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DEADLINES & DATES



REGISTRATION OF PRÜFUNGSLEISTUNGEN

The registration period for *Prüfungsleistungen* in the 2025 summer term runs exclusively from **Wednesday, May 14 until Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 7–12 am**. Please note that the platform on which you register your *Prüfungsleistungen* depends on your program.

Students enrolled in the following programs register their PLs via [HISinOne](#):

- Double-Major Bachelor
- Master of Education
- Master of Arts (start of studies as of WS 2018/19)
- Bachelor of Arts – Major and Minor (start of studies as of WS 2019/20)
- You can find step-by-step instructions for HISinOne [here](#).
- Students enrolled in the following programs register their PLs **in written form** at the GeKo:
 - [Teacher Education \(Lehramt\) GymPO](#)
 - [Bachelor of Arts – Major and Minor \(start of studies before WS 2019/20\)](#)
 - [Master of Arts \(start of studies before WS 2018/19\)](#)

You can find more information and solutions in case you encounter any problems on our [website](#).

REGISTRATION OF STUDIENLEISTUNGEN

The registration period for *Studienleistungen* in the 2025 summer term runs from **May 1 through June 15, 2025**.

You can register your SLs via [HISinOne](#).

Students who need to register SLs in the *Ergänzungsbereich* must send an email to: sl.deklaration@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de during the registration period including the following information:

- Name
- Matriculation Number
- Course Type (e.g. Proseminar, Vorlesung, Übung)
- Course Title
- ECTS
- Lecturer

LECTURE-FREE DAYS

During the month of May, classes are cancelled on the following holidays:

- **Monday, May 1: Labor Day**
- **Thursday, May 29: Ascension**

You can find an overview of semester dates and holidays [here](#).

FROM THE DEPARTMENT



COLLOQUIUM

LitCult Colloquium

This colloquium, organized by J.Prof Dr. Maria Sulimma and Prof. Dr. Eva von Contzen, provides a venue for **current research projects in literary studies and cultural studies** (including media studies, American studies, Anglophone studies, medieval and early modern studies) at the English Department. We feature a number of guest speakers from other departments of the University of Freiburg as well as external guests from other universities both national and international. The colloquium is open to all interested.

- **May 06: Welt(en) erzählen - Eine Einführung** | Prof. Dr. Eva von Contzen
6:30pm | HS 1010
- **May 13: "I'm Sorry You Feel That Way:" Affect, Authority and Antagonism in the Cultures of Customer Service** | Prof. Dr. Diane Negra (Dublin)
- **May 20: Ungoverned Emotions: "Like a City which Is Broken Down and Without Walls"**
| Katerina Steffan (Hannover)
10:15 | TBA
- **May 20: Working Spells. Witchcraft and Magical Practice in Contemporary Literature and Media** | Prof. Dr. Juliane Blank (Freiburg)
- **May 27: "He Was There to Save Lives:" The Glorification of Rescue Heroes in Contemporary War Movies** | Kristina Seefeldt, M.A. (Freiburg)

When? **Tuesdays** | **4.15–5.45 pm**

Where? **HS 3118**

TALK

The "Sick Arab" and the "Virginia Minstrel": Whitefacing and Blackfacing in Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1885) and Percival Everett's James (2024)

On Monday, May 5, Dr. Birte Christ will hold her talk titled **"The "Sick Arab" and the "Virginia Minstrel": Whitefacing and Blackfacing in Mark Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1885) and Percival Everett's James (2024)"**.

When? **Monday, May 5 2025** | **8:30 am**

Where? **Werthmannstr. 8/Rückgebäude** | **Raum 01 011, 1.OG**

SURVEY

Invented Languages and their Speakers

Surveying Invented Languages and Their Speakers

Kaltxi! Sul Sul!
Mai govannen!
nuqneHI Kvetha!
M'atchomarooni!



Survey about Invented Languages and Their Sounds

as part of a PhD thesis in English Literature
mareike.huber@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de

Participants have the chance
to win an Amazon gift card!



<https://www.soscisurvey.de/conlangspeakers/>

As part of her PhD dissertation, Mareike Huber is **running a survey in which participants are asked to listen to short audio clips from different invented languages and to evaluate those languages based on their sound**. Invented languages are languages that were explicitly and purposefully created by one or several inventors for a variety of purposes, such as the Elvish tongues Sindarin and Quenya invented by J.R.R. Tolkien or Klingon from the Star Trek universe.

The survey is open until May 19. Anyone interested can participate in the survey over [this link](#).

