

Postcolonial and Transcultural English Studies in Secondary Schools: A Forum for Teachers and Academics

Friday, 22 May 2009,
Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

The Association for the Study of the New Literatures in English (GNEL/ASNEL) is organising a one-day training session for teachers, teacher educators, and students in teacher education programmes, as part of its annual conference. This is for teachers by teachers, and gives you the opportunity to

- figure out what lies beyond the buzzwords of "interkulturelle Handlungskompetenz", "Fremdverstehen" and "transcultural studies", and how this is relevant for your classroom practice,
- exchange experiences and ideas about different methods, opportunities and problems of teaching postcolonial and transcultural studies with other teachers and with experts in the field of postcolonial studies,
- get to know new books and other materials in the field, new activities for the classroom, and new people with whom to exchange ideas,
- and pick up a great deal of inspiration for your future teaching!

We offer a **roundtable discussion** about the theory and practice of teaching transcultural studies as well as **8 workshops**, in which experts in the field, all teachers and academics, present their ideas and discuss their practicability. The workshops will include topics that are relevant for teaching and part of most curricula at secondary level: the global village, multicultural Britain and young adult fiction, to mention just a few. You will also have the opportunity of joining other conference events, listening to writers read from their work, watching a theatre performance on multiculturalism in Germany, and generally expanding your view of literature and cultural studies.

We would especially encourage teachers and future teachers from all over Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

For details of registration and fees please turn to the website:

http://www.uni-muenster.de/GNEL2009/School_Teaching_Forum.html

Please address any questions you might have to Susanne Reichl at the University of Vienna: susanne.reichl@univie.ac.at

We look forward to welcoming you in Münster!

Programme details:

*Location (except for theatre performance, see below):
Fürstenberghaus, Domplatz 20-22, 48143 Münster
(registration & conference office: 1st floor)*

10.30 a.m. Panel discussion: "Theory and methods of teaching postcolonial literatures in secondary schools"

Chair: Susanne Reichl (*U Vienna*)
Speakers: Frank Schulze-Engler (*U Frankfurt*)
Silke Stroh (*U Münster*)
Laurenz Volkmann (*U Jena*)
Jörg Heinke (*Lessinggymnasium & Studienseminar für
Gymnasien, Brunswick*)
Gisela Feurle (*Oberstufen-Kolleg Bielefeld*)
Roy Sommer (*U Wuppertal*)

12.15 p.m. Lunch break

1.30 p.m. Workshop session on teaching practices:

Chair: Laurenz Volkmann (*U Jena*)
Speakers: **Joerg Heinke**
(*Lessinggymnasium &
Studienseminar für Gymnasien, Brunswick*)
**"Postcolonial Studies in school books, official curricula
and the German *Zentralabitur*"** (working title)
A. Baldinger (*Wetzikon*)
"*Slumdog Millionaire* – and beyond?"

3 p.m. Coffee break

3.30 p.m. Workshop session on teaching practices:

Chair: Dirk Janke (*U Münster*)
Speakers: **Anja-Therese Knittel**
(*Studienseminar Arnsberg &
Hannah-Arendt-Gesamtschule, Soest*)
"East is East and West is West?"
– A practical approach for promoting intercultural learning in
ELT by means of **scenic interpretation** (role discussion,
alter-ego talk, hot seat), exemplified by a concept for the
feature film ***East is East*** in an advanced course of **grade
12** at Hannah Arendt Comprehensive School in Soest"
Ulrike Erichsen
(*Musterschule Frankfurt/M. & TU Darmstadt*)
"(Un)arranged marriage in the EFL classroom"

Michael Mitchell

(U Warwick & Gymnasium der Mariannahiller Missionare in Maria Veen, Reken)

“Ethnic Diversity in the UK”

5 p.m. Coffee break

5.30 p.m. Workshop session on teaching practices:

Chair: Silja Fehn *(U Münster)*

Speakers: **Joerg Heinke**

(Lessinggymnasium &

Studienseminar für Gymnasien, Brunswick)

“Translocation and the Re-Invention of the Post-colonial Subject: Anurag Mathur's ‘Inscrutable Americans’ – a Reading Exercise with a Year 10 class.”

Laurenz Volkmann *(U Jena)*

“Teaching English in the Global village“

6.30 p.m. Pre-theatre refreshments

7 p.m. Theatre performance about multiculturalism in Germany,
with special reference to the experience of adolescents and young adults:

s/w remix

(Cactus Junges Theater, Münster)

followed by a panel discussion with members of the theatre company

Chair: Marga Munkelt *(U Münster)*

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