

CMLT 4010
Fall 2007
TuTh 12:30-1:45

Introduction to Literary Theory

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Tu and W 2-3

Reading Schedule

1. 21/8 Nabokov, *The Annotated Lolita*, pt. I, 3-74
23/8 Nabokov, pt. I, 74-142
2. 28/8 Nabokov, pt. II, 145-229
30/8 Nabokov, pt. II, 229-309
3. 4/9 Nafisi, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, pt. I (Lolita), 3-77
6/9 Nafisi, pt. II (Gatsby), 81-153
4. 11/9 Nafisi, pt. III (James) 157-253
13/9 Nafisi, pt. IV (Austen) and Epilogue, 257-343
5. 18/9 Casanova, *The World Republic of Letters*, Introduction and c. 1-2, 1-81
20/9 Casanova, c. 3-5, 82-172
6. 25/9 Conrad, *The Secret Agent*, c. I-V, 3-76
27/9 Conrad, c. VI-IX and Author's Note, 77-156
7. 2/10 Conrad, c. X-XIII, 157-233
4/10 Conrad vs. Casanova
8. 9/10 Midterm paper
11/10 Benjamin, "The Task of the Translator" (handout)
9. 16/10 Michaux, *A Barbarian in Asia*, 3-102
18/10 Michaux, 105-186
10. 23/10 Casanova, c. 6-7, 175-219
25/10 Fall Break
11. 30/10 Eco, *Serendipities: Language and Lunacy*, c. 1-3, 1-75
1/11 Eco, c. 4-5, 77-115
12. 6/11 Michaux, *Miserable Miracle*, 5-111
8/11 Michaux, 112-179
13. 13/11 Casanova, c. 8-9, 220-302
15/11 Casanova, c. 10-11 and Conclusion, 303-355
14. 20/11 Marías, *A Heart So White*, 3-89
22/11 Thanksgiving
15. 27/11 Marías, 90-183
29/11 Marías, 184-279
16. 6/12 Review and discussion of papers

REQUIREMENTS

All the assigned readings, including handouts

Regular class participation (5%)

Midterm paper (35%), due Tuesday 9 October (5-8 pages), in class

Final paper (45%), due Thursday 6 December (10-12 pages), in my mailbox

Weekly response papers (15%) due Thursdays in class, beginning 30 Aug. (except 4 Oct.)

Course Books

Nabokov, *The Annotated Lolita*
Vintage 0679727299

Nafisi, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
Random House 081297106X

Casanova, *The World Republic of Letters*
Harvard 0674010213

Conrad, *The Secret Agent*
Oxford UP 0192801694

Michaux, *A Barbarian in Asia*
New Directions 0811209911

Eco, *Serendipities: Language and Lunacy*
Harcourt 0156007517

Michaux, *Miserable Miracle*
New York Review of Books 1590170016

Marías, *A Heart So White*
New Directions 0811215059