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11.15 –12.45 Uhr**

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Lecture Series "Canada 150"

Invitation to the 7th lecture, by

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African Diaspora/s in North America

Starting with Alex Haley's 1976 novel *Roots*, the lecture will relate the emergence of the diaspora concept in the 1980s and '90s to debates about African American identity in the U.S. at the time. The numerous African American novels that turn to the historical experience of slavery illustrate a shift from the black nationalism of the 1960s to the identity politics of the 1980s and '90s.

The second part of the lecture will shift the focus to Canada where black authors in recent decades have also turned to the topic of slavery. Not only do these literary works expose the systemic racism in Canada but they also put the country on the map as a distinct part of the African diaspora and thus suggest that we need to speak of diasporas in the plural.

