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ETHN 113A Decolonizing Geology /\ Spring 2024

Tuesday/Thursday 200-320PM PDT ||| HSS 2333B

The origins, development and practice of the Earth sciences are closely tied to colonization, but these ties rarely are acknowledged, discussed, critiqued or used as a basis for rethinking present day practices and trends. In this course, we will deconstruct the historical, functional and dynamical relationships between colonialism and the Earth sciences, discuss how these relationships have developed over time, and explore practical methods for how Earth science (and, by extension, other fields of western science) might be disengaged from its colonizing roots as a step in broader decolonial struggles.

Further info: https://courses.complex-systems-laboratory.org/ethn113a

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What is Geology?

What is Colonialism?

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Extractivism

Forms of Knowledge

What is Decolonization?

Geological

Measurements and Models

ETHN 113A will be conducted on stolen, colonized, occupied, unceded Kumeyaay Land. Discussions about return of the Land and restoration of its Relationality will occur throughout the quarter.