



Germ 506B Intercultural Competence: Narratives of Belonging

Credits: 3

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Date and Time: R 2-4pm

Place: Buchanan D228

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This course is open to graduate students from all fields and focuses on narratives of belonging from an interdisciplinary cultural studies perspective. How do people relate to place? Does the question “Where are you from?” assume a linear narrative and sedentarist perspective of exclusion? How do we narratively create and perform belonging, cultural spaces, phenomenological borders, national and ethnic identities? With an emphasis on contemporary postmigrant narratives from and about refugees and immigrants in German-language literature that have become central to society and in social studies, we will investigate counter-perspectives to Eurocentric, ethnically and nationally centred visions of identity.

There are no prerequisites. **Students are welcome to read the textbooks in the original language and to incorporate their own research.** They will present on at least one course related topic based on their own annotated working bibliographies.