

About the program

Contemporary discussion about the local and global character of societies calls for a re-definition of the terms "America" and "American". The shift away from the US-centered interpretation of these terms towards a hemispheric perspective that includes Canada, US America and Latin America requires new conceptual approaches in order to define the Americas in times of globalization where geopolitical boundaries no longer suffice to mark a clear difference between different cultures and concepts of national identities. The courses taught by international experts of Canadian, US-American, Latin American and Inter-American Studies specialists from different universities will offer an insight into the discursive and symbolic constructions of the Americas seen from the vantage points of politics, history, law, literature and culture.

Target Group

The target group for the summer school are highly motivated students within any program allowing for the recognition of the summer school courses within their study program. There is no exclusion on study level, as undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level can be considered.

Imprint

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- Two-week program
- International students and professors
- 5 parallel seminars
- Keynote address
- 8 plenary lectures
- Evening film series
- Excursion to Graz
- Accreditation via ECTS-credits

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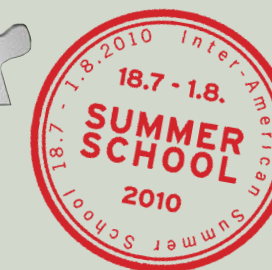
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UtrechtNetwork



INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL "The Americas: When One Is Not Enough"



July 18th - August 1st, 2010
Seggau Castle, Leibnitz - Austria

About the seminars

Film & Society

Film as a form of cultural expression offers multiple representations of reality contributing to the construction of social stereotypes and identities, creating social and/or political statements. In this seminar a variety of films will be analyzed as to their ways of delivering a message related to identity issues in the Americas.

Literature

This seminar will offer insight into the historical development of a hemispheric approach to literature in the Americas. Discussing works of Canadian, US-American as well as Latin American writers and spanning various genres and time periods, the courses will emphasize that literature per se transcends linguistic, political and geographical borders and that a better understanding of it will be achieved by an Inter-American approach.

Identities

The search for and construction of American identities is at the core of this seminar which will focus on the shifting of identities between their national, infra-national, supra-national and continental definitions that have emerged in the last decades throughout the Americas. An overview of current debates in cultural studies and social theory will show that traditional categorizations are no longer sufficient for conceptualizing cultural and ethnic borders and spaces.

Economics, Politics & Society

This seminar considers the economic development of the US and the other countries of the Americas over the past century. The sessions will pay particular attention to the reasons why there has been sustained economic growth in some nations while others have faced repeated crises, the changing character of economic relationships between countries in both continents (through, for example, the signing of free trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), MERCOSUR, and CAFT-DR), and the impact of the global downturn. The seminar will draw upon selected economic concepts and, on the basis of these, explore broader economic, political, social and cultural processes.

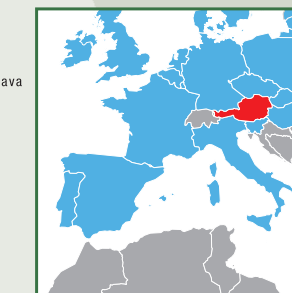
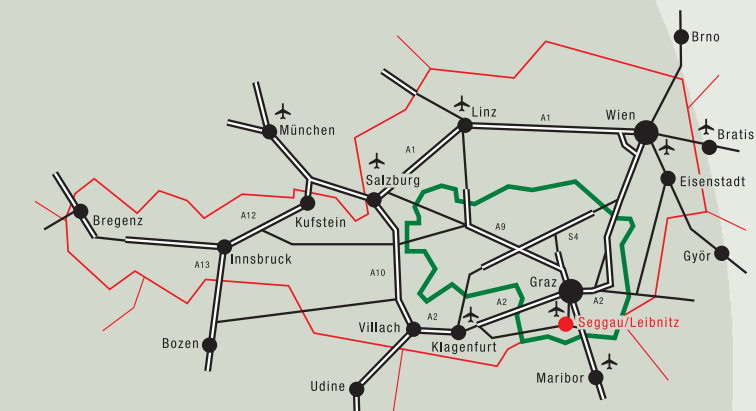
Sustainability

This seminar will examine the tensions between continental integration in terms of sustainability of resource management and territorial claims with their impact on identity politics. Transcending the narrow confines of national perspectives, the course sets out to explore aspects that influence identity constructions, different spatial discourses, and trans-border cooperation regarding environmental and developmental challenges.

Venue

Seggau Castle, located about 40km south of Graz in one of Austria's most famous wine-growing areas, offers a modern convention center within historic premises.

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Costs

This Inter-American Summer School is organized as a cooperation of universities and networks. Student participation fee is 1,100.-- €, covering course costs as well as room & board for the entire two-weeks period. Students from Utrecht Network Universities only pay 700.-- €. Additional scholarships are available and can be negotiated with each participating institution. Travel arrangements have to be made individually.