

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Seminar in Global Studies Thinking in (the) Public (Interest)

Course Number and Section:

CGS

3202G 550

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Course Description:

The Seminar in Global Studies at the Centre for Global Studies aims to examine action constitutive of positive social change, especially action that bears critical distance from conventional institutional processes. This session of the Seminar advances from the observation that the success of such change-oriented, deliberately extra-conventional practice/thinking (praxis) is not always apprehended using conventional measures or within conventional institutional thought. Much of what counts (in the public imagination) as 'social change work' is taking place in institutional framings that make it coherent with conventional neoliberal capitalist views of 'society', 'leadership' and even 'action'. The Seminar this term thus centres action/thought that surpasses such framing, and asks us to accept the challenge to think in that domain.

Learning Outcomes:

This course provides students an opportunity to learn to be good hosts to our guests who will introduce us to their own critical praxis. Engaging in this work we will learn to understand critical praxis through the examples of collective and scholarly actions. We explore this activity (critical praxis) under three broad directives (directions, trajectories, pathways, we could name them in a lot of different ways): abolition, prefiguration, (re)grounding. Our goal is to understand both what each of these means, and how these ideas are simultaneously practices. We are going to explore how these motions (or actions or motives, we could also name them in a lot of different ways) generate opportunities beyond individualist neoliberal hegemony.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

We will be reading these three books, some journal articles and some other popular materials. You will need to access Instagram for this course! Sorry! So please follow OWL closely to make sure you find the relevant materials to prepare.

Davis, Angela Y., Gina Dent, Erica R. Meiners and Beth E. Richie. 2022. Abolition. Feminism. Now. Chicago, Illinois: Haymarket Books. (This book is available for approximately \$26 from the publisher, but they also have a discounted version that includes the e-book).

Kuyek, Joan. 2019 Unearthing Justice: How to Protect Your Community from the Mining

Industry. Toronto: Between the Lines Press. (This book is available from the publisher for approximately \$25 in either print or e-book version).

Maynard, Robyn and Leanne Betasamosake Simpson. 2022. Rehearsals for Living. Toronto: Penguin Random House. (This book is available for approximately \$26 from the publisher, but they also have a discounted version that includes the e-book).

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Questions 5 x 10		50%
Answers 5 x 5		25%
Critical Praxis Determination	Due April 4	25%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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