

# **Englisches Seminar**

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## **DEADLINES & DATES**



## Course Catalogue for the Summer Semester 2021

The **course catalogue for the summer semester 2021** is now online. You can find it on <u>HISinOne</u> and on our <u>website</u>, in <u>overview</u> and <u>annotated</u>.

## Rückmeldung for the Summer Semester 2021

You can re-enroll for the summer semester 2021 from January 15 until February 15, 2021 via HISinOne. For more information, please consult the <u>website of the Service Center Studium</u>.

## Course Registration for the Summer Semester 2021

Course registration for the Summer Semester 2021 begins on **February 15, 2021**. You can find general information on course registration at the English Department <u>here</u> and detailed instructions for registration on HISinOne <u>here</u>.

Lectures, Colloquia, and Tutorials	
First come, first served	February 15 – April 18, 2021
<b>Seminars and Practicals</b> First registration period First allocation period	February 15 – February 21, 2021 February 22 – February 28, 2021
<b>Second Registration Period</b> Second allocation period Third allocation period	<b>March 1 – March 31, 2021</b> March 15 – March 16, 2021 April 1 – April 2, 2021
<b>Remaining Open Spots</b> First come, first served	April 10 – April 11, 2021
Hardship Claims (Härtefallanträge)1	
GymPO	February 15 – February 21, 2021
M.Ed.	February 15 – March 14, 2021
Scheduling issues etc.	February 15 – March 14, 2021
Regular	March 16 – April 8, 2021

<sup>1</sup> Please note the updated deadlines for *Härtefallanträge*, depending on your *Prüfungsordnung*. You can find a detailed explanation on our <u>website</u>.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Tenure-Track Professorship for North American Literature and Cultural Studies at the Philological Faculty in the Department of English

The University of Freiburg has been granted 19 Tenure-Track Professorships from the **Tenure-Track Programme and now invites applications in the context of this programme for the Tenure-Track Professorship for North American Literature and Cultural Studies** at the **Philological Faculty in the Department of English**.

This is a grade W1-professorship to which performance payments can be offered. It is to be **filled by October 2021**.

Applications from researchers who have just completed their doctoral degree and are in the early phase of their career are strongly encouraged. The successful applicant will assume responsibilities in research and teaching in the area of Literary Studies, Media Studies, and Cultural Studies. Therefore the successful candidate will have to demonstrate expertise in American literature, be familiar with media studies research, and have the skills to teach courses on American cultural history. Preference will be given to candidates whose research and teaching discusses questions related to ethnic and cultural diversity.

This position is a fixed term of four years. After a successful interim evaluation, it will be extended by two years. Furthermore, the tenure procedure towards Full Professorship W3 will be initiated after successful interim evaluation.

The application deadline is March 1, 2021. Further details and information on how to apply can be found <u>here</u>.

## SYMPOSIUM: "From Racial Polarization to Black Liberation"

Prof. Dr. Sieglinde Lemke and Luvena Kopp, M.A. are the organizers of a symposium which looks into the current Black movement, its repercussions and its potential to further social transformation.

Guest speakers will be Priscilla Layne, Ph.D. (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Dr. Nicole Hirschfelder (University of Tübingen), and Courtney Moffett-Bateau, M.A. (University of Bremen).

Black Lives Matter has become the rallying cry of the largest protest movement in U.S. history. As people from various nations and races have joined its protests, the movement has become an indispensable force of social change. This comes at a time of extreme polarization, propelled by increasing political partisanship, wherein rising levels of violence, animosity, and contempt towards members of the other group exacerbate divisions in U.S. society. The recent upsurge of Black Lives Matter, in an era of COVID, exposes long-standing racial as well as economic polarization. Expediting the structures of neoliberal capitalism, the pandemic reinforces the precarity of the many while increasing profits for the few. As the pandemic converges with a tradition of racist police brutality, Black lives are the main victims of a dual crisis.

The resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement links the struggle for Black liberation to a broader struggle for systemic change. "Black liberation," Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor reminds us in From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation, "is bound up with the project of human liberation and social transformation."

#### When? February 3, 2021 | 3 – 5 p.m. Where? Online

For registration, please contact Rafaela Tosin.

### ERASMUS+ EXCHANGE: Possible Remaining Slots

Now that the first application period for an ERASMUS+ exchange during the academic year 2021/22 has ended, students from other programs may apply for any possible remaining slots at partner universities of the English Department.

The selection and allocation process for the first round of applications is generally completed by **the end of February**, after which any remaining slots are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are interested in possible remaining slots, please get in touch with the Erasmus coordinator via <u>email</u>.

### Tour Eucor 2021

Die Tour Eucor ist eine ehrenamtlich organisierte, fünftägige Radtour durch die fünf oberrheinischen Universitätsstädte, bei der 120 Teilnehmer aus Deutschland, Frankreich und der Schweiz zwischen 600 und 900 Kilometer mit eigener Muskelkraft und dem europäischen Gedanken im Gepäck zurücklegen.

Die Etappen führen entlang des Rheins, aber auch über die steilsten Gipfel der Vogesen, des Juras und schlussendlich des Schwarzwaldes. Eine Idee, die verbindet: Egal ob auf dem Rennrad, Mountainbike oder Trekkingrad. Täglich wählt das bunt gemischte internationale Teilnehmerfeld aus Studierenden, Doktoranden/innen, Professoren/innen, Universitätsmitarbeiter/innen und Alumni selbst aus den sechs Streckenvarianten. Die Tour Eucor soll eine Radtour für nahezu Jedermann/ -frau sein und ist kein Radrennen.

Der Teilnehmerbeitrag beträgt 150 Euro für Studierende (bzw. 220 Euro für Uni-Mitarbeiter, 275 Euro für Alumni) und wird zur Deckung der Kosten für die Verpflegung, Unterkunft, Gepäcktransport und einem Trikot mit Hose verwendet. Alle Helfer des Vereins Tour EUCOR e.V. engagieren sich ehrenamtlich für die Tour Eucor. Die Anmeldung ist vom 1. Februar bis zum 04. März 2021 möglich.

#### Wann? 24. – 29. Mai 2021 Wo? Drei Länder, 5 Eucor Städte, über 600 Kilometer

Nähere Informationen sind hier zu finden.

#### EPICUR Language and Culture Courses Starting 2021

Now Do you want to acquire European language skills, immerse yourself in European cultures from Vienna to Poznań, from Amsterdam to Thessaloniki and exchange ideas with students from all over Europe in an international, virtual environment? Then the following tips and information are for you:

In addition to developing innovative teaching and learning formats, transforming digital teaching and facilitating the mobility of students, faculty and staff between partner universities, <u>EPICUR</u> particularly promotes multilingualism and furthering competencies in the use of European languages. Our goal is to facilitate the learning of at least one new European language in addition to your native language and English.

#### Language Courses:

To this end, the EPICUR Alliance will launch a <u>pilot project in 2021 for language courses</u> in Modern Greek as well as Nordic/Scandinavian and Slavic languages. We will offer these pilot courses on our newly developed (virtual) EPICUR Campus and they will be open to students from all <u>eight EPICUR partner universities</u>, for different proficiency levels and from all study programs. The courses will be complementary to existing offerings at students' home institutions.

In addition to the language acquisition courses, students can also choose from courses dealing with culture, society, literature, or history in relation to the languages and regions mentioned above. These courses target mostly students of philology, but can also be taken within the framework of other study programs e.g. in the supplementary/interdisciplinary area. All courses can be taken for ECTS credits. Individual departments decide on the eligibility of the courses, the EPICUR Team Freiburg can provide administrative support where needed.

