

ECLA Spring Term 08–09

## **PY Research Seminars**

Monday and Thursday 9.00 – 12.15 am  
In Laura Scuriatti's office (Platanenstr. 98a, basement)

### **Description of aim and format**

The research seminars are conceived as a forum offering PY students the opportunity to engage with the research and work pursued by other fellow students throughout the year, and as a chance for each student to present his/her own ideas to an audience of peers.

The main aim of the seminars is to help each and every student, independently of the stage of their work, to identify the central issues of their research project, to make this content available to fellow students who may be unfamiliar with its topic or even its discipline, and to receive constructive feedback, which may then be integrated in the final version of the project itself.

Seminars will take place twice a week for the first 5 weeks of the spring term in single sessions of 3 hours with a break, and will be structured as follows:

Each session is devoted to one student. In the first half of the seminar (circa 2.00 hours) the appointed student will present his/her own project, and will introduce the chosen text and its relevance or use in the broader context of the project, the issues which it raises and how they will be dealt with in the project. A Q&A session and a thorough discussion of the text and the project in the form of a seminar will follow. In the second and shorter part of the session (about 40 minutes), taking place after the break, each student should produce a brief written piece which may serve as feedback for the presenting student. This should NOT be conceived as an evaluation of the student's presentation or work, but rather as an academic paper responding CONSTRUCTIVELY to the issues and problems raised by the text read in class and the ensuing discussion.

The papers will be collected by the seminars' coordinators at the end of each session and graded. Students will also receive participation grades. The spring term's course grade will consist of an average of these two grades.

### **Schedule of presentations:**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April: Titus Techera

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Christina Groeger

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Julianna Szoke

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April: Nicoleta Marian

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April: Oana Becheru

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Daria Coscodan

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 9.00 12.15 am:** Brindusa Birhala (**please note change in schedule**)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Livia Marinescu

Two last sessions will be scheduled during the State of the World Week.