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Topics in German Culture Studies, Social and Intellectual History

The United States through German Eyes, from the first Tea Party (Boston Harbor) to Today

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Often, the way we respond to others reveals a lot about ourselves.

So, what do German-speakers' responses to American culture and politics tell us about the way they understand themselves, their culture, and the world? To explore this question, we will read letters and stories, watch films and newsreels, listen to popular music and propaganda, look at photographs and artwork, surf the web, and follow social media.



We will cover German reactions to the American Revolution, the Wild West, Henry Ford's assembly line, American occupation of Germany after WWII—and, for a month in October and early November, to the American presidential race.

In the end—who knows what we might learn about U.S. culture and society looking through German eyes?

The class will be conducted in German. We will discuss and practice advanced topics in grammar and language, and the course will be structured to help students improve reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.

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