Liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Am 17.2.2011 wird wieder eine durch den Philologenverband organisierte RLFB zum Thema Politics am Gymnasium Veitshöchheim stattfinden.

Die Referenten werden Herr Colin Humphrey und Herr Hünemörder von der Universität München sein.

Herr Humphrey wird von ca. 9.30 – 12 Uhr über The Rise and Fall of 'Britishness' referieren.

Abstract:

After the Act of Union of 1707, which finally fused Scotland with England and Wales to form Great Britain, the component parts of this new political entity came to be pervaded by a strong sense of 'Britishness', which served as the basis of Britain's subsequent economic and imperial success. Since the Second World War, however, this awareness of sharing a common identity has been steadily eroded by the revival of nationalist feelings among the Scots and Welsh, culminating in 1999 in the establishment of a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly, thereby undermining Britain’s former unitary constitution. In this talk, Colin Humphrey outlines the factors which spawned and promoted this sense of 'Britishness' and then discusses the implications which its impending demise has for England and the English.

Herr Hünemörders Fortbildung USA Update 2011 (ca. 13 – 16.30 Uhr) hat amerikanische Politik zum Thema.

Abstract:

In the third year of the Obama presidency, where does the United States stand? While the Obama administration was remarkably successful in passing progressive reform legislation, the popularity of the president and his Democratic fell sharply throughout 2010, leading to partial defeat in the Congressional elections of 2010. With the Republicans in control of the House of Representatives, is “change we can believe in” still possible? This class will examine current main issues in domestic and foreign policy, as well as political culture and American society, including the role of the so-called Tea Party. We will look at the upcoming presidential election of 2012, especially possible Republican candidates. As usual, political satire and humor will help provide perspective on the serious business of politics.


Herzliche Grüße,

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