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V	**What is Postcolonialism? An Introduction and Survey**	**Wed (3)**	**HSZ 304**

This lecture provides a comprehensive introduction to postcolonial literature as well as to the methods and approaches of postcolonial theory. In the first part of the lecture we will take a look at the history of British/English colonialism and then explore definitions of colonialism and postcolonialism. In the second part we will concentrate on the main theoretical concepts such as orientalism (Said), knowledge and power (Foucault), hybridity and 'Third Space' (Bhabha), but we will also engage with the work of other critics like Gayatri Spivak and Frantz Fanon. In the third part of this lecture, we will then put our knowledge into practice and work with a representative selection of colonial and postcolonial short stories.

An extensive bibliography will be provided at the beginning of the term.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in the international workshop Borderlands/Edgelands which will take place at TU Dresden on **June 25-26.**

The first session takes place in the second week of term.