**Course Overview**

A response to recent attacks orchestrated by settler arsonists against Mi’kmaq fishers from Sipekne’katik First Nation and the RCMP invasion of Wet’suwet’en territory for extractive capital, this seminar course will examine how the constitutive intersections of (dis)possession, personhood, and state-sanctioned and/or extra-legal violence shape(d) the order- and space-making practices of white settler polities. Reading across decolonial geographies, legal geography, critiques of racial capitalism, and other related literatures we will focus on property relations and dominant figurations of ownership as key sites in the reproduction of race, capitalism, settler colonialism, and genocide. At the same time, we will engage radical alternatives to dominant property relations envisioned by place-based decolonial, anti-racist, and abolitionist liberation struggles. Taking a historical and transnational perspective, our approach will stress the heterogeneity and mutability of racialized property regimes as a technique of domination as well as the creativity of place-based resistance across a range of colonial contexts.

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course students will:

- Be able to describe and apply the co-production of property and race as a conceptual framework for contextualizing and analyzing contemporary conflicts over land and resources.
- Be conversant in radical and liberatory alternatives to dominant property relations.
- Develop research, presentation, and facilitation skills.
## COURSE TOPICS

Histories of private property and liberal personhood; economies of dispossession; urban informality and homelessness; anti-pipeline resistance; enactments of property; policing and property; Real estate, homeownership, and racism; Black geographies and marronage; Indigenous jurisdiction, inherent rights, and constitutional rights; white supremacy; racial capitalism; abolition geography; racialized uneven development.

## COURSE READINGS (we will read chapters from the listed books)