

**CGS3509F - GLOBAL DISPOSSESSION AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**  
**Centre for Global Studies**  
**Huron University College**  
**ONLINE**

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**Office Hours:** Online, by appointment.

**Prerequisite(s):** 0.5 Centre for Global Studies course at the 1000-1999 level, or permission of the Centre for Global Studies

**Course Description:** This online course will explore theories of capital accumulation and the dispossession of Indigenous Peoples globally by refining readings of central texts of critical political economy and capitalist development. Beginning with a reflection on the crucial thinkers and themes introduced by their scholarship, we will focus on forces of dispossession and the responses of Indigenous Peoples in their resistance to assimilation, impoverishment and underdevelopment. Working from the understanding that capitalism and colonialism are interconnected historical processes, this course will provide the tools necessary for a re-evaluation of modernization and development, and a re-contextualization of Indigenous Peoples' resistance to Capital accumulation under neoliberal regimes of socio-economic austerity. Expanding beyond the materialist analysis of socio-economic dispossession we will explore the ways that material dispossession runs concurrent with processes of identity denial and historical erasure.

**Course Objectives:** In this course you will identify ways in which theory is related to the social and material conditions of life. Recognizing how theoretical abstractions can emerge from human practice and performing analyses of daily life help propel new ideas and enrich our views of what it means to be human. You will test this relationship in your written projects and in forum discussions, exercising your ability to recognize and articulate what is radical and transformative about critical political economy, and solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

**Course Methods:** Online instruction will include short lessons and video lectures combined with self-directed study and mandatory discussion forums. Readings and films will be complemented by these forum discussions and the short lessons which will situate and contextualize the course materials, allowing students to take leadership over the shape of these efforts.

**Required Texts:**

All readings will be made available electronically through the OWL website.

## **Schedule/May Compressed Intersession Term:**

**May 11, Monday**

**Day #1 – Introduce Terms – Outline of the course**

Introduce class, syllabus, and assignments.

*Film – Cannibal Tours*

**May 12, Tuesday**

**Day #2 –**

Readings – Marx, Selections from Capital, Vol. I, Ch. 26, 27, 28.

**May 13, Wednesday**

**Day #3 –**

Readings – Rosa Luxemburg “Accumulation of Capital”

Eric Wolf “Europe and the People without History” Introduction, pp. 3-23,  
& Modes of Production, pp. 73-100 (pages 24-72, & 101-126  
recommended)

**May 14, Thursday**

**Day #4 –**

Readings – Antonio Gramsci Selections from the Prison Notebooks,  
Anthony Giddens “Marx: The Theory of Capitalist Development”

**May 18, Monday**

**Day #5 –**

Readings – David Harvey Ch. 4 “Contemporary Globalization” from  
Spaces of Hope,

& Ch. 11, “The Secret of Primitive Accumulation” from A Companion to  
Marx’s Capital

Edward Goldsmith “Development as Colonialism” from the Case against  
the Global Economy, Goldsmith and Mander [eds.]

**Assignment #1 Due – Film Analysis (10%)**

**May 19, Tuesday**

**Day #6 –**

Readings – William Roseberry “Marxism and Culture,” & “Anthropology,  
History & Modes of Production,” from Anthropologies and Histories,

Recommended Reading – Anna Tsing “Indigenous Voice Today”

**May 20, Wednesday**

**Day #7 –**

Readings – Timothy Mitchell Ch. 2, “Enframing” from *Colonizing Egypt*

Walden Bello “Structural Adjustment Programs” from *the Case against the Global Economy*, Goldsmith and Mander [eds.]

Recommended Reading - Yagenova, Simona V. and Roci’o Garcia. 2009. “Indigenous People’s Struggles Against Transnational Mining Companies in Guatemala: The Sipakapa People vs GoldCorp Mining Company.” *Socialism and Democracy* 23, 3:157–166.

