

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Non-state peoples and state formations

Course Number and Section:

CGS

3518F 550

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Course Description:

This course considers relations between sovereign states and self-determining non-state peoples. The course provides an interdisciplinary examination of the evasions, negotiations and resistances that characterize non-state peoples' responses to attempts to consolidate state authority in colonial and neo-colonial settings.

The main objective of the course is to help students developing a critical understanding of the state and state formation as an ongoing cultural and political process and to relate such understanding to the collective practices of non-state peoples, particularly those of Indigenous and tribal peoples. The course also introduces the case studies of Indigenous peoples in Chiapas and Palestine to understand the historical dimensions of their ongoing quest for self-determination.

Learning Outcomes:

Identify critical approaches to the study of the modern state by focusing on the notion "state formation" as a cultural and political process.

Mobilize (i.e., apply) critical approaches to state formation to study collective practices of non-state peoples

Analyze and demonstrate critical awareness on the ways in which non-state peoples have resisted and/or accommodated to state imperatives

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Links to readings available in OWL.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Study Guides	Ongoing	20
Critical Response 1	Week 5	10
Critical Response 2	Week 11	15

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Seminar Presentation	Sign-up Sheet	10
Poster Presentation	Week 12	10
Case Study Report	April 8	35

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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