

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** Seminar - Poverty

**Course Number and Section:**

CGS

4010G 550

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### Course Description:

“Poverty” and “the poor” have been consistently present in the accounts of governments, the media, and academics for centuries. In recent decades, global poverty has been placed on the agenda of development agencies. However, the images of the poor that these accounts have vary according to historical circumstances, power relations, and ideology. These differences, in turn, inform the ways in which notions about “helping the poor” and/or philanthropic impulses emerge.

This course explores the notion of poverty in global development from two main angles: as a set of experiences in people’s everyday life; and as a discursive field and practical interventions that aim at governing the lives of the poor. The course also focuses on the political dimension of poverty and anti-poverty grassroots mobilization.

### Learning Outcomes:

Identify and outline the factors that shape "poverty" as a field of development intervention

Demonstrate critical analytical skills and awareness on the ways in which the lives of the poor are shape by development discourses and practices

Mobilize (i.e., apply) a critical and interdisciplinary approach to understand practices that aim at governing the poor

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

All information on required readings available in the OWL course site.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Seminar Presentations	Sign-up Sheet	25
Research Proposal	Week 7	15
Research Essay	Week 12	35

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Engagement	Ongoing	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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