

GMST 353: The Power of Propaganda and the Politics of Persecution: Literature and Film of the Holocaust and 'Third Reich' (1.5 units)

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Radio as a form of propaganda (open source image)

Schedule

Mondays & Thursdays from 1:00pm until 2:20pm

Prerequisites

n/a

Description

This course focuses on Nazi popular culture and entertainment films and explores a variety of Holocaust narratives that emerged during the National Socialist era and its aftermath.

Throughout this course, you will analyze how propaganda was designed and used to achieve its desired goals as well as how it served as a basis for mass persecution and genocide. The personal narratives selected for the course highlight a variety of experiences.

Books

- Inge Deutschkron, *Outcast*
- Ruth Kluger, *Still Alive*
- Eli Wiesel, *Night*

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