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V+AK

**Contemporary Postcolonial
Literature and Theory: Bhabha,
Spivak & Co**

Wed (3)

ASB/028

Although this lecture partly builds on "What is Postcolonialism? An Introduction and Survey" offered last spring, it is open to and even recommended for students who have not yet come in contact with post-colonial theory and literature. To make sure that beginners as well as advanced students profit from this class, there will be a concise introduction to postcolonialism in the first two to three weeks.

The main part of this lecture will then be dedicated to a set of articles which will be made available online. This will enable us to go beyond a pure survey – the surface – and to critically read and discuss excerpts from key texts by Homi Bhabha, Gayatri Spivak and others.

The third part of this lecture will focus on Arundhati Roy's novel *The God of Small Things* and inquire how "the postcolonial condition" is represented in and mediated through literature.

An extensive bibliography will be provided at the beginning of the term.

Please buy:

Arundhati Roy. *The God of Small Things*. 1997. London: Fourth Estate, 2009. Print.
[ISBN 9780006551096]

This lecture is accompanied by an Arbeitskreis (AK/SAG) for students in the M.Ed. and in the old M.A. programme: Schwerpunktmodul Literaturwissenschaft (5 KP). This AK starts in the second week of the semester.