#### Survey:

EPICUR lives through the participation of its students. EPICUR not only seeks to enable Future EPICUR students are to learn a European language, but also to raise interest in the languages of our European partners with the help of purpose-driven and attractive offers. With this in mind, our partner, the University of Strasbourg, has launched a large <u>survey</u> at all of our eight partner universities. By filling out this survey until the end of February, you will support the foundation of a European University, which is based on the needs and wishes of the students. Therefore, we would be pleased if you support us in this process. Filling out the questionnaire takes about 5-10 minutes. The results and offers will also benefit current students. Thank you very much!

#### Student Task Force:

Have we caught your attention? If you are interested in MORE Europe, want to travel through Europe - even if only virtually for now - and meet students from Vienna, Amsterdam, Poznań or Thessaloniki despite lockdown, travel restrictions and digital teaching, we have another idea for you:

Interested students can for example get involved in the EPICUR student task force in Freiburg. The meetings are open to all, require no long-term commitment and usually take place on Tuesdays, 5pm (c.t.) via zoom. You can find more information <u>here</u>. Feel free to contact our student representatives <u>Mathias and Phillip</u>.

## **Birmingham International Summer School 2021**

Applications are now open for the Birmingham International Summer School 2021. It is an opportunity for international students to gain a combined immersive cultural and study experience.

There are a range of interactive academic programmes delivered by University faculty who are experts in their field. Students will have the opportunity to earn credits for their study and to gain a valuable and memorable learning and social experience.

The programme dates of the Summer School are: **19 July – 6 August, 2021**. Applications for BISS are now open and can be submitted online, by the deadline of **18 April 2021**.

Further details including programme content, fees and the application process can be found on the <u>BISS website</u>. If you have any questions, please contact the BISS team via <u>email</u>.

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Bridging Scholarships for Female Postdoctoral Researchers

The New University Endowment Freiburg and the University of Freiburg are committed to supporting female researchers who have successfully completed their doctorate and want to pursue an academic career.

The University of Freiburg and the New University Endowment Freiburg will be awarding STAY! / Come and STAY! bridging scholarships starting by 1st July, 2021. The scholarships are designed for female researchers who have submitted their doctoral thesis, who want to pursue an academic career, and who do not yet have postdoctoral follow- up funding (STAY!), as well as female researchers who have taken up a research project abroad after their doctorate and are planning to carry out their next research project at the University of Freiburg (Come and STAY!).

The bridging scholarship is awarded as a full scholarship. The funding period is a maximum of twelve months; an interim evaluation will be carried out after six months. The monthly scholarship payment is €1,800, plus €300 per child per month if applicable.

You can find further information <u>here</u>. Please apply no later than March 15th, 2021 (received-by date).

## Ausschreibung: "The Krupp-Foundation Fellowship for Visiting Researchers at Stanford"

Die Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung lädt Promovierende im Bereich der Geisteswissenschaften ein, sich um eine Förderung für einen Aufenthalt an der Stanford University im Rahmen ihres Dissertationsvorhabens zu bewerben.

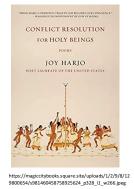
Die Krupp-Stiftung wird drei Stipendien für die Dauer von bis zu 6 Monaten vergeben. Das Stipendium beginnt Anfang Januar 2022 und ist mit 2.500 € monatlich dotiert. Für die Reisekosten und Visagebühren gewährt die Stiftung einen einmaligen Zuschuss in Höhe von 3.000 €. Bewerbungsschluss ist der **31. März 2021**.

Informationen zum Programm sowie das Formular zur Online-Bewerbung finden Sie hier.

Wichtiger Hinweis zur Corona-Situation: Die Universität Stanford geht davon aus, dass mit hoher Wahrscheinlichkeit ausländische Doktoranden ab Januar 2022 wieder am Campus studieren und forschen können. Sie behält sich aber vor, das Programm auszusetzen, falls die Corona-Lage es erneut erfordern sollte. Daher kann die Krupp-Stiftung die vollständige Durchführung des Programms für 2022 zum jetzigen Zeitpunkt nicht garantieren.

