

Code: BMI-FLMD-322:08

Course title: Politics And Poetics Of Home And Exile

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Class time and place: Tuesday, 16:00-17:30, Room #251

Course type: Seminar

Course content: Besides the real phenomenon of exile or displacement, for human existence as Simone Weil stated 'to be rooted is perhaps the most important and least recognized need of the human soul.' To belong is a belief that one's being is to be integrated to a wider field of Being. While Heidegger argues that being is preordially a mode of dwelling, on the other side, others preferred to theorize it as a journey: from being to becoming. Starting from the issues of existential being/belonging, the course will to examine how the notion of 'home' refers to other issues of identity, childhood, mother, safety, land/territory, nostalgia and such. Our bodies and languages are also homes for us. So, the different kinds of exilic experiences, besides geographical displacement and traumas of loss of language and alienation from self/body/identities will be covered. The main focus of the course will be on the relationship of different exilic experiences to literature and cinema.