PHILODOCS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Board of the PhD candidates at the Faculty of Philology and the Faculty of Philosophy



EINLADUNG

AN ALLE DOKTORAND*INNEN DER
PHILOLOGISCHEN UND DER
PHILOSOPHISCHEN FAKULTÄT

ZUR
VOLLVERSAMMLUNG

DONNERSTAG, 15.05.2025
12-14 UHR C.T.
HS 1009

> Berichte
> Wahl des neuen Vorstands
> Pizza & Vernetzung

Weitere Infos unter:
doktorandenkonvent-
philo-docs.uni-freiburg.de

Gerne könnt ihr bei der Vollversammlung eigene Fragen oder Probleme einbringen. Sprecht uns einfach an!

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On Thursday, **May 15**, our annual general assembly will take place during the lunch break (12-2pm), where we will not only elect the **new board** but also **eat pizza together**. All PhD candidates of the Faculties of Philology and Philosophy are cordially invited to attend!

The dean will give us a short welcome address and we will briefly introduce ourselves as a board and our work. Afterwards, there will be opportunities for conversations over a meal together. We look forward to getting in touch with you!

NEW ACADEMIC ADVISOR AT THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Sophie Bantle



Hello everyone,

My name is Sophie Bantle and on April 1, I took over as the academic advisor at the English Department. Some of you might already know me from current and previous positions at the English Department – I completed both my B.A. in English and American Studies as well as my M.A. in British and North American Cultural Studies at the Department and am currently in the process of writing my PhD thesis. I also used to be the Erasmus coordinator and currently teach seminars in literary and cultural studies in my position as a research associate at Prof. Korte's chair.

As academic advisor, I am available to help with questions regarding a change of major/minor, transferring from other universities and recognition of credits, as well as general questions about your degree programs, including PhD counseling. I am also here to advise you if you find yourself in a unique or difficult situation .

You can get in touch with me via email (fachberatung@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de) or come to my office hours, which take place Monday, 10-12am and Thursday, 4-6pm in my office (4011) or via Zoom. You can schedule an appointment under calendly.com/fachberatung-anglistik

I am excited about this new role and look forward to meeting many of you (again) in this new context!

All the best

Sophie Bantle, M.A.

NEW FACE AT THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Gopika Gurudas



Hello everyone,

I'm Gopika Gurudas (pronouns: she/her), and I'll be part of the English Department for the coming year as a Research Assistant to Prof. Sieglinde Lemke. I'm from Kerala, India.

Before joining the University of Freiburg, I was pursuing a joint PhD at the University of Queensland, Australia, and the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi. I'm currently writing my thesis on '*Narratives of Resistance: A Literary Study of Indigenous Australian and Dalit Malayalam Literature*'. My broader research interests lie at the intersections of the Critical Philosophy of Caste and Race,

discrimination, and inequality. This semester, I'll be teaching the undergraduate course '*Indigenous and Post-colonial Studies*'.

In my free time, I love to travel, watch films and TV shows, and sing (I'm quite passionate about Hindustani classical music!). This is my first time in Germany, and I'm very excited to be here in Freiburg. Please feel free to say hello—drop me an email at gopikagurudashere@gmail.com or stop by my office for a chat!

Warmly,
Gopika

OFFICE HOURS DURING THE SUMMER SEMESTER

You can find an overview of the **office hours** offered during the 2025 summer semester, as well as contact information of professors, faculty, and staff on the [English Department's website](#).



STIPENDIUM

Elisabeth-Frickenhaus-Stiftung

Die Erträge der Elisabeth-Frickenhaus-Stiftung dient der Unterstützung von Studierenden, die in soziale Not geraten sind, in Form von kurzfristigen Überbrückungsstipendien. Des Weiteren sind kulturelle Aufgaben der Universität Freiburg zu unterstützen.

Begründete Anträge sind **bis 30.06.2025** über das Dekanat an die Universitätsverwaltung, Abteilung Stiftung und Vermögen/Steuern, zu richten. Die Anträge müssen über die Fakultät eingereicht werden

ERASMUS+ EXCHANGE

Remaining Open Spots

Attention students!

We still have **open spots for an ERASMUS+ exchange during the winter semester 2025/26** that we would love to fill!

Following cities have spots available:

- Lleida, Spain
- Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- Rennes, France
- Iași, Romania
- Manchester, UK

Send your CV and a list of your priorities to Christina (erasmus@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de) **until May 11**. First comes first serve! For further information see [here](#).

READING GROUPS



READING GAMES

Exit 8 (2023)

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. *Reading Games* is a discussion group meeting on a monthly basis to talk about digital games, examining them from an interdisciplinary perspective, including literary and cultural studies approaches. The meetings take place **between 20:00-21:03 pm on the second Tuesday of the month via Discord (online)** and are open to all students, faculty members, and external guests. Participants are expected to complete a playthrough of the selected game in advance of each session.



