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COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course reviews major perspectives, approaches and debates shaping research and explanation by geographers and other social scientists concerned with significant geographical concepts (e.g. place, space, scale) and themes (e.g. socio-ecological relations, unjust geographies, identity and place). Graduate students in various disciplines may find the course useful for their own research projects. Prerequisite: Graduate student standing, or permission of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. Open to graduate students from all disciplines.

OBJECTIVES
• To provide students with the opportunity to engage with significant approaches, practices, and concepts in human geography;
• To discuss important issues and debates in geographic inquiry and to assist students to reflect upon their own research within this context;
• To support the development of student research interests and projects.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION
1. Academic Biography and Presentation (10%)
2. Overall Class Participation (10%)
3. Reading Commentaries and Class Presentations (45%)
4. Review Essay and Presentation (35%)

TENTATIVE OUTLINE
Week 1: Course Introduction
Week 2: Approaching human geography
Week 3: Positivist and humanist geographies
Week 4: Feminist geographies
Week 5: Marxist geographic perspectives
Week 6: Post-structuralism and geographic inquiry
Week 7: Post-colonialism and geographic inquiry
Week 8: Socio-spatial relations
Week 9: Contentious spaces, contested territories
Week 10: Socio-ecological relations
Week 11: Nature, mapping and calculation
Week 12: Class presentations