

GERM 267

Contemporary German and Austrian Cinema:

The Films of the Berlin School

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Over the past 15 years a new generation of filmmakers called “Berlin School” has emerged in German cinema. Their realist films focus on people lost and adrift in a country in which neoliberalism and globalization clash with national history, traditions and values. How to live, work, and love are up for grabs again, and the films follow protagonists—from post-college drifters to criminals and bankers—whose unraveled lives reflect their attempt to find meaning in this new world order.

Class taught in English. Includes weekly film screenings (with English subtitles). Fulfills Gen Ed reqs: VP, CI, NA