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Call for Submissions

The Department of German Studies at the University of Arizona (Tucson) and the Institute for German Language and Literature I at the University of Cologne call for student submissions to participate in the block seminar **“Kulturelle Identität(en): Perspektiven einer postkolonialen Literaturwissenschaft”** within the framework of the German Institute Partnership’s *Diversifying German Studies* initiative between the University of Cologne, the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Arizona, and Yale University. The seminar will take place at the University of Arizona in Tucson **from March 21 to March 25, 2022**. The call for submissions is now open for **graduate students** of German studies. The event is being financed by *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)*.

Event

In the context of the block seminar **“Kulturelle Identität(en): Perspektiven einer postkolonialen Literaturwissenschaft,”** organized by **Prof. Obenewaa Oduro-Opuni** (University of Arizona) and **Prof. Christof Hamann** (University of Cologne), literary texts from the 18th century to the present will be examined from an intersectional perspective.

Concepts of postcolonial studies, critical race theory, and gender theory will be reflected upon and applied to primary texts in order to examine how German-language literature depicts various forms of discrimination against people of color, refugees, and “foreign” constructed “others.” Theoretical approaches by Kimberlé W. Crenshaw, Edward W. Said, and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak as well as literary texts by May Ayim, Bertolt Brecht, Elisa Diallo, Barbara Köhler, August von Kotzebue, Sharon Dodua Otoo, and Sasha Marianna Salzmann will be discussed in detail. In addition, Zoom talks with selected authors are planned.

A reader with primary texts and research literature will be sent out in time before the block seminar.

Application Format

Applicants should submit a **brief resume** and a **one- or two-page letter** of motivation commenting on their:

- reason for applying
- subject-specific qualifications and competencies (e.g., participation in thematically related events, courses or seminars, thematically related term papers or final papers, personal interests)
- expectations regarding the possible international experience.

Applications can be in German or English. Please submit your application via email to **Fabian Gentsch (fgents1@uni-koeln.de)**. In case of any questions or problems, please contact **Fabian Gentsch (fgents1@uni-koeln.de)** or **Lea Büttner (lea.buettner@uni-koeln.de)**.

Costs for travel and accommodations will be covered by scholarships from the funding organization DAAD. In the event that the block seminar cannot take place in person due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be conducted online instead.

Participants will be selected by an external international committee.

The application deadline is December 1, 2021.

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