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**Theatre(s) in English**  
**Ενότητες μαθημάτων**

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## Ενότητα 1<sup>η</sup>

- Cultural background.
- Globalization.
- Trends and resistances.

### Key words:

- Hybridity.
- Pastiche.
- Mobility.
- De-hyphenation.
- Nationalization.
- De-nationalization.

## Ενότητα 2<sup>η</sup>

- Cultural background continued.
- Globalization.
- Beyond the nation-state.
- Problematics of contextualizing a play (how to read a play in relation to its era).

### Key words:

- Cultural historicism.
- Postmodernism.
- Cosmopolitanism.

## Ενότητα 3<sup>η</sup>

- Imagining the nation.

### Key words:

- Grand narratives.
- Archives.

- Traditionalism.

### **Play to study:**

- Sam Shepard. *True West* (American).

## **Ενότητα 4<sup>η</sup>**

- The politics of myth 1.

### **Key words:**

- Appropriation.
- Re-activation.
- Freedom.

### **Play to study:**

- Athol Fugard, *The Island* (South African).

## **Ενότητα 5<sup>η</sup>**

- The politics of myth 2.

### **Key words:**

- Appropriation.
- Re-activation.
- Selfhood.

### **Play to study:**

- Ola Rotimi. *The Gods are not to Blame* (Nigerian).

## Ενότητα 6<sup>η</sup>

- The otherness of color.

### Key words:

- Race.
- Deracialization.
- Belonging.
- Oneness.
- Selfhood.
- Subject position.

### Play to study:

- Adrienne Kennedy. *The Funnyhouse of a Negro* (African American).

## Ενότητα 7<sup>η</sup>

- Indian otherness.

### Key words:

- Race.
- Deracialization.
- Belonging.
- Oneness.
- Selfhood.
- Subject position.

### Play to study:

- Tomson Highway. *Rez Sisters* (Indian Canadian).

## Ενότητα 8<sup>η</sup>

- Political theatre.

### Key words:

- Hybridity.
- Oppression.
- Revenge.
- Democracy.

### Play to study:

- Jane Taylor. *Ubu and the Truth Commission* (South African).

## Ενότητα 9<sup>η</sup>

- The (im)possibilities of decolonization.

### Key words:

- Appropriation.
- Subject position.

### Play to study:

- Derek Walcott. *A Branch of the Blue Nile* (Trinidad).

## Ενότητα 10<sup>η</sup>

- About subject positions.

### Key words:

- Whiteness.
- Class.

- Gender.

### **Play to study:**

- Sharon Pollock. *Blood Relations* (Canadian).

## **Ενότητα 11<sup>η</sup>**

- Subjecthood-nationhood.

### **Key words:**

- Pastiche.
- Hybridity.
- Crossing.
- Borders.

### **Play to study:**

- Guillermo Verdecchia. *Fronteras Americanas* (Argentinean Canadian).

## **Ενότητα 12<sup>η</sup>**

- Concluding comments.
- Necessary comparisons.
- Wrapping up by raising numerous questions.
  1. After the nation, what?
  2. Can people live in a borderless world?
  3. Can people learn how to handle the reservoir of their memories differently?
  4. Can people fight provincialism?
  5. Can people discover new zones of togetherness?
  6. How do myths function?

## **Ενότητα 13<sup>η</sup>**

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27. Stallybrass, P. and A. White. **The Politics and Poetics of Transgression**
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33. Wilentz, G. **Binding Cultures: Black Women Writers in Africa and the Diaspora**

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**Note:**

In addition to the books on this reading list students are strongly encouraged to consult periodical sources as well, like MODERN DRAMA, THE DRAMA REVIEW, THEATRE JOURNAL, THEATRE SURVEY, PERFORMING ARTS JOURNAL, THEATREFORUM among others.