German Contributions to World Literature: Thomas Mann, the Writer in Exile from Fascism

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PREREQUISITES
None - No knowledge of German required.
This course counts for Distribution Area VI

Thomas Mann left Germany shortly after the Nazis rose to power in 1933. After spending a few years in exile in Switzerland, he moved to the US in 1938 - first to Princeton, NJ and a few years later to Pacific Palisades, CA, where he lived until 1952. In this class, we will explore the literary texts Thomas Mann produced in his US exile as well as his political activism. While this class is designed as a reading course, we will also look at Thomas Mann's reception in Germany and the US and we will examine what it means to study literature in translation.