



*Transatlantic Dialogues: American / Cultural Studies as a Transnational Project*  
A collaboration between Saarland University, the University of Vienna,  
and Bradley University (IL, USA)

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## **“Rafting Web 2.0 with Huck Finn. Transatlantic Dialogues on the Mississippi Valley as a Transregional Space”**

A collaborative international course, summer semester 2010

### **Live(s) on the Mississippi:**

Field trip to the U.S: July 24 - August 14, 2010

#### **The course:**

- The Mississippi Valley: A contact zone of different (his)stories, cultures and cultural practices
- The cultures of the Mississippi Valley and ‘America’
- Culture as process: ‘Encounters’ and ‘locations’
- Globalization, cultural history, cultural studies, cultural theory
- Culture and spatiality: Space, place, region
- Literature, music, film, cultural history, and more

#### **Special features:**

- Shared e-learning platforms and exchanges
- Shared lectures and team-teaching
- Collaborative student projects with Saarland students (course) and Saarland and Bradley students (trip)
- Classes and workshops at Bradley University (trip)
- Shared investigations and discussions—intercultural collaboration and learning as conversation and dialogue

#### **The trip:**

- 5 faculty from 3 universities
  - Approx. 25 students from 3 universities
  - Itinerary (highlights):

Chicago, IL	
Peoria, IL	Classes on Bradley campus
Dubuque, IL	National Mississippi River Museum
Nauvoo, IL	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Hannibal, MO	Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum
Ste. Genevieve, MO	Great River Road Interpretive Center
Cairo IL,	Confluence Ohio & Mississippi
Memphis, TN	National Civil Rights Museum, Graceland
Clarksdale, MS	Delta Blues Museum
Natchez, MS	Natchez Trace Parkway, Frogmore Plantation, Grand Village of Natchez Indians
New Orleans, LA	French Quarter, Hurricane Rebirth Tour, Austrian Center (Univ. of New Orleans)
Vicksburg, MS	Civil War memorial site
Memphis, TN	Sun Studio
St. Louis, MO	Gateway Arch, Jefferson National Museum of Westward Expansion, Cahokia Mounds State Park
Peoria, IL	Workshops on Bradley campus
  - Distance traveled: Approx. 2800 miles
  - Cost: Approx. 1000 Euros (excl. airfare to and from Chicago)
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