The German Studies program seeks 1 Teaching Assistant for following course:

**GER323H1F – Weimar Culture and Beyond**

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(This course is taught in German)

**Instructor:** Professor Christine Lehleiter

Online forum TBD

This course is taught in an asynchronous format. Please note that, in keeping with current circumstances, the course delivery method may change as determined by the Faculty or the Department.

In an attempt to come to terms with Hitler’s rise to power, scholars have often pointed to the failure of the *Weimarer Republik*. It is a widely accepted thesis that the political instability of Germany’s first republic, fueled by the effects of Global Economic Crisis from 1929, facilitated Hitler’s election in 1933. However, such assessment of Weimer Germany risks judging from post-45 perspective and overlooking the extraordinary political, social and artistic achievements of the period. Expressionism, Dada, Neue Sachlichkeit, Bauhaus, and the Golden Age of German Film are just a few of the buzz words which belong to the legacy of Weimar. In this course, we will consider the two decades following the end of WWI and preceding WWII (roughly from 1918 to 1938) by study in literary, political and artistic documents of one of the most significant periods in German history.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

A background in German Studies and familiarity with the German Undergraduate Program are required. Preference will be given to candidates with a demonstrated expertise in the period: (a) German culture, including areas like literature, music, film and architecture; (b) German philosophy and history of thought. Excellent German language skills in reading and writing required.

**DUTIES INCLUDE:**

Preparatory readings for course meetings, engaging with course participants in an online forum, assessing online forum, online meetings with the instructor,

**Hours of Work:** 36 hours (approximately)

**Estimated Course Enrolment:** 30 students

**Rate of Pay:** $46.24/hour (plus 4% vacation pay)

Please note that should rates stipulated in the collective agreement vary from rates stated in this posting, the rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants should submit a cover letter (addressing their demonstrated knowledge of the course topic), updated C.V. (including previous teaching evaluations, if applicable), and one letter of
reference by **September 3, 2020**. Applications should be sent electronically to:

**Gayle Grisdale**  
Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures  
University of Toronto  
e-mail: [german@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:german@chass.utoronto.ca)

If during the application and/or selection process you require accommodation due to a disability, please contact Gayle Grisdale at [german@chass.utoronto.ca](mailto:german@chass.utoronto.ca).

This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 Collective Agreement. The position above is tentative, pending final course determinations and enrolments.

The Departmental Hiring Policy is available in the Department office and in the CUPE Local 3902 office.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Note: Although a graduate student’s preference as to the campus location of his/her TA appointment will be taken into account, both the initial TA appointment (or CI appointment) and the subsequent appointment obligation related to that appointment may be met through position(s) on any one of the three University of Toronto campuses (UTM, UTSC or St. George) in courses in the same discipline as the initial appointment. TAs will only be assigned to courses in fields in which they are or should be qualified to assist. Duties of this position shall be performed at the campus on which the position is located. Where the duties are intended to be performed at another location, such other location will be specified in the posting.

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