

Global Humanities

A Lower-Division Gateway Course

This team-taught course is designed to introduce undergraduate students to the study of global issues through perspectives afforded by the disciplines of humanities, and to explore how a humanistic approach to knowledge can offer unique and key ways of formulating, understanding, and addressing global concerns. Students become familiar with general ideas and debates about the concept of the "global" across various disciplines, with an emphasis on how the term has been taken up by humanities scholars in different fields. The course also explores these debates through the lens of a specific issue of global concern--e.g. human rights, approaches to other cultures, global civil societies, global ethics. The selection of specific topics, readings, and approaches will be tailored to reflect the instructors' particular interests and fields of inquiry as they relate to global humanities. The course serves as a gateway to the many upper-division courses, taught throughout the humanities departments at UCSB, in which specialized topics related to global history and culture are explored in depth.

Winter 2008

Comparative Literature 36 and English 65PW (concurrently offered)

Global Humanities: The Poetics and Politics of Witnessing

**Professors Elisabeth Weber and Julie Carlson
MW 12:30-1:45 p.m., Embarcadero Hall, Isla Vista**

What do literature and critical theory contribute to the reflection on human rights and the analysis of their violation? Inquiry into different ways in which the humanities can reframe the debate on human rights and act as a social force. This class will address the fundamentally literary structure of testimony by exploring several works of fiction that treat various crimes against humanity. Texts include Ariel Dorfman, *Death and the Maiden*, J. M. Coetzee, *Waiting for the Barbarians*, Edwige Danticat, *Krik? Krak!*, and others.

There will be two sections and one Honors section.

57729 Comp Lit, M 9:00- 9:50 staff, SH 1415

59659 English, M 9:00- 9:50 staff, SH 1415

57737 Comp Lit, M 10:00-10:50 staff, SH 1415

Honors Section Comp Lit and English, R 12:00-12:50, Girv 2110

Enroll in any section to switch to Honors section with instructor approval.



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Course also available Spring 2008.