## **INDIGENOUS READS: Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings: Poems (2015)**

Despite contact restrictions, the book club **Indigenous Reads**, your colloquium dedicated to contemporary indigenous literature, will still meet to discuss Eden Robinson's **Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings: Poems** (2015). The discussion will take place via Zoom.



In this sequel to Son of a Trickster, Jared is a magnet for magic, whether he hates it or not. He sees ghosts, he sees the monster moving underneath his Aunt Georgina's skin, he sees the creature that comes out of his bedroom wall and creepily wants to suck his toes. He also still hears his father in his head, and other voices too. Jared can't ignore his true nature any longer. And neither can anyone else he loves.

#### When? February 22, 2021 | 6 p.m. Where? Online

For more information or to register, please contact Léna Remy-Kovach.

## **READING GAMES:** Night in the Woods (2017)

**Reading Games** (as in "we are reading games," not as if a series of gamified reading sessions) is a book club for video games instead of books.



The club meets (currently online) on a monthly basis, to talk about selected games, from an interdisciplinary perspective, including Cultural Studies and literary approaches. In order to join, you don't have to have any level of knowledge about video games, or define yourself as a "gamer." That term is becoming as meaningful as a term like "movie-goer," in today's world, where digital games are everywhere as cultural products.

This session, the club will discuss **Night in the Woods** (2017). You are expected to come prepared, i.e. play the game, and/or watch a video of someone else who is playing it for you.

#### When? February 9, 2021 | 7 p.m. Where? Discord

For more information or questions on how to access the Discord server, please contact Kübra Aksay.

## **READING GROUP: "Affect and Emotion"**

This winter semester, EnglishDocs (the PhD students at the English Department) will host a **reading group titled "Affect and Emotion."** Their aim is to discuss how these concepts are tackled in various fields and engage critically with the different methodologies that have been used to study them. The group will meet every two weeks and is open to everyone.

When? February 11, 2021 | 6 – 8 p.m. February 25, 2021 | 6 – 8 p.m. Where? <u>Microsoft Teams</u>

On February 11, the group will discuss Corinne Saunders' "Affective Reading: Chaucer, Women, and Romance" and on February 25, they will discuss Helen Kerr's "Sociable' Tears in *The Tempest*."

If you have any questions, please send an email to Tanja Kapp.

## Galantine's Day Online Pub Quiz

The EnglishDocSFR, the English Doctoral Scholars Freiburg, will organize an **online pub quiz**, which is open to all. You can either join as an existing team or by yourself and the organizers will do the match-making! Please register <u>here</u>.

#### When? February 12, 2021 | 5 p.m. Where? Online

If you have any questions, you can send an <u>email</u> to the organizers Alkım Kutlu, Léna Remy-Kovach, and Eva Rüskamp.

## **CARL-SCHURZ-HAUS: Upcoming Events**

During the next month, the **Carl-Schurz-Haus** offers various events of interest to members of the English Department:

- Tuesday, February 2, 7.00 p.m. | Online
  <u>"Ungleichheit vor, während und nach Covid-19"</u> (Reihe "Transatlantic Tuesday", Prof. Dr. Walter Scheidel, Stanford University)
- Thursday, February, 7 p.m. | Online
  <u>Filmvorführung & Talk: Ex Libris Thew New York Public Library</u>
- Tuesday, February 9, 7 p.m. | Online
  <u>"The Power of Diplomacy"</u> (conversation with John B. Emerson, former U.S.-Ambassador in Germany (2013-2017))
- Thursday, February 25, 7 p.m. | Online <u>"America on Fire Pt. III: A New Biden Administration"</u> (discussion with Esther T. Earbin, Patrick Bastien, Reginald Anthony, Jorrell Rush-Kittle & Jason Brown; moderated by Nicole Palazzo)

Please register for the events in advance. More information as well as other events organized by the Carl-Schurz-Haus can be found in their <u>program</u>.