**May 21, Thursday**

**Day #8 –**

Readings – Glenn Coulthard “Red Skin, White Masks,” Pt. 1

**May 25, Monday**

**Day #9 –**

Readings – G. Coulthard “Red Skin, White Masks,” Pt. 2

**Assignment #2 Due – Book Reflection (15%)**

**May 26, Tuesday**

**Day #10 –**

Reading – Audra Simpson Ch. 2, “A Brief History...” and Ch. 3, “Constructing Kahnawa:ke...” from *Mohawk Interruptus*

Recommended Reading – Grey, S., and R. Patel. 2015. Food sovereignty as decolonization: Some contributions from indigenous movements to food system and development politics. *Agriculture and Human Values* 32, no. 3: 431–44

**May 27, Wednesday**

**Day #11 –**

Readings – Walter Rodney “Africa’s Contribution to the Capitalist Development of Europe – The Colonial Period” from *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*

**May 28, Thursday**

**Day #12 -**

Readings – Paul Gilroy Ch. 1, “The Black Atlantic as a Counter-Culture of Memory” from the Black Atlantic

Corntassel, Jeff. 2008. “Toward Sustainable Self-Determination: Rethinking the Contemporary Indigenous-Rights Discourse.” *Alternatives* 33: 105-132.

Wendell Berry “Conserving Communities” from the Case against the Global Economy, Goldsmith and Mander [eds.]

**Assignment #3 - Due JUNE 1 – Final Paper (35%)**

### **Evaluation & Due Dates**

**Assignment #1 – Film Analysis (10%) – Cannibal Tours Documentary**

How do tourism, global economic flows, modernization/development projects and representations of cultural difference affect Indigenous communities, and how has this changed over time? How has the dispossession of Indigenous Peoples and communities become an almost taken-for-granted reality of the contemporary global economy and how do issues of representation blind us to the violence of inequitable power relations embedded within economic forms?

**Assignment #2 – Book Reflection (15%) – Glenn Coulthard’s “Red Skin, White Masks”**

Reflect on the ways that the Canadian state’s relationship with Indigenous People’s perpetuates the dispossession of Indigenous Peoples and the primitive accumulation of capital by settler-colonial interests and industries. How do the legal measures and political rhetoric of the Canadian state work to disempower Indigenous communities while claiming to protect, provide for, and to work in their best interest. How do Indigenous communities become involved in and assent to their own dispossession by acceding to the land claims negotiation process? What are the alternatives?

**Assignment #3 – Final Paper (35%)** – Research paper on a Community/Place where dispossession of Indigenous Peoples has led to social, cultural or economic collapse and renewal. Students will explore the historical dispossession of an Indigenous community, their forced incorporation into the global economy and the implications of this colonial/Capitalist hegemony on people’s social, cultural and economic well-being, as well as local responses to this domination. More instructions will be provided during the course.

**Daily Discussion Forums (40%)** – Students will participate in daily forum discussions based on the course materials and short lessons introduced in class. Students should post at minimum two comments/posts per day (for 8 of the twelve days, therefore 16 total comments over the three week course). 8 of the 16 total posts will be graded out of 5 possible points (for a cumulative total of 40% of the final grade in the course). This will take the place of participation and attendance, and will offer an avenue through which to refine our close readings of critical texts, central themes and theories, and contemporary issues related to these ideas. The intention of the daily forum discussion is to help students stay on schedule with the readings and to allow for clarification of complex theories and ideas.

The purpose of the online discussions is to make the learning process interactive and collaborative: The discussions provide us with the opportunity to learn from and interact with each other and counts towards the participation aspect of the course. Every student must participate in the forums.

All students are required to make at least two (2) substantial contributions to the discussion forums each day (starting with day two, ending on day eleven). Not posting the minimum of two posts is the equivalent of missing the day, and students who post fewer than the minimum will forfeit the grades associated with that day of forum discussion. The contributions should be well-developed comments and questions, not only two or three sentences, but no longer than three paragraphs (per contribution). I am looking for thoughtful, well-supported, clear, and coherent postings that make use of course materials. I will post a more thorough set of directions for forum postings on the OWL site in the first week.

