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11.15 – 12.45 Uhr

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Lecture Series "Canada 150"

Invitation to the 12th lecture, by

Gabriele Linke

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Exploring the Canadian Mosaic through Autobiography

Canada has been known to be an ethnically heterogeneous nation, which is expressed by the metaphor of the mosaic. This lecture will address the question to what extent autobiographies can be considered as representative of the life and experience of specific ethnic groups. Since Eastern European and Indigenous life narratives have already been discussed in previous lectures, only a few Indigenous autobiographies (Anahareo, J.A. Merasty) will be added to the list of First Nations life narratives, and the focus will shift to the experiences of British Canadians (or 'white settlers') such as Emily Carr and Margaret Gillies Brown, Chinese Canadians (Denise Chong; Wayson Choy), German/Austrian-descent Hutterites (Mary-Ann Kirkby) and some others. With the help of selected texts, both the diversity of the life stories and the shared features of the Canadian experience will be highlighted, as well as the changing attitudes towards ethnic diversity in 20th century Canada.

