



SPACE & POWER

Thursday 14:30 pm - 17:20 pm

CLE A308

A CRITICAL APPROACH TO POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Changes in geographical identity, difference, place, gender, class, and race are central to the study of political geography. This course examines the ways in which these concepts are used to explain and critique the political and social organization of space and place.

As a first-year course, it provides an opportunity for students to engage with critical geographical theories and concepts. The course is designed to be highly engaging and interactive, with a focus on critical thinking and analysis. In addition, the course includes a field component, which allows students to apply their knowledge to real-world situations.

KEYWORDS space, identity, power, place, geography

REQUIRED TEXTS

The required texts are available through UVic libraries.

EVALUATION

Attendance & Class Participation	10%
Short Writing Assignments & Weekly Readings	35%
Seminar Facilitation	25%
Final Paper	30%

PREREQUISITES GEOG 332, 347B, 344 or 386.

OFFICE HOURS & LOCATION

Monday 13:30 pm - 14:30 pm by appointment
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OUTCOMES & RESPONSIBILITIES

ASSESSMENT & ASSIGNMENT DETAILS

ATTENDANCE & CLASS PARTICIPATION - (10%) – ONGOING THROUGHOUT TERM

This class is designed to be an interactive and engaging learning experience. Students are expected to participate actively in class discussions, group work, and presentations. Attendance is mandatory, and students are expected to be on time and prepared for each class session. Participation in class activities is a key component of the course, and students are expected to contribute to the learning process. This assessment will evaluate your ability to engage in class activities and contribute to the learning process.

SHORT WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE READINGS (7 WEEKS) - (5% EACH X 7 RESPONSES = 35%) – DUE THROUGHOUT TERM – IN CLASS

LENGTH: 1 PAGE (approximately 250 words)

On the first day of class, each student will be assigned a reading. The readings are designed to be challenging and thought-provoking. Students are expected to read the assigned material carefully and be prepared to discuss it in class. The short written responses to the readings are a key component of the course, and students are expected to write thoughtful and well-organized responses. These responses will be graded and will contribute to the overall course grade. The responses should be written in your own words and should demonstrate your understanding of the reading and your ability to analyze and evaluate the author's arguments. The responses should be written in a clear and concise manner and should be submitted to the instructor at the beginning of each class session.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR
(Subject to change as needed)

WEEK	DATE	SEMINAR TOPICS
1	SEP 7	Cultural Pedagogy
2	SEP 14	Space, Power & Political Geographies
3	SEP 21	NO CLASS
4	SEP 28	Hegemony & the Spaces of Empire
5	OCT 5	Slavery & the State of Exception
6	OCT 12	Nation
7	OCT 19	Identity, Difference, & Genocide
8	OCT 26	Civilization & Colonialism
9	NOV 2	Imperial Geographies of the Orient
10	NOV 9	Plagues, The Colonial Present
11	NOV 16	Neoliberalism
12	NOV 23	Disability & War
13	NOV 30	Resistance & Empire

REQUIRED WEEKLY READINGS

(Subject to the coped)

SEPTEMBER 7	<p>Critical Pedagogy</p> <p>Hart R. 2001. Why Advocacy Matters: Reaching the Radical Possibilities of the Classroom. <i>International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education</i> 10(2): 174-178</p> <p>Singer S., Sa, M.L. de, and White, R. J. 2016. Tensions through the radicalization of pedagogy. In Singer S., White, R. J., and Sa M. L. de eds <i>The Radicalization of Pedagogy: Anarchism, Geography and the Spirit of Revolt</i> Lanham MD & London, 1-26</p>
SEPTEMBER 14	<p>Space, Power, & Political Geographies</p> <p>Paired J 2008 Geographies of Space and Power. In Clark R, L.M., and Robinson eds <i>Handbook of Political Geography</i> Singapore, Sage 57-72 <i>The Sage</i></p> <p>Shapell, R. Edge P, Phil C and Paddis R 2000 Entanglements of Power: Geographies of Domination/Resistance. In Shapell, R. Edge P, Phil C and Paddis R ed <i>Geographies of Domination/Resistance</i> New York, 1-42 <i>Entanglements of Power:</i></p>
SEPTEMBER 28	<p>Hegemony & the Spaces of Empire</p> <p>Agnew J 2005 Hegemony in the Spaces of Empire. In <i>Hegemony: The New Shape of Global Power</i> Temple University Philadelphia, PA 12-37</p> <p>Hipp J 2005 Politics and Space. In <i>Space and Power: Politics, War, and Architecture</i> MIT Press, MA, 26-48</p>
OCTOBER 5	<p>Sovereignty & the State of Exception</p> <p>Agamben G 1998 <i>Homo Sacer: Sovereign Power and Bare Life</i>. Stanford University Press, CA 1-12 & 15-29</p> <p>Clyne W E 2004 The State of Exception. In Fatima, and Shapell M eds <i>Sovereign Lives: Power in Global Politics</i> Edge, CA 23-40</p>
OCTOBER 12	<p>Nationalism</p> <p>Anderson B 1991 <i>Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism</i>. Verso, New York 8 & 163-186</p> <p>Bignall M 1995 <i>Banal Nationalism</i> Sage, Thousand Oaks CA 13-36</p>
OCTOBER 19	<p>Identity, Difference, & Genocide</p> <p>Clyne W E 2002 <i>Identity/Difference: Democratic Negotiations of Political Paradox</i> (Expanded Edition) Cornell University Press, Ithaca, NY, ix</p> <p>Widdows W B 2001 Geographic aspects of genocide: a critical analysis. <i>Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers</i> 26 57-75</p>
OCTOBER 26	<p>Citizenship, Migration, & Cosmopolitanism</p> <p>Hart D 2000 <i>Cosmopolitanism: The Politics of a Global Culture</i> <i>Public Culture</i> 12 529-564</p> <p>Rajaram P K and Goh W C 2004 The International Migration of the Chinese. In <i>International Migration</i> 42 33-64.</p>
NOVEMBER 2	<p>Imaginative Geographies, Othering & Orientalism</p>

