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Addressing Racism in English Language Education – Challenges, Principles, and some Practical Examples

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In an age of digital learning settings determining university life and the growing urge of students to spend time abroad, our **international lecture series** aims to be a forum for international exchange and the experience of intercultural diversity. Each lecture illustrates the various facets of diversity, heterogeneity and inclusion, and exemplifies how this variety can be effectively used in teacher education programs and professional teaching.

Now going into its **second round**, our international lecture series includes two interesting and multifaceted talks on topics related to teaching by scholars from University of Jena and Georgia State College, USA.

The format is open to different kinds of academic and interdisciplinary exchange and takes place in digital settings.

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As wildfires, droughts, a global pandemic, rising sea levels, warming ocean waters and increasingly frequent and violent storms have recently shown, climate change is a topic of imminent urgency. It is a convergence of plural crises that in the coming decades will require all hands on deck, i.e. the cooperation of myriad fields of expertise rather than thinking in traditional disciplinary silos.

The two instructors of this transatlantic online course will describe how they conceptualized a post-disciplinary, integrative conversation linking the science of climate change, philosophy, cultural, media, and film studies, literary studies, French, Spanish, and English studies, pedagogy and teacher education, eco-criticism and eco-pedagogy. Offered jointly by the FSU Jena and a university in the U.S., the binational course, “Climate Crisis: Teaching Philosophy and Fiction at the End of the World,” took place in the summer term of 2021 and is being taught again this semester.

In our presentation we will describe the basic outline of the course with its outcomes, the materials used – from secondary literature to commercials, films, novels, and bandes dessinées – and the course schedule. We will present some outstanding student contributions as well as provide ideas for similar course formats.

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Ever since the Black Lives Matter movement gained new momentum in June 2020, racism has become an increasingly important topic for young adults all over the world: As people in Berlin, London or Vienna protested the murder of George Floyd alongside the racist attacks and police brutality in their own countries, racism became an integral part of the European discourse on racism. This transcultural and globalized dynamic calls for implementation in English language teaching – with English as *lingua franca* of the global anti-racism movements and the US as a major point of reference in the discourse, English language teaching (ELT) offers many starting points for critical, self-reflexive and engaged debates and for establishing an anti-racist teaching practice.

This talk focuses on the ways in which English language education can help to foster competences and hone skills that are required to do so – especially in predominantly white settings. Based on a theoretical framework that draws on Critical Race Theory and Critical Whiteness Pedagogy, the talk outlines some of the main aspects and challenges that may arise when racism is addressed in the EFL classroom and offers some ideas and practical examples. By suggesting heuristic principles as well as teaching materials and activities, the talk engages in the ongoing debate about the value and necessity of critical, engaged, and oftentimes uncomfortable teaching practices that actively counter racism – in the classroom and beyond.



Dr. Silke Braselmann

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We are looking forward to a
variety of interesting talks and
your participation!

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