HL4040 Literature and Art



Salvador Dali, Illustrated Alice in Wonderland (1969)

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Consultations by appointment

Weekly Schedule

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Week 1 14.1.20	Introduction	
Week 2	Ekphrasis 1	Handout of selected readings
21.1.20	Expinasis 1	riandout of selected readings
Week 3	Ekphrasis 2	Handout of selected readings
28.1.20		
Week 4	Virginia Woolf and Art	To the Lighthouse and Selected
4.2.20		Readings
Week 5	Intermediality and the Pictorial	(stories and readings)
11.2.20		
Week 6	Literature and (as) Art	John Banville, <i>The Sea</i>
18.2.20		
Week 7	Literature and (as) Art	John Banville, The Sea
25.2.20		
Week 8	Recess	
4.3.20		***
Week 9	Ali Smith, How to be Both	Ali Smith, How to be Both
11.3.20	Ekphrasis and Narrative	
Week 10	The Vegetarian	Han Kang, The Vegetarian
18.3.20		
Week 11	Literature as Art	Alessandro Baricco. Silk.
25.3.20		
Week 12	Film and Art	Selected films by Wong Kar Wai,
1.4.20		Peter Greenaway etc
Week 13	Staging Art	Samuel Beckett, Waiting for
8.4.20		Godot
Week 14	Conclusion	
15.4.20		

Assessment

10% - Participation

50% - Research Essay (2500 words) & Abstract

40% - In Class Test

All uses of AI tools (if any) have to be clearly cited in this class.



Yoshitomo Nara, Cosmic Girl (Eyes Open, Eyes Shut), 2008

Primary Readings

Handbook of Ekphrastic Poetry (provided via NTULearn)

Virginia Woolf, To the Lighthouse (any edition)

John Banville, The Sea (Picador, any edition)

Ali Smith, How to be Both (Picador (any edition)

Samuel Beckett, Waiting for Godot (any edition)

Secondary Readings

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Salvador Dali, Mad Tea Party, 1969