#### British Culture and Studies a.y. 2024-25



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# 1. ORGANIZATION: CLASS TIMETABLE

Course	Credits	Prof	Tuesday	Thursday
Culture e Studi in Lingua Inglese	6	Raffaella Antinucci	11.30am-2.30 pm	11.30 am-2.30 pm
Team code: 069n2o1				

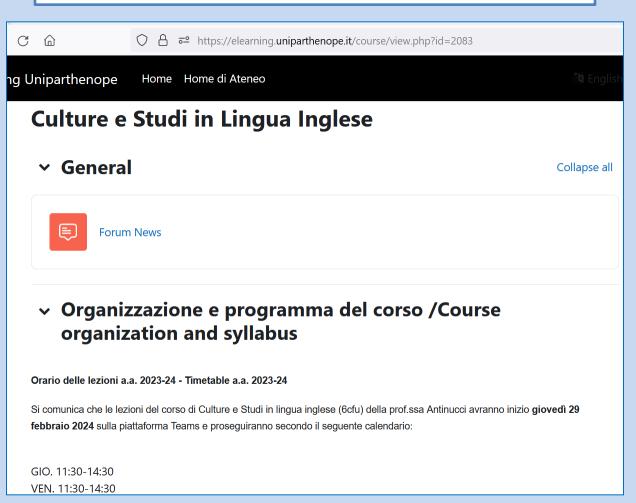
# **1. ORGANIZATION: CONTACTS**

# Email raffaella.antinucci@uniparthenope.it

# Office hours Wednesday 10.30-11.30 am (Room 516 or on Teams)

# **1. ORGANIZATION: RESOURCES** E-learning

https://elearning.uniparthenope.it/course/view.php?id=2083



## **1. ORGANIZATION: RESOURCES**

#### Esse3

#### https://uniparthenope.coursecatalogue.cin eca.it/insegnamenti/2024/6847/2020/1/10 066?coorte=2022&schemaid=4168

## **2. LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- The course aims to enhance students' knowledge of the cultural, artistic and touristic context of the United Kingdom through the analysis of literary and non-literary texts, which deal with the complex notion of national identity.
- Besides conveying specific notions, the module is also designed to develop students' interest in the study of distant cultures present in British multicultural society, together with the artistic languages and media through which these cultural aspects are disseminated.

#### **3. PREREQUISITES**

In order to follow the lectures and study the course materials students are expected to have a good command of English (at least B2 of CEFR).

# **4. STUDY PROGRAM: TOPICS**

**MODULE 1 (32 h):** 

Culture, Territory and Identity: the United Kingdom

- The Country and people
- Identities
- Attitudes
- The British Media
- Cultural Heritage and the Arts

MODULE 2 (16 h): Multiculturalism, Tourism and Literary Studies: Contemporary British Fiction

- Introduction to Contemporary British Fiction
- Monica Ali's Brick Lane (2004)
- Julian Barnes's England, England (2007)

## **4. STUDY PROGRAM: TEXTBOOKS**

Module 1: excerpts taken from the following texts:
A) James O'Driscoll, *Britain for Learners of English, Oxford*, Oxford University Press, 2009 (chapters 1, 4, 5, 16, 22)

- B) Kate Fox, *Watching the English*, London, Hodder & Stoughton, 2004 (excerpts)
- C) David P. Christopher, *British Culture: An Introduction*, 3rd edition, London and New York, Routledge, 2015 (chapter 12)

N.B. All materials can be downloaded from the e-learning platform.

