

Professor Dr. Stefan Horlacher

3220	<i>The End of the Empire?</i>	Thu (3)	GER 52
3420	<i>Postcolonial Short Stories</i>		
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HS	7 KP (requirements to be announced in class)
SiH/S	3 KP (requirements to be announced in class)
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S/Master	5/8 KP (requirements to be announced in class)

This seminar intends to give a short introduction into the history of the British Empire and the theories underlying its "justification". Moreover, the seminar will give a short survey of recent developments in post-colonial theory before focussing on exemplary short stories by writers such as W. Somerset Maugham and Joseph Conrad. We will also read and discuss stories by so-called Commonwealth and/or contemporary British authors. These will include R.K. Narayan, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Qaisra Shahraz and Hanif Kureishi. A syllabus and a bibliography will be available at the first meeting.

Recommended reading:

Robert J. C. Young. *Postcolonialism. A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

This course prepares students for the "Schriftliches Staatsexamen: Klausur Englische Literaturwissenschaft" in Winter 2011.