In May, the club will continue their theme **Liminal Spaces** by discussing *Exit 8* (2023).

You are trapped in an endless underground passageway.
Observe your surroundings carefully to reach "The Exit 8".

When? **Tuesday, May 13 | 20.00–21.30 pm**
Where? **Discord (Online)**

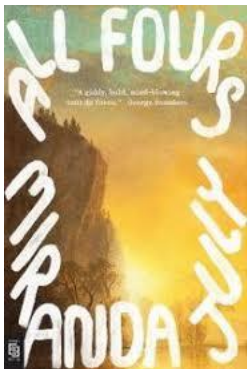
The selected reading for this theme is **Gregory Whistance-Smith, *Expressive Space: Embodying Meaning in Video Game Environments* (2022).**

For more information or questions on how to access the Discord server, please contact [Kübra Aksay](#). You can find past and upcoming sessions on [the Reading Games website](#).

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE BOOK CLUB

All Fours (2024)

The Contemporary Literature Book Club is a meeting group intended for the discussion of contemporary literature in the English language. Students, faculty, and staff are always welcome to join us.



This month, the group will discuss Miranda July, *All Fours* (2024)

A semi-famous artist announces her plan to drive cross-country, from Los Angeles to New York City. Thirty minutes after leaving her husband and child at home, she spontaneously exits the freeway, checks into a nondescript motel, and immerses herself in an entirely different journey.

When? **Thursday, May 8 | 2.00–3.00 pm**
Where? **Breisacher Tor | R 104**

More information on the selected books as well as an overview of past sessions can be found on the [English Department's website](#). For more information or to join, contact [Eva von Contzen](#) or [Philomena Wolf](#).



VORTRAG

Ornament (als) Band. Beobachtungen zur Intermaterialität in der mittelalterlichen Glasmalerei.

Anlässlich der Zwischenevaluation ihrer Juniorprofessur hält Jun.-Prof. Dr. Julia von Ditzfurth ihren Vortrag **"Ornament (als) Band. Beobachtungen zur Intermaterialität in der mittelalterlichen Glasmalerei"** am **Freitag, den 9. Mai, um 12 Uhr in Werthmannstr. 8/Rückgebäude im Raum 01 011, 1.OG.** Im Anschluss an den Vortrag findet noch eine öffentliche Diskussion statt.

RINGVORLESUNG STUDIUM GENERALE

Thomas Mann: Stationen seines Werkes

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg | Studium generale und Deutsches Seminar | Sommersemester 2025

Thomas Mann

Stationen seines Werkes

Eine Ringvorlesung zum 150. Geburtstag

Mittwoch 20-22 Uhr | Kollegiengebäude I | HS 1010

Programm

- 23.04.2025 Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Helmut Kockmann (Universität Augsburg): Thomas Mann: Sein Werk - und die Antworten auf seine Zeit
- 30.04.2025 Dr. Gesa von Essen (Universität Freiburg): „Mein in Deutschland populärstes Buch“: Thomas Manns Generationenroman Buddenbrook
- 07.05.2025 Prof. Dr. Irmela von der Lühe (Freie Universität Berlin): Von der „Sympathie mit dem Tode“ zum „Leiden an Deutschland“: Zum Motiv der Krankheit in Leben und Werk Thomas Manns
- 14.05.2025 Prof. Dr. Jörn Leonhard (Universität Freiburg): „Die große Gereiztheit“: Thomas Mann in den Extremen des 20. Jahrhunderts
- 21.05.2025 Prof. Dr. Rolf G. Renner (Universität Freiburg): Thomas Manns „Der Tod in Venedig“ und Luchino Viscontis Verfilmung: Zur Interaktion von Text und Bild
- 28.05.2025 Prof. Dr. Katharina Grätz (Universität Freiburg): Verfall, Stimulanz oder Bummelei? Zur Bedeutungsvielfalt von Krankheit im „Zauberberg“
- 04.06.2025 Prof. Dr. Ralph Häfner (Universität Freiburg): Meistert mit Thomas Mann: Romanform und Lebensform in „Die Kunst der Sanftmut“, „Die Kunst der Sanftmut“
- 18.06.2025 Prof. Dr. Peter Philipp Rindl (Universität Freiburg): Deutsche Sonderwege: Politik und Geschichte im Werk Thomas Manns
- 25.06.2025 Prof. Dr. Werner Fricke (Universität Freiburg): „In Spuren gehen“: Thomas Manns Essays zur literarischen Tradition
- 02.07.2025 Prof. Dr. Julia Schöll (TU Braunschweig): Der „geordnete Jahrhundertroman“: Joseph und seine Brüder
- 09.07.2025 Prof. Dr. Gerd Schödl (Universität Freiburg): „Nun, mein Sohn, laß hören“ – Thomas Manns Stimme
- 16.07.2025 Prof. Dr. Barbara Bätzlich (Universität Heidelberg): Dämonen und Erzählprobleme: Dr. Sorensen Zeitblom in Thomas Manns Roman Doktor Faustus (1947)
- 17.07.2025 Gesprächskonzert (Archivologische Sammlung): Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Borchmeyer (Universität Heidelberg) / Amadeus Wiesner, Klavier (Hamburg): Thomas Mann und Beethoven: Eine Spurensuche im Doktor Faustus
- 23.07.2025 Prof. Dr. Andreas Kahlitz (Universität zu Köln): Thomas Manns Satyrspiel: Bekenntnisse des Hochstaplers Felix Krull

