GER 376 Empires and Globalization: German

2 credits; meets 2 hours/week

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Course Description
GER 376 examines the history of German imperialism and the rise of neocolonialism in Europe and other parts of the world where Germany, Austria, and Switzerland have had social, cultural, and linguistic impact. Students explore the impact of colonization and the effects of neoliberalism and globalization in German through the use of historical source materials and current news articles. This is a required course in the WLC major in the Social Architecture and Power thematic area. Prerequisite: Third-year proficiency in French, German, or Spanish. Co-requisite: Concurrent enrollment in WLC 376.

Student Learning Outcomes
Learners should demonstrate the following skills, knowledge, and values related to analyzing and critiquing political and economic systems and relationships of power between different peoples whose lives intersect in some significant way with German:
• understand and describe the social construction of and interactions between elements of identity (race, class, gender) within societies
• explore and reflect on the experiences of members of linguistic or cultural communities that have been historically marginalized due to race, gender, sexual identity, social class, or other social constructs
• understand, analyze, and reflect on personal identity and positionality in global/polycultural contexts
• describe ways in which linguistic behavior is used to reinforce social identities

Learning Resources
Required
Course packet available through the Beaver store.
Evaluation of Student Performance

See Academic Rules 17, 18 and 19 in the OSU catalog for complete information on grade assignment at OSU.

Grade Calculation

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Learning/Assessment Activities

1. **Nachrichten** – At the beginning of each meeting, two students will present for five minutes in German on a news story from German-language media relevant to the topic of the week. Each student will present a news story twice in the term.

2. **Planspiel** – In week four, we will choose a topic related to German imperialism and globalization, and divide the class into several three-person groups with each group representing a perspective relevant to the topic. The Planspiel will take place in Week 10. See guidelines on Canvas for more details.

3. **Planspiel Preparation** – In preparation for the final Planspiel, students will conduct research and have group discussions to deepen their understanding and ability to talk about the different perspectives represented in the Planspiel.

Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities

Accommodations are collaborative efforts between students, faculty and Disability Access Services (DAS). Students with accommodations approved through DAS are responsible for contacting the faculty member in charge of the course prior to or during the first week of the term to discuss accommodations. Students who believe they are eligible for accommodations but who have not yet obtained approval through DAS should contact DAS immediately at 541-737-4098.

Expectations for Student Conduct

Please see oregonstate.edu/studentconduct/offenses-0 for expectations for student conduct (cheating policies).
Course Content

**Week 1:** Zeittafel: Von Karl dem Großen bis zu Angela Merkel

**Week 2:** Namibia

**Week 3:** Österreich. Sieger und Besiegter

**Week 4:** Workshop Debate Topics

**Week 5:** Deutschland in der EU

**Week 6:** Die Rolle der Gewerkschaften

**Week 7:** Die deutsche Industrie im II. Weltkrieg

**Week 8:** Aldi und Co.

**Week 9:** Die D-Mark

**Week 10:** Planspiel