

Seminar in Special Topics on the City Winter 2022

GEOG 4023: Power and Resistance in the City

Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University

Class Time and Location: Thursdays 11:35-2:25pm, LA 410

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Course Description

This seminar course examines how urban geographies are produced at the intersection of complex processes of governance, planning, and contestation. Through an in-depth exploration of pressing urban issues such as settler colonialism, racism in policing and planning, and urban public health, students will be exposed to diverse ways of understanding power and resistance in the city, as well as contemporary visions for more just and sustainable urban futures.

Prerequisites

GEOG 3023 or fourth-year Honours standing in Geography or Environmental Studies or BGIoS Specialization in Globalization and Environment.

Texts and Readings

There is no need to purchase a textbook for this course. All required readings will be available through Brightspace or Ares (Carleton's electronic reserve system).

Tentative Course Schedule and Topics

Jan 13	Introduction to Course
Jan 20	Settler Colonialism, Property, and Geographies of Violence
Jan 27	Indigenous Resurgence and Resistance I
Feb 3	Planning and Politics
Feb 10	Urban Public Health
Feb 17	Healthy Cities and Mutual Aid
Feb 24	Winter Break (No Class)
Mar 3	Policing the City
Mar 10	Policing, Prisons, Planning
Mar 17	Abolition Geographies I: Ideas and Histories
Mar 24	Abolition Geographies II: Practices
Mar 31	Transforming the City
Apr 7	Course Conclusion