ES 156 Syllabus
Colonial Institutions and the Beginnings of the Modern World
Spring 2011

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Course Description

In this course we will focus on three themes: land, labor, and the question of the human in the colonization of the Americas between the 16th and 18th centuries. In addition to discussing distinct kinds of institutions (e.g. colonial bureaucracies, educational institutions and the church), we will also examine how debates about the nature of the human were constitutive of these institutions in colonization of “the Americas.” We will focus primarily on examples from Spanish and British colonialisms spanning the regions we now call Mexico, the United States and Canada.

Required Texts


All other readings can be viewed and downloaded via the WebCT.

Accommodations

I would like to ensure this class is accessible to everyone. Please contact me as soon as possible if you require any specific accommodations for a disability or any other medical reason.

Course Requirements

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Attendance and Participation: Please arrive in class on time and having completed the assigned readings for the day. Informed and engaged discussion is a critical part of the learning process and everyone is, of course, expected to contribute. Occasionally you will be asked to bring to class a specific question or point for discussion. More than 3 absences will result in an additional 1/2 letter-grade deduction.

Presentation: Each student is asked to prepare a 10-15 minute presentation of an assigned reading. The focus of the presentation should be on communicating key themes from the reading and then asking a good, thought-provoking question to start the class discussion.

Quiz: A quiz will be held on Tuesday, April 19th. No make-up quizzes will be allowed!
**Midterm Exam:** Exam will be held on May 12th and based on the texts from Weeks 1—7. Unfortunately, no make-up exams will be allowed.

**Final Exam:** The final exam will be held on June 6th from 11:30am to 2:30pm, and will cover the entire course.

Students must complete all assignments to get a passing grade. This includes P/NP students.

Please note: Readings may be changed or added during the course.

### Class Schedule

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**Terms and Concepts**

Thursday, March 31

**Before European Hegemony**

**Week 2**
Tuesday, April 5

Thursday, April 7

**Epistemic Colonialism**

**Week 3**
Tuesday, April 12

Thursday, April 14

**Week 4**
Tuesday, April 19

**Quiz**

Thursday, April 21
PBS film: When Worlds Collide
Land, Labor and the Question of the Human under Spanish Colonization

Week 5
Tuesday, April 26

Thursday, April 28

Week 6
Tuesday, May 3

May 5
Thursday, May 5

Week 7
Tuesday, May 10

Thursday, May 12
Midterm Exam

Land, Labor and the Question of the Human under British Colonization

Week 8
Tuesday, May 17

Thursday, May 19

Week 9
Tuesday, May 24

Thursday, May 26

Week 10
Tuesday, May 31
http://www.globaljusticecenter.org/papers/martinot.htm
Thursday, June 2
Review and Closing Remarks

June 6, 2011
**Final Exam 11:30—2:30pm**