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Großes Geländeseminar Westkanada

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Studiengänge: BA Kulturgeographie / BSc Physische Geographie / Lehramt

ECTS: 5 + 10

Teilnehmerzahl: 20

Anmeldung: To be announced.

Inhalte: This seminar explores historical and contemporary geographies, focussing on the interwoven relationships between peoples, cultures, landscapes, and nature in Western Canada. Weekly seminar topics include First Nations geographies, colonisation and colonialism, the Wild West, imaginaries and symbols of „wildness“, contemporary tourism geography, the relations between wildlife, society, and culture, and critical examinations of modern globalisation and socioeconomic polarisation.

The seminar will culminate in a 10-day hands-on excursion from Calgary to Vancouver in August 2021, during which participants will speak with First Nations elders, participate in traditional cultural activities, examine imaginaries and histories of the Wild West, learn about geological history and industry in the Rocky Mountains, study First Nations cultures, colonial agriculture/viticulture, and migrant labour in Canada’s desert, interrogate wildlife tourism and commodification of wilderness in Tofino, Vancouver Island, and dissect contemporary urban geographies in Vancouver, among other activities.

The course fee is 1400 €, not including flights. All activities, accommodations, and some meals are included in this cost.

A more detailed outline will be presented at the Vorbesprechung.

Voraussetzungen: Ability to read, write, and speak English at an intermediate level. German language ability is not required to complete this module.

Ziele: Develop the ability to interrogate contemporary narratives about First Nations, colonialism, the relations between nature and culture, and the roles of physical geography in historical and contemporary society.

Seminartermin: Thursdays 14:15-15:45 in Seminarraum 00.147, Wetterkreuz 15, Tennenlohe.

Verbindliche Vorbesprechung: To be announced.

