



**GERM 426: MODERN AUSTRIAN LITERATURE**  
THE AUSTRIAN SCHOOL NOVEL

TAUGHT IN GERMAN  
(PREREQUISITE GERM 202 OR PERMISSION BY THE INSTRUCTOR)

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In this course we will read and discuss four short novels that take a hard look at Austrian schools: Musil's *Törless* is about a turn-of-the-century military academy, Torberg's *Schüler Gerber* is set in the late 1920's and illustrates the repressive bourgeois gymnasial system, Frischmuth's *Klosterschule* looks at Catholic girls' school in the late-1950's, and Bernhard's *Der Keller* examines the fate of a boy who turns his back on formal education in post-war Austria.