



**AQUA-Angebot im Sommersemester 2013**

<b>Institut/ Bereich</b>	Politikwissenschaft
<b>Veranstaltungstitel</b>	Contemporary American Political Theory
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<b>Art der Veranstaltung</b>	Seminar
<b>Termin(e) und Veranstaltungsort</b>	Donnerstag (6/7) 16.40-20.00 SE2/102
<b>Umfang der Lehrveranstaltung</b>	2 SWS
<b>Beschreibung/ Ziele der Veranstaltung</b>	Contemporary German political theory tends to focus on the study of the state and institutions; much recent American political theory, in contrast, locates politics in everyday interactions—between citizens and non-citizens, between individuals and the state, with the law, across social groups, with objects and nonhuman forces. This course will provide an overview of current American political theory and its theorization of everyday forms and aspects of politics via outstanding recent texts that are less known in Germany. Accordingly, readings will be in English; discussions and written work may be carried out in both English and German. Themes and phenomena to be covered may include: immigration and borders, the Occupy Movement and the Tea Party, the killing of Trayvon Martin and race in America, religion, limited government and the market, new materialisms and environmentalisms, current perspectives on multiculturalism, and the construction of social responsibility in a globalized world.
<b>Voraussetzungen/ Vorkenntnisse</b>	Englischkenntnisse
<b>Literatur</b>	<i>Background Literature (not required; assorted texts that precede the work we will study and help to situate it—to consult, along with other texts by these authors, according to your interests):</i> Barber, Benjamin R. "Neither Leaders nor Followers: Citizenship under Strong Democracy," 95-110, in <i>A Passion for Democracy: American Essays</i> (Princeton 2000), or <i>Strong Democracy: Participatory Politics for a New Age</i> (Berkeley 1983). Connolly, William E., <i>The Ethos of Pluralization</i> (Minneapolis 1995). Honig, Bonnie, <i>Democracy and the Foreigner</i> (Princeton 2001), or "Declarations of Independence: Arendt and Derrida on the Problem of Founding a Republic," <i>American Political Science Review</i> Vol. 85 No. 1 (March 1991): 97-113 (republished in several collections). Zerilli, Linda M. G., "Doing without Knowing: Feminism's Politics of the

	<p>Ordinary," <i>Political Theory</i>, Vol. 26 No. 4 (August 1998): 435-458.  Harris-Lacewell, Melissa Victoria, <i>Barbershops, Bibles, and BET: Everyday Talk and Black Political Thought</i> (Princeton 2004).  Young, Iris Marion, <i>Inclusion and Democracy</i> (Oxford/New York 2000).  Dumm, Thomas L., <i>A Politics of the Ordinary</i> (New York 1999).</p>
<b>Begrenzung der Teilnehmeranzahl</b>	15
<b>Angeboten für folgende Studiengänge/Verwendbarkeit</b>	Studiengänge der Philosophischen Fakultät
<b>Anmerkungen</b>	