

We shall overcome! – I have a dream... - I am not your Negro: Blacks in the United States

You might know some of the quotations or titles mentioned above, they all have something to do with the history, the present and even the future of the Blacks in the United States of America. The seminar 2019/2020 in English will deal with all those issues.

In June/July we will try to find and to fix possible topics of your project paper and we are going to prepare and talk about the fundamental aspects of research and scientific work, closely related to the topic. In addition, there will be a field trip to Nuremberg in July, where experts of the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Nürnberg-Erlangen and the German-American Institute offer assistance to fully develop the character of the topic in general and your personal term paper as well.

It is essential to mention that the topic of this seminar has to be regarded in the widest range of scale: not only historical aspects could be taken into consideration, sociological and political issues might also be worth to be examined.

What could be the topics of your project paper? Here you are some examples:

- 1) Personalities of historical or political interest, e.g. Martin Luther King, Jesse Jackson, WEB DuBois
- 2) Historical Events, e.g. Montgomery Bus Boycott, „I have a dream“-speech, Assassination of Malcolm X
- 3) 'Black' Literature, e.g. Tony Morrison, Lorraine Hansberry, Alice Walker, Ralph Ellison, Harper Lee
- 4) Cinematic perspectives, e.g. The Help, Selma, I am not your Negro, Hidden Figures

This list may be continued towards infinity, it is up to you to find your topic and to gather first experiences with academic writing.