Wydział Filologiczny Seminarium dyplomowe na rok akademicki 2024/25 – propozycja Faculty of Philology Undergraduate seminar for 2024-2025 academic year – proposal

GR 1 Business GR 2 Media

SEMINAR GROUP A: 1.S3.EPC.58 Undergraduate Proseminar

Dyscyplina/Field of study	
Językoznawstwo/Linguistics	
Prowadzący / Supervisor	
dr Jędrzej Olejniczak	
Kierunek, stopień/ Study Programme, Major	
English in Public Communication - stacjonarne	
Krótki opis / Short description	

Diploma Seminar focus/topic: Quantitative studies in language and discourse

Diploma Seminar description (what to expect in sem 1 and sem 2):

The course aims to provide the students with theoretical and methodological toolkits that make it possible to approach texts from several different angles. The course will evaluate qualitative, quantitative and mixed approaches to studying texts (both written and multimodal), with high emphasis placed on conducting students' own empirical research projects. Throughout the course, students will be introduced to several basic approaches to text analysis (corpus linguistics; content analysis; functionalism; and corpus-assisted discourse studies) and then asked to apply them – to a desired extent – to their own analyses.

Relevant articles and books will also be recommended and presented throughout the course, either to showcase the discussed approaches or to provide the students with a more thorough understanding of the topics in question.

The students will be encouraged to propose their own topics and substantiate the choice thereof; they will also be required to conduct small pilot studies to explore their desired topics to a lesser extent so as to ensure that those are thesis-worthy.

Diploma Seminar reading list (1-2 positions):

Brezina, V. (2018). Statistics in corpus linguistics: A practical guide. Cambridge University Press.

Gillings, M., Mautner, G., & Baker, P. (2023). Corpus-assisted discourse studies. Cambridge University Press.

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SEMINAR GROUP B: 1.S3.EPC.58 Undergraduate Proseminar

Dyscyplina/Field of study

Nauki o kulturze/Literaturoznawstwo
(kultura cyfrowa i nowe media/ współczesne kino i literatura)
Culture Studies/Interdisciplinary studies
(new media and digital culture/ contemporary cinema and literature)

Prowadzący / Supervisor

Dr hab. Stankomir Nicieja, prof. UO

Kierunek, stopień/Study Programme, Major

English in Public Communication

Krótki opis / Short description

Diploma Seminar focus: English-language fiction / New media and Digital culture

The seminar offers students an opportunity to choose a topic of the dissertation from two broad sets of themes. The first range of issues concerns contemporary English-language fiction (films as well as novels and TV series) and focuses on the broadly-understood theme of crossing borders and overcoming limitations (imposed by the outside forces as well as internal limitations). Students can explore narratives that either depict crossing borders or limitations in a literal sense (travelogues, road movies, travel diaries, addiction stories, stories of overcoming racial prejudice etc.) or are related to spiritual journeys (of enlightenment, salvation or development) that help to overcome mental barriers. Alternatively, the participants of the seminar may devote their attention to investigating the impact of digital culture and the new media on contemporary cultural landscape of the English-speaking world.

The proposed range of topics concerning contemporary cinema and literature:

- Journeys in film and fiction
- Substance abuse and addiction in cinema and literature
- Contemporary representations of sex and sexuality
- Encounters in with the "other" (interracial relationships in cinema and literature)
- · Representations of death, suffering and dying
- Femininity and masculinity in cinema and literature
- Utopias and anti-utopias in contemporary literature and film

The proposed range of topics concerning new media and digital culture:

- Cultural impact of digitalisation
- Celebrity culture in the digital world
- Language of the new media
- The crisis of West (intellectual, economic, moral) in the context of the revolution in information technology

Participants of the seminar will also be able to choose a different topic related to contemporary British and American literature or culture provided they can present a convincing research plan with a brief survey of available resources.

Raine, L., & Wellman, B. (2012). Networked. *The New Social Operating System*. Available here: https://dvsk.uni.opole.pl/index.php/s/qTAxZfnRtoZHC97