

ANTH 3098

The Archaeology of Resistance



ANTH 3098 *The Archaeology of Resistance* explores how radical challenges to power structures are made through the perspectives, experiences, and material practices of activists, revolutionaries, and subaltern insurgent movements. This upper division undergraduate and graduate seminar course surveys and critiques the sociological, philosophical and anthropological historiography on domination and resistance spanning culture contact studies through concepts introduced after the postmodern turn. This exploration of resistance is informed and complemented by a close study of material dimensions of “resisting” in archaeology, revolutionary manifestos, “how-to” manuals of resistance and other intellectual works by theorists-practitioners of resistance. We commit special attention to the works from Clausewitz, Rosa Luxemburg, Sébastien Faure, Ghandi, Martin Luther King, Mao, Rene Girard, James Baldwin, the Zapatistas, Black Lives Matter, Occupy Wall Street, Indigenous activism and resistance (Red Power, the Dakota Pipeline, Mauna Kea) and the emerging anthropological literature on 21st century insurgency movements. This course provides students with an in depth examination of important societal discourses on domination, cultural resiliency, autonomy, resistant subjectivities, political consciousness, non-violent resistance, anticolonial and antifascist resistance, illicit economies, and anarchism among other topics.

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