Syllabus
Hauptseminar: C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

*Studiengänge u. Teilgebiete im Fach Katholische Theologie:*

- LA Grund - Kath. Theo - Bereich: C - Teilgebiet: G
- LA H/R/GS - Kath. Theo - Bereich: C - Teilgebiet: HR
- Magister-Kath. Theologie - Bereich: C - Teilgebiet: M. A. (NF)
- LA Primars.-Kath. Theologie - Bereich: C - Teilgebiet: P C1
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*Studiengänge u. Teilgebiete im Fach Anglistik:*

Hauptseminar in allen Studiengängen

*Veranstaltungsnummer:* 021036  
*Time:* Monday 4:14 - 6:00 PM  
*Room:* Hü 2.69 (Hüfferstift)  
*Internet:* www.hoye.de/lewispain

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The texts that are distributed in the seminar are available in the Internet under the address: www.hoye.de/lewispain

*Commentary:*

The existence of suffering in a world created by a good and almighty God – "the problem of pain" – is a fundamental theological dilemma, and perhaps the most serious objection to the Christian religion. C. S. Lewis attempts to think through a Christian understanding of suffering. "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world", he concludes. Some of the topics of individual chapters are divine omnipotence, divine goodness, human wickedness, the fall of man, hell, animal pain, and heaven.

"Lewis is the ideal persuader for the half-convinced, for the good man who would like to be a Christian but finds his intellect getting in the way." *The New York Times Book Review*


*Bedingungen für den Erwerb eines Leistungsnachweises:*

A two-part written test on the text (tentatively during the last week in May and at the end of the semester) in addition to a book review (a list of possible books will be distributed).

*Bedingungen für den Erwerb eines qualifizierten Studienachweises:*

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