture

Let's Play: Leisure and Sports Activities in North American History Tuesday, 10 to 11.30 a.m. in H80 (Philosophikum)

MA Seminar

How to Do Things with Dance in American History

Thursday, 4 to 5.30 p.m. in S0.012 (Philosophikum)

Research Seminar (with Dr. Silke Hackenesch)

Kolloquium North American Studies: Perspectives on Current Research Tuesday, 5.45 to 7.15 p.m. in S0.012 (Philosophikum)



Courses in the Spring – American History

Dr. Silke Hackenesch

MA Seminar

Introduction to North American History Wednesday, 10 to 11.30 a.m. in S0.012 (Philosophikum) Tutorial Tuesday, 12 to 1.30 p.m. taught by Leontien Potthoff in S0.012 (Philosophikum)

Introduction to Postcolonial Studies

Monday, 2 to 3.30 p.m. in S0.012 (Philosophikum) **Tutorial** Thursday, 12 to 1.30 p.m. taught by Leontien Potthoff in S0.012 (Philosophikum)

The Cold War and the Civil Rights Movement

Tuesday, 4 to 5.30 p.m. in S0.012 (Philosophikum)



ILIAS Course Management

ILIAS

- access to learning materials of your courses (presentations, course readings, power point files etc.)
- Various tools: learning modules, wikis, portfolios, blogs, tests (not used by all instructors)
- Ways to communicate with other students via the ILIAS internal messaging system, as well as forums, chats, and virtual classrooms
- Tip: check your <u>University Email address</u> daily!
- ILIAS-<u>FAQ</u>
- <u>ILIAS</u> Test run



USB: The Library



- The <u>University and City Library</u> has re-opened. You can study there and check out books. The USB also offers a loan service and a wide variety of ebooks and other digital resources.
- Before using the USB's services, you must <u>activate your</u> <u>library card</u>
- You can explore the library digitally via <u>info films</u> and <u>online research courses</u>



Library Book Loan Service @ the North American History Research Library

- Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 9a.m. 5p.m.
 Friday: 9a.m. 1p.m.
- Workspace is available at the library without prior booking
- Circulation of Materials: you can check out up to 10 books for 2 weeks
- Library Tours will be offered during the semester and you can <u>contact</u> the library team for further questions
- Library Skills Tutorials and a list of free databases are available on the library's <u>website</u>





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Library Book Loan Service @ the Department of English

- **Opening hours**: 9 a.m. 6 p.m. on weekdays
- The library of the ES I works primarily as a reference library, i.e. you can can read books on-site.
- Workspace is available at the library
- Book Lending: Some restrictions may apply during the week, but you can take out books overnight and on weekends.
- Rules and regulations may change depending on how the Corona pandemic develops. For more information and updates check the library's <u>website</u>.



Coming from Abroad: International Office

- Check out the website of the <u>International Office</u>, specifically their information on <u>Studying in Cologne</u>,
- They also offer <u>Services for Enrolled International Students</u>, regarding
 - your residence permit and extension of the residence permit at the Foreigners Registration Office ("Studienverlaufsbescheinigung"),
 - confirmations for authorities in the home country (Embassy, Military Service, scholarships etc.)
 - working besides the studies, financing your studies
 - academic planning, individual problems
 - the International Students Associations
- Cooperation with Department of German as a Foreign Language



Coming from Abroad: Learning German

 If you want to improve your German while you're here, check out the <u>Department of German as a Foreign</u> <u>Language</u>



- The department offers language courses to NAS students free of charge up to B1 level
 - When registering for the courses, state your course of study!



Going Abroad

Students interested in studying abroad may explore the following options for funding:

- Universität zu Köln weltweit
- Fulbright
- Erasmus
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Students interested in internships may explore the following options:

- German Historical Institutes in London and Washington, DC
- New York Office of the UoC
- Goethe Institutes in the U.S.



Going Abroad to Partner Universities of the School of Arts and Humanities

- <u>University of Rochester</u>, Rochester, NY (native-like proficiency of German required)
- Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS



University Partnerships

USA

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

University of California, Berkeley

Allegheny College, Meadville

University of Mississippi, Oxford

Washington & Jefferson College, Pennsylvania University of South Alabama, Mobile

Go to the <u>International Office</u> <u>website</u> for more information on application processes, scholarships. etc.

Canada

Université de Montréal, Montréal

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Vancouver University of British Columbia, Vancouver



D9 – International Office | Department 93 International Mobility

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Not feeling Okay? Mental Health Resources

- Student life, especially for international students, can be challenging. Moreover, an increasing number of students experience psychological stress in the ongoing pandemic.
- If you struggle with anxiety or think it might help to talk to someone, please make use of the following resources:
- Student counseling available at Cologne University: <u>https://www.kstw.de/en/beratung/psychological-counseling</u>
- If you would like to see a therapist on a regular basis, you can check out the webpage of the Kassenärztliche Vereinigung <u>https://patienten.kvno.de/service/tss</u> (unfortunately only in German), or make an Appointment for a "Psychotherapeutische Sprechstunde" (psychotherapeutic consultation) or an "Erstgesprächs" (initial meeting).



