

Code: BMI-FLMD-322:09

Course title: In-Between Apocalypse and Promised Land: Culture and Politics of Emotions

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Class time and place: Thursday, 14:00-15:30, Room #-137

Course type: Seminar

Course content: The main aim of this course is to study and understand how various emotions shape both culture and politics. Especially with 'affect studies' approaches from various academic fields, the course will focus on how current politics and culture are shaped by emotions and in turn how they are affective in identity formation and create actions. Among many varieties of emotions this course specifically will concentrate on 'fear and anger' also on 'pain' as particular emotions affecting current political, social movements and relations. On the other side, even paradoxically, we also live in an era of a 'promised happiness'. We are living in between a real land of fear and pain from where we are supposed to escape from and an illusionary promised land where we are supposed to rush into. As a result, wounded and vulnerable identities are created with feelings of a loss of a never-possible perfection, either racially, socially, economically, culturally or geographically. At this point modernity, development and multiculturalism will be critically examined as experiences producing individual and collective emotions.
