Department of Anthropology and Sociology (ANSO)
Academic year 2019-2020

Riots, Insurgencies, Revolutions

ANSO119- Autumn - 3 ECTS

Schedule & Room

Course Description

We live in volatile times. Many of us are asking the question of how we are to live together in light of enormous political, economic, and environmental destabilizations. Many others have watched – or participated in – the growing number of political unrests that characterize our world today. This course explores historical and ethnographic texts that seek to explain the politics, ethics, and tactics of a variety of political mobilizations. Organized around a set of keywords (Disruption, Assembly, Riot, Insurgency, Revolution, Violence, and Prefiguration), our discussion will range from Maoist rebels in India and Black Lives Matter in the US, to the Egyptian Revolution and Occupy. It also takes a historical and theoretical look at 17th and 18th century bread riots, anti-colonial peasant insurgencies and the Haitian revolution. What shape has the political taken across space and time? What shape is the political taking today?

Syllabus
This course depends greatly on students’ participation. Attendance is mandatory, and students are required to read all assigned material prior to class. They are also expected to actively engage in class discussion. Final grades will be calculated according to the following assignments:

1. Reader Responses (50%)
2. Participation in class discussion = 20% of the final grade.
3. Final Paper (30% of the final grade)

**Detailed instructions for the RR and the final paper draft will be provided in class.**

“Additional” are movies or readings that will be made available to students on course reserve – unfortunately, we do not have the time to watch or discuss all them in class, but students are welcome to watch/read them in their own time.

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**Meeting 1 (October 14, 2019. 8:15-10:00 and 14:15-16:00 – Room S7)**

**8:15-10:00: Riot and Disruption**


**14:15-16:00: Assembly and Prefiguration**


**Meeting 2 (October 15, 2019; 10:15-14:00 – Room S7)**

**10:15-12:00: Revolution as Encompassing Horizon of Social Change**


12:15-14:00: Revolutions: Thinkable and Unthinkable


Additional:


Film: *Egalite for All: Toussaint Louverture & The Haitian Revolution* (PBS, 2009).

Meeting 3 (October 21, 2019; 8:15-10:00 and 14:15-16:00 – Room S7)

8:15-10:00: Violence


Publication Collective. 2017. *This Here Collection is Incoherent*. Selections TBA.

14:15-16:00: Insurgency


Meeting 4 (October 22, 2019; 10:15-12:00 – Room S7)

10:15-12:00: Revolution Achieved and Lost