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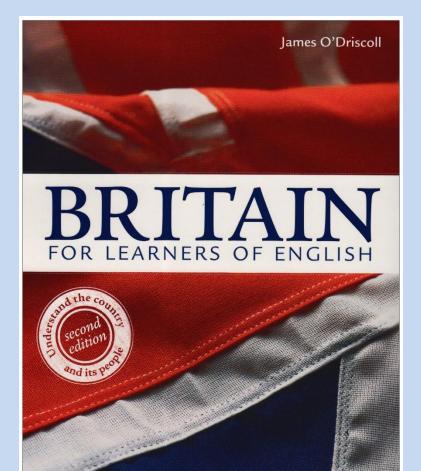
Module 2: excepts taken from

- A) Monica Ali, *Brick Lane* (any edition, chapter 1 and excerpts)
- B) Julian Barnes, *England*, *England* (any edition, chapter 1 and excerpts)

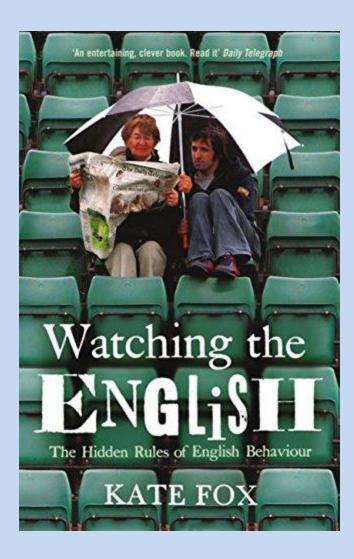
C) Nick Bentley, *Contemporary British Fiction*, Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 2008 (Introduction, chapters 2 and 5);

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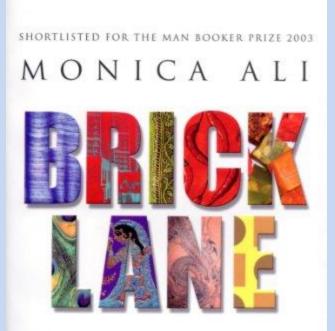
#### **MODULE 1**



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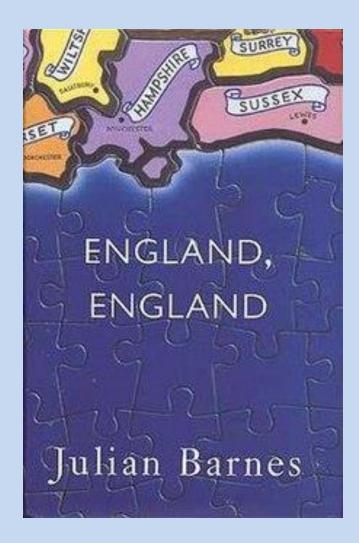


#### **MODULE 2**



'Written with a wisdom and skill that few authors attain in a lifetime' Sunday Times

"Brick Lane has everything: richly complex characters, a gripping story and it's funny too" Observer



#### **4. ASSESSMENT**

#### Oral examination:

Oral examination in English, aimed to verify the level of acquisition and personal reinterpretation of the cultural and literary topics presented during the course.

## **4. ASSESSMENT**

One/two questions will focus on the Civilization part, the others on the Literary syllabus. Students can practise the literary part of the oral exam using the file "Literature – questions for the exam" on the e-learning platform. Besides the level of familiarity with the topics in the syllabus, pronunciation and linguistic accuracy are further assessment criteria. The pass grade is 18/30.

## 4. ASSESSMENT FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND CLASSES

- Final course test on the Civilization part (optional):
- The written test will take place in person or on Moodle
- (https://elearning.uniparthenope.it/course/view.php?id=2
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- It will consist of 20 multiple choice questions on the Civilization part to be completed in 50 minutes. On Moodle, on the written test page, students will find a <u>practice test</u> as well.

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#### **Oral examination:**

Questions on the Literary part only. Students can practise the literary part of the oral exam using the file "Literature - questions for the exam" on the elearning platform. Besides the level of familiarity with the topics in the syllabus, pronunciation and linguistic accuracy are further assessment criteria. The pass grade is 18/30.

# 5. Extra/support activities

- Activities on Moodle
- Film/s
- Seminars and CRILLS events

# If you are willing to attend the course please print out the materials on Moodle



Thank you!