Your postings must focus on issues addressed in the course readings and films, such as: comments on the readings and films; discussions of the concepts and theoretical approaches presented in the readings; questions that you think might be useful for reflecting on the arguments made by the authors; and critical reflections on your experiences with issues discussed in this course.

Your contributions can be original postings and/or responses to other participants' questions. "Original postings" refers to postings that are not branches from other messages, and they should include questions to facilitate discussions.

## **Appendix to Course Outlines: Academic Policies & Regulations 2020**

### **Prerequisite and Antirequisite Information**

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that they have not completed any course antirequisites. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it without them, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. If you enrol in this course despite having already taken an antirequisite you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. Removals for these reasons may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites or for having already taken the antirequisites.

### **Conduct of Students in Classes, Lectures, and Seminars**

Membership in the community of Huron University College and Western University implies acceptance by every student of the principle of respect for the rights, responsibilities, dignity and well-being of others and a readiness to support an environment conducive to the intellectual and personal growth of all who study, work and live within it. Upon registration, students assume the responsibilities that such registration entails. The academic and social privileges granted to each student are conditional upon the fulfillment of these responsibilities.

In the classroom, students are expected to behave in a manner that supports the learning environment of others. Students can avoid any unnecessary disruption of the class by arriving in sufficient time to be seated and ready for the start of the class, by remaining silent while the professor is speaking or another student has the floor, and by taking care of personal needs prior to the start of class. If a student is late, or knows that he/she will have to leave class early, be courteous: sit in an aisle seat and enter and leave quietly.

Please see the Code of Student Conduct at:

[www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf](http://www.huronuc.on.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct.pdf).

### **Technology**

It is not appropriate to use technology (such as, but not limited to, laptops, cell phones) in the classroom for non-classroom activities. Such activity is disruptive and is distracting to other students and to the instructor, and can inhibit learning. Students are expected to respect the classroom environment and to refrain from inappropriate use of technology and other electronic devices in class.

### **Class Cancellations**

In the event of a cancellation of class, every effort will be made to post all relevant information on the OWL class site, <https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>, and on the Huron website at <https://huronatwestern.ca/about/accessibility>.

### **Attendance Regulations for Examinations**

A student is entitled to be examined in courses in which registration is maintained, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) A student may be debarred from writing the final examination for failure to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year.
- 2) Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course (after due warning has been given). On the recommendation of the Department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course. The Dean of the Faculty offering the course will communicate that decision to the Dean of the Faculty of registration.

Please see the policy on Attendance Regulations for Examinations here:  
[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/exam/attendance.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/attendance.pdf).

### **Academic Student Support Services**

For advice on course selections, degree requirements, and for assistance with requests for medical accommodation, students should email an Academic Advisor in Huron's Student Support Services at [huronsss@uwo.ca](mailto:huronsss@uwo.ca). An outline of the range of services offered is found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising>.

Department Chairs, Program Directors and Coordinators are also able to answer questions about individual programs. Contact information can be found on the Huron website at: <https://huronatwestern.ca/contact/contact-directory>.

### **Adding / Dropping Courses**

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your workload is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you are considering reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines. Please refer to the Huron website, <https://huronatwestern.ca/academic-advising> or review the list of official Sessional Dates on the Academic Calendar, available here: <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP and/or Scholarship/Bursary eligibility.

### **Copyright Regarding Course Material**

Lectures and course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, tests, outlines, and similar materials are protected by copyright. Faculty members are the exclusive owner of copyright in those materials they create. Students may take notes and make copies for their own use. Students may not allow others to reproduce or distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly (whether or not a fee is charged) without the express written consent of a faculty member. Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member is interested in posting a student's answers or papers on the course website he/she should ask for the student's written permission.

### **Statement on Academic Integrity**

The International Centre for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment, even in the face of adversity, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. From these values flow principles of behaviour that enable academic communities to translate ideals to action." (CAI Fundamental Values Project, 1999).