Not feeling Okay? Mental Health Resources

- You can search for a therapist on this page, for instance <u>https://www.therapie.de/therapeutensuche/ergebnisse/?ort</u> <u>=K%C3%B6In&arbeitsschwerpunkt=6&terminzeitraum=krisen</u>.
- Although most therapists will say that they do not have the capacity for regular appointments, a first meeting will be a good start. The therapist might help you with giving you an idea what kind of therapy you need and might have a free spot after all.
- Here is also a list of resources compiled by the city of Cologne (in German): <u>https://www.stadt-koeln.de/leben-in-</u> <u>koeln/gesundheit/psychiatrie/hilfen-bei-psychischen-</u> <u>krisen?kontrast=schwarz</u>
- Please note: in case of an acute crisis, you can go to the nearest hospital and seek help there!



Ways to Get Involved



GENDER FORUM An Internet Journal for Gender Studies

Open-access online journal

co-edited by Judith Rauscher, Susanne Gruß, Johanna Pitetti-Heil

MA Students can participate by

- submitting academic book reviews
- submitting papers for the Early Career Researchers Issue
- becoming an intern for gender forum

Find more information here: http://genderforum.org/



American Matters Blog



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For more information check out: https://namcologne.wordpress.com/



Events in the Summer Semester 2023



Guest Lectures (American Literature & Culture)

May 23: Rehearsing the Past Through Afrofuturism

Guest Lecture by Dr. Andrew Erickson (University of Paderborn) "MS: North American Speculative Fictions" (Jun.-Prof. Dr. Judith Rauscher)

June 13: "Hip Hop and/as Noise: Settler Colonial Racialization of Indigenous Sonic Practices"

Guest Lecture by Dr. Stefan Benz (University of Bonn) "MS: Sound, Silence, and Noise in US Literature and Culture" (Dr. Mahshid Mayar)

June 21: "The Rhythm of Memory and Myth"

Poetry Reading & Lecture by Deborah Mouton "PS: Introduction to 21st –Century American Poetry" (Dr. Mahshid Mayar)

June 27: War in American Speculative Fiction, Film, and TV

Guest Lecture by Dr. Mareike Spychala (University of Bamberg) "VL: North American Speculative Fictions" (Jun.-Prof. Dr. Judith Rauscher)

If you want to attend the lectures, please contact <u>american-studies@uni-koeln.de</u>

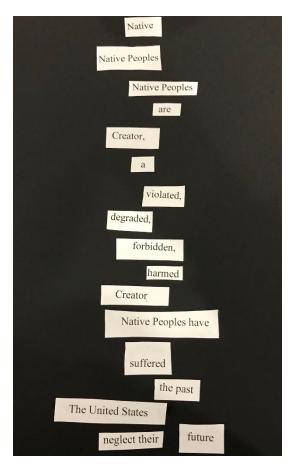


This is NOT an Apology: A Critical Erasure Project

Organized by Dr. Mahshid Mayar

This exhibition presents works by students from the seminar "Poetry of Erasure: Theory and Practice" (WS 2022/23)

- When: Throughout May
- Where: In the Corridor of the English seminar



Ellen Murphy



Reading & Workshop: Rita Dove

Pulitzer Prize Winner – Former Poet Laureate of the United States

Poetry Reading/ Lecture

- *When:* May 23, 2023, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Aula 2, Main Building of the University of Cologne
- Open to the public

Workshop: Meet the Author

- When: May 24, 2023, noon to 2 p.m.
- Where: Room TBA
- Not open to the public, please contact Jun.-Prof. Dr. Judith Rauscher

(judith.rauscher@uni-koeln.de)



https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/rita-dove



Guest Lectures in "Perspectives on Current Research" (North American History)

Tuesdays, 17.45, Room 0.012

July 11: Lecture by Bryant Simon (Temple University)

Alumni Talk

Time & Room TBA

July 4: Stay tuned for more information!



OPEN HOUSE PARTY!

May 16, starting at 6 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information!



Stay in touch!

NAS Students' Union

- Elise Delespesse, Melisa Köroğlu, Lorenz König, Mirko Herzog
- Join the <u>ILIAS-Group</u> of the NAS Students' Union to get in touch and exchange information with your peers

Instagram: northamericanhistory_cologne

Facebook: Englisches Seminar I der Universität zu Köln

Website

- Visit the <u>NAS-website</u> of the Department of English I
- Visit the <u>NAS Website</u> of the Institute for North American History

And sign up for our <u>Mailinglist</u>!

