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<b>Contact Time</b>	1x 3hr seminar/week	<b>Tel:</b> 613-533-6000 ext. 78592
<b>Format</b>	Seminar	
<b>Class Assessment (potential)</b>	Weekly reflections; reading presentation; and final project (students will be able to choose from a typical research paper, a Progress in Human Geography-style manuscript, and an audio-visual podcast or report for a relevant political organization/community)	

### COURSE OVERVIEW: Anti-Colonial Urbanism

This course is inspired by the recent proliferation of theories of the urban. While there have always been multiple understandings of the city, the urban studies inter-discipline has historically privileged models and theories derived from very specific cities and political economic relations in the Euro-Atlantic world. For the last two decades urban scholars of the South have been calling for new geographies of urban theory. From India, South Africa and the Dominican Republic, to Singapore, Australia and Canada, scholars and activists alike are unsettling and challenging Northern and masculinist ways of knowing. In this class we will explore some of the many recent (and not-so-recent) conceptualizations of urbanization that pay attention to diverse and intersecting relations of power, from race and capitalism to heteronormativity and colonialism. We will focus specifically on postcolonial, decolonial, feminist, queer and critical race theory, and try to understand what each contributes to an understanding of urban processes and experiences.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Describe and apply key theoretical approaches in postcolonial, decolonial, critical race, and feminist urbanism
2. Communicate complex ideas in written and verbal form
3. Demonstrate a familiarity with the professional fields of geography, urban studies, and critical urban planning

### COURSE TOPICS

Provincializing theory, settler colonial cities, decolonial and postcolonial theory, conjunctural urbanism, social reproduction and the urban, geographical imaginaries, queering cities, racial capitalism, 'Southern' citizenship, biocapital and bodily extraction in the city, environmental racism, diaspora, surveillance, futurities

### COURSE READINGS (a selected list subject to change)

- Roy, Ananya. (2011). Slumdog cities: Rethinking subaltern urbanism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35(2): 223-238.
- Todd, Zoe. (2019). Decolonizing prairie public art: The further adventures of the Ness Namew. In *Settler City Limits: Indigenous Resurgence and Colonial Violence in the Urban Prairie West* (pp. 289-309).
- Browne, Simone (2015). Chapter 2: 'Everybody's got a little light under the sun': The making of the book of negroes. In *Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness* (pp. 63-88). Duke University Press
- Puar, Jasbir. (2017). *The Right to Maim: Debility, Capacity, Disability*. Duke University Press.
- Fredericks, Rosalind (2018). *Garbage Citizenship: Vital Infrastructures of Labor in Dakar, Senegal*. Duke University Press.
- Caldeira, Teresa. (2017). Peripheral urbanization: Autoconstruction, transversal logics, and politics in the global south. *Society and Planning D: Society and Space* 35(1): 3-20.
- Desai, Renu; McFarlane, Colin; Graham, Stephen. (2015). The politics of open defecation: Informality, body, and infrastructure in Mumbai. *Antipode* 47(1): 98-120.
- Oswin, Natalie. (2019). *Global City Futures: Desire and Development in Singapore*. University of Georgia Press.
- Freire-Medeiros, Bianca (2009). The favela and its touristic transits. *Geoforum* 40: 580-588
- Novel: David Chariandy's *Brother*

