



GMST 501: Introduction to the Disciplines in Germanic and Slavic Studies (1.5 units)

Spring 2026 – University of Victoria



Intervention at the Sachsenhausen memorial site by Helga Thorson

Schedule

Wednesdays from 10:00am until 12:50pm

Prerequisites

n/a

Description

This course is an introduction to the disciplines of Germanic and Slavic Studies with a particular focus on Holocaust studies as an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary scholarly field. The course also serves as a preparation for the task of producing an MA project or thesis. In workshop-style seminar sessions, you will finalize your MA project or thesis proposal, network with guest speakers, and submit a literature review on your specific research topic. As a class, we will read and discuss a wide variety of theoretical work, fiction, film, and life writing in Holocaust studies.

Books

Gisella Perl, *I Was a Doctor at Auschwitz* (1948)

Plus a substantial number of articles, films, and short fiction.

Instructor

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