A lack of academic integrity is indicated by such behaviours as the following:

- Cheating on tests;
- Fraudulent submissions online;

- Plagiarism in papers submitted (including failure to cite and piecing together unattributed sources);
- Unauthorized resubmission of course work to a different course;
- Helping someone else cheat;
- Unauthorized collaboration;
- Fabrication of results or sources;
- Purchasing work and representing it as one's own.

### **Academic Integrity: Importance and Impact**

Being at university means engaging with a variety of communities in the pursuit and sharing of knowledge and understanding in ways that are clear, respectful, efficient, and productive. University communities have established norms of academic integrity to ensure responsible, honest, and ethical behavior in the academic work of the university, which is best done when sources of ideas are properly and fully acknowledged and when responsibility for ideas is fully and accurately represented.

In the academic sphere, unacknowledged use of another's work or ideas is not only an offence against the community of scholars, it is also an obstacle to academic productivity. It may also be understood as fraud and may constitute an infringement of legal copyright.

A university is a place for fulfilling one's potential and challenging oneself, and this means rising to challenges rather than finding ways around them. The achievements in an individual's university studies can only be fairly evaluated quantitatively through true and honest representation of the actual learning done by the student. Equity in assessment for all students is ensured through fair representation of the efforts by each.

Acting with integrity at university constitutes a good set of practices for maintaining integrity in later life. Offences against academic integrity are therefore taken very seriously as part of the university's work in preparing students to serve, lead, and innovate in the world at large.

A university degree is a significant investment of an individual's, and the public's, time, energies, and resources in the future, and habits of academic integrity protect that investment by preserving the university's reputation and ensuring public confidence in higher education.

**Students found guilty of plagiarism will suffer consequences ranging from a grade reduction, to failure in the course, to expulsion from the university. In addition, a formal letter documenting the offence will be filed in the Dean's Office, and this record of the offence will be retained in the Dean's Office for the duration of the student's academic career at Huron University College.**

### **Statement on Academic Offences**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, as per the Academic Calendar: [http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\\_189](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_189) .

### **Turnitin.com**

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University, for a detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is



subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com.

### **Computer-Marked Tests/exams**

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### **Clickers**

Personal Response Systems (“clickers”) may be used in some classes. If clickers are to be used in a class, it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the device is activated and functional. Students must see their instructor if they have any concerns about whether the clicker is malfunctioning. Students must use only their own clicker. If clicker records are used to compute a portion of the course grade:

- the use of somebody else’s clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence
- the possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offence.

### **Policy on “Special” Accommodation**

Students who require **special** accommodation for tests and/or other course components must make the appropriate arrangements with the Student Development Centre (SDC). Further details concerning policies and procedures may be found at: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/index.html> .

### **Academic Consideration for Missed Work**

Students who are seeking academic consideration for missed work during the semester may submit a self-reported absence form online provided that the absence is 48 hours or less and the other conditions specified in the Senate policy at

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/Academic\\_Consideration\\_for\\_absences.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/Academic_Consideration_for_absences.pdf) are met.

Students whose absences are expected to last longer than 48 hours, or where the other conditions detailed in the policy are not met (e.g., work is worth more than 30% of the final grade, the student has already used 2 self-reported absences, the absence is during the final exam period), may receive academic consideration by submitting a Student Medical Certificate (for illness) or other appropriate documentation (for compassionate grounds). The Student Medical Certificate is available online at

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf) .

All students pursuing academic consideration, regardless of type, must contact their instructors no less than 24 hours following the end of the period of absence to clarify how they will be expected to fulfill the academic responsibilities missed during their absence. **Students are reminded that they should consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying submission of work, and are encouraged to make appropriate decisions based on their specific circumstances.**

Students who have conditions for which academic accommodation is appropriate, such as disabilities or ongoing or chronic health conditions, should work with Accessible Education Services to determine appropriate forms of accommodation.

### **Information for Student Illness Reporting Tool Site**

Beginning March 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. all students are asked to use a new, online [Student Illness Reporting Tool](#) to track and monitor illnesses, whether the illness impacts the submission of course work or not. The illness must be entered each day that you are ill. When the notification is saved, an email is automatically sent to you for your records. This tool takes the place of the need to submit a medical note and the Self-Reported Absence System used by undergraduate students.