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Anlässlich des 150. Geburtstags von Thomas Mann veranstaltet das Deutsche Seminar und Studium generale im Sommersemester 2025 die Ringvorlesung **Thomas Mann: Stationen seines Werkes**. Die teils von Freiburger Referent*innen, teils von renommierten Thomas Mann-Expert*innen von anderen deutschen Universitäten getragene Reihe wendet sich sowohl an Studierende wie an das allgemeine städtische und regionale Publikum.

Wann? **Mittwochs | 20 - 22 Uhr**
Wo? **KG I, HS 1010**

Im Mai finden folgende Vorträge statt:

7. Mai: „Von der „Sympathie mit dem Tode“ zum „Leiden an Deutschland“: Zum Motiv der Krankheit in Leben und Werk Thomas Manns“ | Prof. Dr. Irmela von der Lühe (Freie Universität Berlin)

14. Mai: „Die große Gereiztheit“: Thomas Mann in den Extremen des 20. Jahrhunderts | Prof. Dr. Jörn Leonhard (Universität Freiburg)

21. Mai: Thomas Manns Der Tod in Venedig und Luchino Viscontis Verfilmung. Zur Interaktion von Text und Bild | Prof. Dr. Rolf G. Renner (Universität Freiburg)

28. Mai: Verfall, Stimulanz oder Bummelei? Zur Bedeutungsvielfalt von Krankheit im Zauberberg | Prof. Dr. Katharina Grätz (Universität Freiburg)

LEHRAMTSBERATUNG Infoveranstaltungen

Die Lehramtsberatung der Abteilung Gymnasiales Lehramt bietet folgende Veranstaltungen an:

- **Infoveranstaltung: Der Übergang zum Master of Education**
Donnerstag, 8.5.2025 | 18:15 - 19:15 | Zoom
Weitere Informationen und Zoom-Zugang findet man auf der [Website](#).
- **Infoveranstaltung: Studium eines Erweiterungsfaches im Lehramt**
Montag, 12.5.2025 | 12:30 - 14:00 Uhr | KG I, HS 1098
Weitere Informationen findet man auf der [Website](#).

CARL-SCHURZ-HAUS Upcoming Events

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

Further information as well as other events organized by the Carl-Schurz-Haus can be found on their [website](#).

- **Saturday, May 5, 11.30 am** | Carl-Schurz-Haus Bibliothek
Book Chat
Offenes Lesegespräch in der Bibliothek des Carl-Schurz-Hauses
- **Saturday, May 10, 11.00 am** | Carl-Schurz-Haus, Eisenbahnstr. 62
Schurz Shorts Filmmaking Club
mit Ashley Matthäus & Raphael Büchel, Freiburg
- **Friday, May 16, 1:30 pm** | Carl-Schurz-Haus Bibliothek
"Siren" by Margret Atwood
Short Story Lunch Club with Marie Malcovati, Freiburg
- **Friday, May 16, 6:30 pm** | Carl-Schurz-Haus Bibliothek
"The Trading Game" by Gary Stevenson
Let's Talk About Book with Reggie
- **Tuesday, May 20, 7.00 pm** | Max-Kade-Auditorium II, Alte Universität, Bertoldstr. 17
Is the U.S. in a Constitutional Crisis?
Vortrag von Prof. Kimberly Wehle, PhD, University of Baltimore & Leiden University | Im Rahmen der Reihe "Kipppunkt: Europa und die USA im Jahr 2025"
- **Thursday, May 22, 7.00 pm** | Carl-Schurz-Haus Bibliothek
"Baumgartner" by Paul Aster
English Book Club, organisiert von Klaus Reinhardt, Freiburg

Wishing you all a great start into the 2025 summer term!