COML 3021 - Literary Theory on the Edge

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(LA-AS)
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This course introduces the most exciting and cutting-edge theoretical advances of the 20th and 21st centuries. Taught by two Cornell professors active in the field, along with occasional invited guests, lectures will cover such movements as structuralism, deconstruction, trauma theory, biopolitics, human-animal studies and post-human studies. The distinctiveness of literature and the power and complexity of language in all its forms will remain a central focus in the course. Course open to all levels; no previous knowledge of theory required.