

Victoria University of Wellington  
School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies

**Intensive MA course (LALS519)**  
**Cultural Learning and Language Teaching**  
**Dr Claudia Finkbeiner**

22 February – 5 March 2010, weekdays 4.10-6pm  
(final assessment due May 2010)

Dr Claudia Finkbeiner will use the framework of the *ABC's of Cultural Understanding and Communication* (Autobiography, Biography, and Cross-cultural comparison) to focus on cultural issues that are important for second language teaching and learning, and for communicating in a global world. Critical literacy and the sociocultural perspectives will be used to explore issues of culture, equity, and democracy in the classroom, in school environments, and in the workplace.



Claudia Finkbeiner is professor at the English department, School of Modern Languages, at the University of Kassel, Germany. She works in applied linguistics and intercultural communication. Her focus is on intercultural research, action oriented teaching, learning strategies and literacy development. Her most recent book on strategies in EFL reading added significantly to the field of literacy learning. She has been the president for the Association of Language Awareness (ALA) for three years and will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> international ALA conference in Germany: <http://www.uni-kassel.de/go/ala2010>. Her website is [www.uni-kassel.de/flul](http://www.uni-kassel.de/flul).

This special topic course is the latest in an ongoing series of intensive courses, each offering postgraduate students an exciting opportunity to be taught by a different visiting scholar and tailored to an area of their research and scholarship.

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