

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

GPHY 229 - Place, Space, Culture and Social Life



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Contact Time	Two 1.5 hour lectures twice a week	
Format	Lectures	
Class Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film response or book review (20%) • Current Affairs Portfolio (30%) • Quizzes (25%) • Take-home exam (25%) 	

COURSE OVERVIEW

Our everyday lives are intricately connected to our social identities. These social identities shape, and are shaped by, space and place; they are also contested and impacted by power relations.

In this course, we will explore the relationship between social and cultural identity markers and spatial struggles over social space. In doing so, students will develop a critical understanding of how power, place and identity intersect in the (re)production of social inequalities and oppression.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Explain and evaluate key concepts and approaches in social and cultural geography;
- Identify the reciprocal relations between spatial structures and social identities;
- Apply various theoretical and analytical approaches to evaluate cultural/spatial conflicts;
- Produce a power analysis of social issues that accounts for intersectional identities;
- Reflect on, and critically engage with, the complexity of identity politics produced and reproduced by various social-cultural geographies;
- Explain and analyse the social and cultural dynamics that shape the processes of, and the politics of, place-making; and
- Connect popular culture and current affairs to course theories and concepts.

COURSE TOPICS

The course will explore the following topics: spaces and meanings of the body, home, work, leisure and consumption, cultural landscapes, constructions of nature, globalization and issues of knowledge, power and imperialism

COURSE READINGS

Selected readings will be posted onQ. Required Text: Dimaline, C. (2017). *The Marrow Thieves*. Dancing Cat Books.