

BERLIN THEN AND NOW:



A CULTURAL STUDIES APPROACH TO LIFE IN A EUROPEAN CITY

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M 3:00-4:15pm Zoom meetings - Remote learning class

The course will explore the spatial and cultural topography of today's Berlin. We will discuss selected architectural landmarks and social spaces in Berlin, focusing on their significance for the social and cultural life of the city, then and now. We will try to recapture the experience of living in Berlin at different time periods through various individual perspectives (e.g., of a bourgeois flaneur -- Benjamin *The Berlin Chronicle* or of an "angel" -- *Der Himmel ueber Berlin*). We will analyze the dynamics of life in this modern metropolis through its visual depiction provided by film and photography. The course will utilize various sources such as literary narration, historical accounts, photographic images, movies, cabaret songs and arts. We will also engage in virtual sightseeing and work with maps.

The course will be conducted in English. Reading materials will be available both in English and in German. Students taking this course will receive credits towards the Undergraduate Certificate in German Language and Culture and the Certificate in European Studies.

