

COURSE DETAIL

CONTEMPORARY GERMAN LITERATURE: JENNY ERPENBECK'S GO WENT GONE

Country

Germany

Host Institution

Free University of Berlin

Program(s)

Free University Berlin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

German Comparative Literature

UCEAP Course Number

128

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CONTEMPORARY GERMAN LITERATURE: JENNY ERPENBECK'S GO WENT GONE

UCEAP Transcript Title

CONTEMP GERMAN LIT

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Jenny Erpenbeck's *Go, Went, Gone*, published in German in 2015, is a politically charged novel about the situation of African refugees in Berlin. Richard, an older German with a GDR background, gets involved with, and befriends, a number of African refugees at a protest camp on Oranienplatz in Kreuzberg. A former Classics professor who was recently forced into retirement, he empathizes with the refugees, who are not allowed to work under German asylum laws. Richard researches their plight and helps them with administrative and everyday tasks, even giving piano lessons to one of them. After a break-in at Richard's house, he and his friends question their own prejudices and attempt to learn from the experience. The novel serves as a starting point for the exploration of the political and human rights issues surrounding the situation of African refugees in Berlin. Some additional materials are provided to round out the discussion.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

16914

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Host Institution Degree

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Institut für deutsche und niederländische Philologie

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