

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Indigenous peoples and global dispossession

Course Number and Section:

CGS

3509F 550

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Course Description:

This course focuses on the impact global capitalism and ongoing forms of colonial power have on the territories Indigenous peoples use and inhabit. It also addresses strategies to secure land-based forms of community life that challenge and disrupt global dispossession.

The course explores forms of dispossession related to extractivist industries (e.g., mining, gas) and environmental conservation and the ways in which Indigenous peoples assert their self-determination to contest specific forms of wealth accumulation and neo-colonial approaches to environmental conservation in their territories.

Learning Outcomes:

Identify key concepts to analyze the impact of extractivist industries and environmental conservation strategies on Indigenous territories.

Mobilize (i.e., apply) critical understandings of global dispossession and the ways in which Indigenous peoples assert their self-determination.

Analyze and demonstrate critical awareness on the ways in which Indigenous peoples face the forces of global dispossession on their territories.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Link(s) to reading(s) available in OWL course site.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Engagement	Ongoing	20
Critical Response 1	Week 6	10
Critical Response 2	Week 11	15
Class Presentation	Sign-up Sheet	15

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Poster Presentation	Week 12	10

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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