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Language is imbued with value and, in consequence, evaluation of its forms and usage is inevitable. The English language is especially interesting in this respect given its geographical spread and major role in processes of globalization. This seminar invites contributions, from both historical and contemporary perspectives, on the creation, maintenance and propagation of, and resistance to, language ideologies in English, e.g. language standardization, linguistic purism etc., in the context of wider contemporary socio-political and cultural ideologies. The aim will be to open up discussion about the role of language ideologies, be this from linguistic, social, cultural, political or cognitive perspectives.