

YO/UR Future: American Studies Day with REAF

On 26 October 2017, the Regensburg European American Forum hosted an American Studies workshop for Dr. Susanne Auflitsch's W-Seminar "The U.S. South: Perspectives on History, Culture, Literature" (Gymnasium Neutraubling) as part of REAF Outreach. The high school students were greeted by REAF Executive Director Dr. Birgit Bauridl, who introduced the students both to Regensburg American Studies and to REAF. This was followed by a meet and greet with Prof. Dr. Volker Depkat (Professor, American Studies), who shed light on how to become a professor and answered the seminarians' questions about their current research projects. After a guided campus tour and Q&A with REAF Graduate Student Assistant Alexander Schneider, the students returned for a two-tier workshop with Dr. Bauridl and REAF Coordinator Florian Weinzierl. During the first part, Dr. Bauridl and the students explored the recent focus points and turns of American Studies from texts to visuals, places, and performances of transnational significance. In the second part, the students engaged and applied these concepts together with Florian Weinzierl at the example of Hamilton—both as the historical ten-dollar-bill founding father and as the current musical smash hit. With the eager and interested students holding their own during the workshop in the form of interested questions and critical opinions, REAF is looking forward to welcoming them back to Regensburg American Studies in the future and wishes all students a productive and exciting time with their research projects!