IHUM READING GROUPS
2017–2018

The Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in the Humanities (IHUM) is again sponsoring a series of reading groups in 2017–2018. The groups convene around interdisciplinary interests and are open to all.

For details of scheduled meeting times and readings, please visit the individual group pages at princeton.edu/ihum/reading-groups

For further questions about IHUM Reading Groups, please contact Sena Hill (smhill@princeton.edu).

Environmental Humanities
The Environmental Humanities Reading Group meets monthly to discuss new texts at the intersections of ecology & culture. Readings encompass environmental justice issues, cultural responses to the Anthropocene, the coincident histories of capitalism and environmental degradation, and other areas of emerging interest.

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Inventory
A literary translation project run by Princeton graduate students across disciplines. Our annual journal catalogs original translations and offers critical texts on translation practice. Co-sponsored by the Department of Comparative Literature, the Lewis Center for the Arts, and the Program in Translation and Intercultural Communication.

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Late Medieval/ Early Modern Thought
The topic for the 2017–2018 iteration of this group will be, “Dominion and Domination in the Early Colonialism.” The central normative concerns are the logics of anti/colonialism and anti/subjugation of Native peoples in the “New World.”

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Black Studies and the Black Radical Tradition
This reading group reviews contemporary theories of “anti Black racism” and the relationship between Black studies and movements for racial, gender, class, and sexual justice. Co-sponsored by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center.

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Critical Writing and the Public Sphere
This group reads works of literary, cultural, and political criticism with attention to the relationship between critical style, on the one hand, and conditions of writing, reading, and publication, on the other. By delving into the criticism of the past, we aim to interrogate our own work as writers and intellectuals in the present.

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Encounters with the State
In this group we’ll discuss concrete manifestations of the contested and elusive concept of “the state” as well as how it (should) operates within and between disciplines, and intersects with public uses of the concept today.

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Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality
The Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality [REN] Reading Group critically engages with a variety of texts on the topics of race, ethnicity, and nationality, with particular attention paid to our contemporary moment, historical time, and global context.

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Speaking of Science
Organized by Princeton Citizen Scientists, this reading group serves as a site for monthly discussion about science communication. We will explore diverse methods of outreach and education, providing a site of engagement for scientists and humanists alike. Co-sponsored by the Council on Science and Technology.

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Theory
This group is a workshop, a supplement to Princeton’s intellectual culture, where theoretical texts will be chosen based on their interdisciplinary content and their immediate relevance to the present, within but also beyond the academy.

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Thomas Mann and His World
An interdisciplinary reading group on the novels of Thomas Mann. Our investigations are open to diverse fields from music to philosophy to politics to queer studies and may touch on Mann’s wartime years in Princeton.

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Universalism(s)
The Universalism(s) Reading Group aims to foster interdisciplinary, critical, and timely discussion of the contested category of the “universal,” including its legacies of violence and emancipation, particularity and globality. Through short readings from diverse authors, we especially hope to reconsider the Marxist tradition in light of decolonial thought.

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