If you have self-reported and require accommodation for a deadline or an exam, please email your instructor directly with the details.

The health, safety and wellness of the university community is important to Western. During the current COVID-19 situation, it is essential for Western to track the impact of illnesses for the University. The Middlesex-London Health Unit must receive this data to be able to quickly understand the magnitude of illness affecting the university community.

### **Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Form**

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less.

Please review the full policy at,

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_illness.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf) .

### **Policy on “Academic” Accommodation - Medical / Non-Medical Grounds (if absence is not self-reported)**

- (a) **Medical Grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of final grade: Go directly to Huron Support Services/ Academic Advising, or email [huronsss@uwo.ca](mailto:huronsss@uwo.ca) .**

University Senate policy, which can be found at,

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf) , requires that all student requests for accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth 10% or more of the final grade be made directly to the academic advising office of the home faculty (for Huron students, the “home faculty” is Huron), with supporting documentation in the form (minimally) of the Senate-approved Student Medical Certificate found at:

[https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf) .

The documentation is submitted in confidence and will not be shown to instructors. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor’s decision is appealable to the Dean.

- (b) **Accommodation on Medical Grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of final grade: Consult Instructor Directly**

When seeking accommodation on medical grounds for assignments worth less than 10% of the final course grade, the student should contact the instructor directly. The student need only share broad outlines of the medical situation. The instructor may require the student to submit documentation to the academic

advisors, in which case she or he will advise the student and inform the academic advisors to expect documentation. The instructor may not collect medical documentation. The advisors will contact the instructor when the medical documentation is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the medical challenge as expressed on the Student Medical Certificate and in any other supporting documentation. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified of the presence of medical documentation, and will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation.

The instructor will not normally deny accommodation where appropriate medical documentation is in place and where the duration it describes aligns with the due date(s) of assignment(s). Before denying a request for accommodation on medical grounds, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

**(c) Non-Medical Grounds: Consult your Instructor directly.**

Where the grounds for seeking accommodation are not medical, the student should contact the instructor directly. Late penalties may apply at the discretion of the instructor. Apart from the exception noted below, academic advisors will not be involved in the process of accommodation for non-medical reasons.

Where a student seeks accommodation on non-medical grounds where confidentiality is a concern, the student should approach an academic advisor with any documentation available. The advisors will contact the instructor after the student's request is received, and will outline the severity and duration of the challenge without breaching confidence. The student will be informed that the instructor has been notified that significant circumstances are affecting or have affected the student's ability to complete work, and the student will be instructed to work as quickly as possible with the instructor on an agreement for accommodation. Before denying a request for accommodation where documentation has been submitted to an academic advisor, the instructor will consult with the Dean. The instructor's decision is appealable to the Dean.

**Mental Health & Wellness Support at Huron and Western**

Students who are stressed, emotionally distressed or in mental health crisis, please refer to:

<https://huronatwestern.ca/student-life-campus/student-services/wellness-safety> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help, or email [Huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca](mailto:Huronwellness@huron.uwo.ca) to access your wellness staff directly. Additional supports for Health and Wellness may be found and accessed at Western through, [www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/](http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/).

The Student Emergency Response Team (SERT) provides medical response to 9-1-1 calls on Main, Brescia and Huron campuses which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the academic year. SERT is dispatched through the campus community Police Service (CCPS) to any medical emergency on campus at (519) 661-3300. For more information about SERT please visit: [sert.uwo.ca/about-sert/about-sert/](http://sert.uwo.ca/about-sert/about-sert/).

**Important Dates & Directory at Huron and Western**

For a current list of important dates and campus directories, please visit:

- **Huron – Important Dates:** <https://huronuc.ca/important-dates-and-deadlines>
- **Western – Academic Calendar & Sessional Dates:** <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm>
- **Huron Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:** <https://huronuc.ca/index.php/contact/contact-directory>
- **Western Directory – Faculty, Staff and Administration:** <https://www.uwo.ca/directory.html>