

**Blockseminar  
Anglistik/Linguistik  
SS 2008**

**ENGLISH IN AFRICA:  
FOCUS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA**

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**COURSE OUTLINE**

The seminar offers an overview of the issues surrounding the expansion of English worldwide with special reference to Southern Africa. After a preliminary consideration of the relevance of the three circles of English model, the seminar will provide descriptions of the different sociological contexts of English and language contact in Southern Africa. This will be followed by an examination of illustrative trends in phonological, syntactic and semantic peculiarities of English in Southern Africa. These will be discussed against the background of B. Kachru's cline of proficiency. Next the seminar will deal with issues of language-contact, multilingualism, language planning and target models in education. Finally, the seminar will consider the politics and cultural debates surrounding the status and roles of English as a global language.

<b>Schedule of meetings.</b>		
<b>WEEK1: June 19. The spread of English worldwide.</b>		
	16-17	Historical background to the spread of English worldwide
	17-18	The three circles of English and other models of English usage worldwide
	18-19	English in Southern Africa- variety of contexts in the region.

<b>WEEK 2: June 26. Issues in language contact in Southern Africa.</b>		
	16-17	Language use and attitudes towards English
	17-18	Language policies and language planning and case studies
	18-19	English Language and teaching issues: Target models in teaching
<b>WEEK 3: July 3. Standards, codification and regional peculiarities of English in Southern Africa.</b>		
	16-17	Phonology
	17-18	Syntax
	18-19	Lexical
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>July 10. The cultural politics of English</b>	
	16-17	Race, class and gender issues
	17-18	Language, democracy and political pluralism
	18-19	Summing up: English and global Africa.

### Recommended reading

Angogo, R and Hancock (1980) English in Africa; Emerging Standards or Diverging Regionalisms? *English World-Wide*. 1 (1).

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