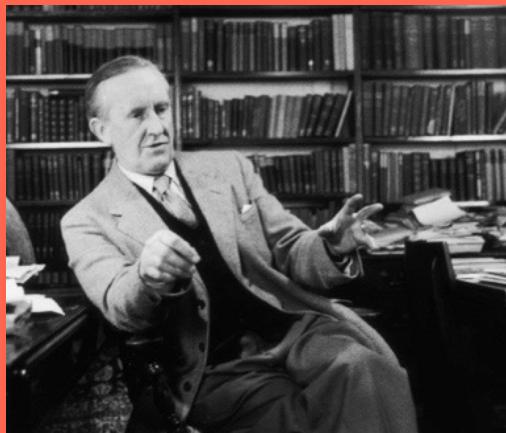
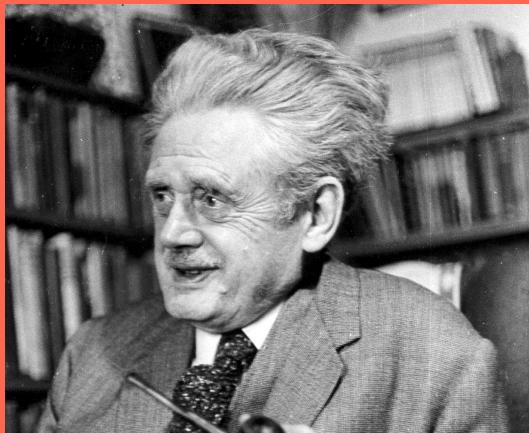
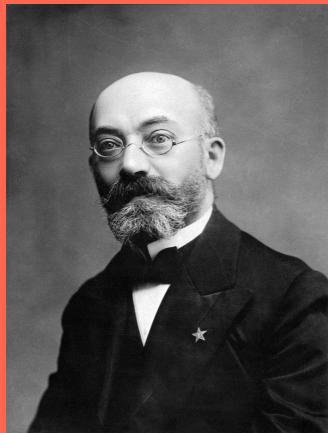


ENGL SI014: WRITING SEMINARS

INVENTED LANGUAGES



IN THIS COURSE, YOU WILL:

- Develop your own writing voice with close reading, analysis, and revision.
- Craft and defend persuasive, falsifiable arguments
- Interpret texts across genres and disciplines

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- What makes constructed languages successful? Why do they fail?
- How can language invention facilitate construction of identity and social change?
- What do conlangs reveal about the societies that produce them?

YALE SUMMER SESSION

SESSION B

JUNE 29 - JULY 31

M/W/F

13:00-15:15

Words constantly fail us. New species, ideas, and worlds need new names. Relations break down wherever boundaries are crossed. Sometimes, the emotions we feel simply refuse to be captured by our existing languages. For more than a millennium, writers and thinkers have turned to invented languages like Esperanto, Elvish, Láadan, or Lallans – artificial systems of communication not endemic to any place, time, or people – for solutions. This course explores the construction, function, and cultural legacies of these languages. Who makes them, how, and why? How do their creations confront crises of politics and identity in their own times? What determines their success or failure?