

Seminarleitung: Martin Lotter
Rahmenthema: **London**

Leitfach: Englisch

"London seemed like a house with five thousand rooms, all different; the kick was to work out how they connected, and eventually to walk through all of them." (Hanif Kureishi)

Never being able to see all these rooms, the seminar will nonetheless try to get a glimpse of some of them. We are going to get an idea of the significance, past and present, of the capital of the United Kingdom, and an understanding of the countless facets of this multiethnic metropolis.

English being the language we will use in the seminar, in the research paper and for the presentations, a good grasp of English is indispensable (the literature you will work with is in English, too). Students should show interest in the various topics involved.

Student performance assessment will be based on short tests, lesson participation and oral presentations.

Topics for your research paper might revolve around the following ideas, provisional suggestions from an extremely broad and interesting range of possible subjects; finding individual ideas for the research paper will be an important part of our work in Q11/1:

1. London - a Major Settlement for two Millennia
2. 1665-1666: The Great Plague and the Great Fire
3. Historical Personalities: Sir Christopher Wren
4. London and The Royal Family
5. Black Cabs and Red Routemasters: London's Icons
6. Culture and Museums
7. Music
8. Immigration
9. Growth of a Metropolis
10. London Sights
11. Parks
12. Greater London
13. Traffic: The London Underground
14. The Thames - London's Backbone
15. London Mayors: Boris Johnson vs Sadiq Khan
16. London's Challenges Today