Said E 1978 *Orientalism* Vintage Books New York 1-9 & 49-73

Spier S 2009 *Neoliberalism: The Face of Globalization* Sage Publications London
Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers 34: 305-319

NOVEMBER 9

Postcolonialism & The Colonial Present

Gegg D 2004 *The Colonial Present: Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq* Blackwell, Malden MA 1-5 & 17-29

Siddaway 2000 *Postcolonial Geographies* Progress In Human Geography 24: 591-612

NOVEMBER 16

Neoliberalism

Spier 2016 *Neoliberalism* ACME: An International Journal For Critical Geographies. 15.2: 285-292

Spier 2016 *The Face of Neoliberalism* Spier S., Bich, K. and MacLeay J. eds. *The Handbook of Neoliberalism* Routledge, London 153-163

NOVEMBER 23

Discourse & War

Cher C 1987 *Sex and death in the culture of defence* Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society 12.4: 687-718.

Jabri V 2005 *Cultural politics of war* International Relations 19: 70-78

NOVEMBER 30

Resistance & Emancipation

Pickard and Charney 2006 *Neoliberal geographies of resistance and emancipation* Progress In Human Geography 30: 730-746

Spier S 2016 *Being Beautiful To Make the World a Better Place* Geography, Urban Media 1: 1-24

FURTHER READINGS OF RELEVANCE BY WEEKLY TOPIC:

Critical Pedagogy

Charney P 2008 *Using Geography to Teach and Learn: The Face of Social Change in American Geographies* Journal of Geography in Higher Education 32:3 419-440

Space, Power, & Political Geographies

Ali J 2003 *Political Geography*, Mitchell K and Taylor G eds *The Companion to Political Geography* Malden, MA, Blackwell 95-108

Blay N *Law, Space, and the Geographies of Power* Guilford, CT, Westview

Capit W and Eder S eds *Space, Knowledge, and Power: Foucault and Geography* Ashgate, Burlington, VT

Hill P 2005 *Space and Power: Politics, War, and Architecture* Malden, MA, Blackwell

Lefebvre H 1991 *The Production of Space* Translated by Nicholson-Smith D, Blackwell, Oxford, UK

Massey D 2005 *For space* Sage, London

Peet R 2007 *Geography of Power: The Making of Global Economic Policy* London, Zed Books

Sale M 2004 *Political Geography: Political Geographies of Globalization* - *Journal of Progress in Human Geography* 28 777-794

Hegemony, Territoriality, & the Spaces of Empire

Dick G and Lyden D 2004 *Capital Resurgent: Roots of the Neoliberal Revolution* Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA

Gidycz A 2004 *The Terror of Neoliberalism: Authoritarianism and the Eclipse of Democracy* Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke

Hadfield M and Negri A 2000 *Empire* Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA

Hart D 2003 *The New Imperialism* Oxford University Press, New York

Hart D 2005 *A Brief History of Neoliberalism* Oxford University Press, New York

Jacobs A 2002 *Empire of Disorder* (Chicago), New York

Lachar E and Mifflin C 2001 *Hegemony and Socialist Strategy: Towards a Radical Democratic Politics* 2nd ed, New York, Verso

Peck W, Wapner B and Neff G 2006 *Indisciplinable: Neoliberal Hegemony* Peck W, Wapner B and Neff G eds *Neoliberal Hegemony: A Global Critique* Basingstoke, New York 1-24

Taylor J 1994 *The Ascent of Capitalism* *Progress in Human Geography* 18 151-162

Sovereignty & the State of Exception

Agamben G 2000 *Measures of Exception* Translated by David Heller, University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor

Benjamin W 1921/1986 *On the Concept of Critique in German Idealism* *Essays* Apollonia, Benjamin W. *Selected Essays* Chicago, IL, University of Chicago Press 277-300.

Foucault M 1976/2003 *Security, Territory, Subject: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1975-76* Translated by Macey D, Picador, New York

Gegg D 2006 *The black flag: Guantanamo Bay and the pace of exception* *Geography* 80 405-427

Gegg D 2007 *Violence, exception and the global war* Gegg D and Pedersen A eds *Violence, Exception and the Global* Basingstoke, New York 205-236

Ong A 2006 *Neoliberalism and the State of Exception* *Geography* 80 1-30

Randall A 2009 *Deception: The State of Exception* *Geography* 83 153-163

Rash W 2004 *Security and the State of Exception* *Journal of Political Philosophy* 12 1-16

Reid-Henry 2007 *Explaining the Rise of the Modern State* 39-627-648

Nationalism

Ades J 1986 *Nationalism and the Rise of the Modern State* ed
11542

The Rise of the Modern State Harsanyi

