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### Sém. Ang. I/TC: Reading Medieval Violence (2AN2070)

| Filières concernées                         | Nombre d'heures        | Validation           | Crédits ECTS |
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| <b>Pilier principal M A - littératures</b>  | <b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b> | <b>cont. continu</b> | <b>5</b>     |
| <b>Pilier secondaire M A - littératures</b> | <b>Séminaire: 2 ph</b> | <b>cont. continu</b> | <b>5</b>     |

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

#### Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

#### Equipe enseignante:

Katrin Rupp

#### Objectifs:

This course helps students enhance their skills in close reading and critical analysis of texts; these skills are useful for writing papers.

#### Contenu:

The medieval period is often associated with barbaric brutality which we like to firmly lock away in the days long gone by. However, the gap between the Middle Ages and the 21st-century present is not as big as it seems. When a former Guantanamo prisoner said he had been tortured in medieval ways, he bridged that gap in an uncanny way. In this seminar we will study medieval texts (with accompanying translations) which deal with various kinds of violence such as torture, murder and rape. We will discuss the ways in which this violence can be interpreted in its socio-cultural context and how it may relate to modern forms of violence.

#### Forme de l'évaluation:

MA students are required to write one essay of approximately 15 pages, to be handed in by 15 September 2016 (electronic and paper copy). Additionally, students are asked to give in-class presentations. Regular attendance is mandatory.

#### Documentation:

A course reader will be distributed in our first meeting (at cost price, c. 10 CHF).

#### Pré-requis:

Completed BA

#### Forme de l'enseignement:

Seminar