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Enrolment will be made through ESSARP's web page. If you have enrolled for a course and will not be able to attend a single session or the whole course, please advise at the Centre as soon as possible. Please ensure a prompt start by planning to arrive in advance of the beginning of the session.

D973 - Webinar - A Character Approach to Teaching Hamlet (set text, AS & A Level Literature 2024)

Dates: 22 May from 17:30 hs. to 19:00 hs. - 2024

Venue: Distance

Sessions: 1

Minimum attendance for certificates: 1

Vacancies per school: 5

For: Language and Literature teachers interested in teaching Literature, in general, and Hamlet, in particular.
Literature lovers interested in discussing this dramatic piece from a critical perspective

Please enrol before: **2024, May 17th**

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Objectives:

- To identify the main problems and challenges teachers and student may face when studying Hamlet
- To account for the main conflict(s) in the play
- To explain how the construction of characters and the setting contributes to the main conflict(s) in Hamlet
- To analyse the cultural and political implications of the play
- To discuss possible strategies, activities, resources and dynamics to tackle Hamlet in class

Contents:

- Contextual aspects: society, politics, economy and gender in Renaissance England.
- Character construction.
- The use of the supernatural and its bearing on the relation between the past and the present.
- Knowledge and politics.
- The tragic dimension of the play.

Bibliography: Source text

Shakespeare. W. Hamlet.

Critical and theoretical material

Foakes, R. A. (1993). Hamlet versus Lear: Cultural Politics and Shakespeare's Art. Cambridge: CUP.

Hunt, M. (2007). Looking for Hamlet. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Cambridge's Bibliography about Literature in English

Cambridge International Examinations (2018). Learner Guide IGCSE® Literature in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Russell, C (2018). Cambridge IGCSE® and O Level Literature in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Whitthome, E (2018). AS & A Level Literature in English. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Methodology:**
- Recovery of attendees' main difficulties when teaching literary texts and of their previous knowledge about the play and its author
 - Discussion of the problems related to the context of production
 - Introduction to William Shakespeare's dramatic world and the importance of this play
 - Exploration of specific features of the play –stage directions, characters, setting, conflict, etc.
 - Guided group analysis of the play.