

Module “Nationalism, Transnationalism, Transculturalism – Literary, Cultural and Linguistic Manifestations” (Version: 17 February 2010)

Contents and objectives:

Building on foundational historical and theoretical knowledge acquired in the first semester in the seminar “Nation, Nationalism, Transnationalism“, this second-semester module will extend students’ knowledge of this essential field, e.g. adding relevant theoretical approaches such as transculturalism, as well as exploring manifestations and applications of these historical and theoretical principles in the context of concrete literary, cultural and linguistic phenomena. Topics covered can include case studies of individual national literatures, and certain transnational or transcultural phenomena within one genre. Students who have chosen to focus on linguistics will discuss the role of English as a national as well as a world language, the creation and function of standard languages, language policy, or discourse-analytical examinations of the construction of nationalism.

On completion of this module, participants will have:

- ✓ gained advanced skills in the critical analysis of language, literature, culture and society.
- ✓ gained the ability to analyse transnational linguistic, historical and cultural processes.
- ✓ enhanced their knowledge and understanding of theoretical approaches.
- ✓ gained an advanced knowledge of the links between social and linguistic concerns.
- ✓ developed an understanding of the relationship between languages and identification processes.
- ✓ gained an increased awareness of the consequences of globalisation processes, both linguistic and cultural.
- ✓ developed an awareness of the theoretical issues relating to language policies under particular historical and social conditions.

2nd semester of the Master course

Status: compulsory

Entry requirements: All 1st-semester modules passed

Offered: annually (summer semester)

Alternative course choices within the module: Different seminars to choose from

Module coordinator: Prof. Dr. M. Stein

Weighting of module grade in calculation of final grade: 15%

Course type	Participation	SWS <i>(class hours per teaching week)</i>	LP <i>(credit points)</i>	Semester	Assignments	Of which relevant for grade	Entry requirements
Seminar	Regular attendance & active participation	2	6	2	Research paper (hand-in date: 6 weeks after start of term), presentation, oral participation	Research paper (100%)	
Supplementary class accompanying the lecture course	Regular attendance & active participation	2	2	2	/		
Lecture course	Regular attendance	2	2	2	/		
Total			10				