

# To keep in Mind:

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- You will need to register for 2 electives (3 units each). You may choose to take GENDRST 704 and/or GENDRST 705, or pick from the approved list below and follow instructions from that department.
- Please note that there is room for all GSFR students to take the GSFR Elective 705. You do need to request a seat in the course, even though it is a GENDRST course. Email [gsfr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gsfr@mcmaster.ca).
- Electives in outside departments are granted based on availability after students in their home department have registered. Please follow the instructions listed below for each department to request a seat.
- To help you find course locations, the McMaster Campus map is located here:  
<http://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/campusmap.cfm>

## Gender Studies & Feminist Research Electives 2016-17

<http://gsfr.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/m-a-program/core-courses-and-gsfr-electives/>

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### Term 1:

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None

### Term 2:

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#### **GENDRST 704 – Independent Study in Gender Studies & Feminist Research**

**\*Students must have a supervisor arranged prior to receiving permission to enroll in MOSAIC. Please contact [gsfr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gsfr@mcmaster.ca) for details\***

Description: A Directed Reading course involves in-depth study on a particular topic of interest, under the direct supervision of a faculty advisor with expertise in the subject field. The format usually includes regular tutorial meetings with the supervisor, and written assignments are often a significant part of the course. Normally, the work should be completed in one term. The workload and intellectual effort must be equivalent to a graduate level half-course. Students have the option of taking a Directed Reading Course provided a suitable graduate course is not available in the current curriculum, and provided the course does not overlap significantly with a course taken previously. A written proposal, which includes the purpose of the course, a preliminary bibliography, an evaluation scheme, and a tentative schedule for the completion of the work signed by the student and faculty advisor should be submitted to the Program Director for approval no later than the first week of the term in which the student plans to undertake this work.

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#### **GENDRST 705 - Disability, Subjectivity, and Visual Representation (Syllabus not yet available)**

Email [gsfr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gsfr@mcmaster.ca) to request a seat in this course. There is room for all GSFR students.

Class Schedule: Tuesdays, 11:30am – 2:20pm

Location: TBA

Instructor: Dr. Janice Hladki - [hladjkij@mcmaster.ca](mailto:hladjkij@mcmaster.ca)

Description: Drawing on perspectives in contemporary disability studies, we consider how “alternative corporealities” (McRuer 2006) agitate able-bodied representational practices and how crip constitutions of embodiment re-orient and dis-orient understandings of subjectivity and intersubjectivity. We will examine recent developments that intersect queer theory and disability theory, historical and contemporary feminist work on disability, and embodiment perspectives in critical race theory.

# Approved Electives from Outside Departments 2016-17

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Courses below are the approved list by the GSFR Director. If you see a course you would like to take that is listed elsewhere on the McMaster website, please inquire with Dr. Amber Dean at [deanamb@mcmaster.ca](mailto:deanamb@mcmaster.ca).

The link to each department is below. It is the responsibility of the student to check the individual department sites on a regular basis to view/request the course syllabus and to check scheduling changes.

Where available, the date and time are listed. You can continue to check the corresponding department website to check for updates.

## Anthropology

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<https://anthropology.mcmaster.ca/courses>

Email the instructor with a CC to [gradmin@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gradmin@mcmaster.ca). Seats are granted based on availability.

*Term 1:*

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None

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### **788 - Topics in Anthropological Approaches to Islam**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 9:30AM to 11:30AM

Location: UH 122

Instructor: Dr Celia Rothenberg - [rothenb@mcmaster.ca](mailto:rothenb@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This course focuses on studies of Jews and Muslims in the specific context of globalization. Topics to be covered include the connections between religious identity and national loyalties; the global spread of specific religious groups; the role of the media and the internet in globalized religious communities; religious fundamentalism; and neo-liberalism in religious settings. No background in the study of Judaism or Islam is required.

# Communication Studies & Multimedia

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<http://csmm.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/m-a-in-communication-and-new-media/>

Email the instructor with a CC to Cassandra Weimann at [cweima@mcmaster.ca](mailto:cweima@mcmaster.ca). Seats are granted based on availability.

## *Term 1:*

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None

## *Term 2:*

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### **CMSTMM 714 - Feminism, Technology and Science**

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 11:30am – 2:20pm

Location: TBA

Instructor: Paula Gardner - [gardnerp@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gardnerp@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This course investigates contemporary academic scholarship, and art and media practices, residing in the interstices of feminism, technology and sciences studies with particular focus on cultural practices. It employs the resources of FemTechNet, a network of scholars and artists producing video dialogues and other curriculum in an innovative model of open source pedagogical delivery termed the DOCC (distributed, open, collaborative, course). The course invites a range of critical interventions (textual, media and art informed practices) that interrogate the productive intersections of these thematics. Course content will address how feminism emboldens and articulates emerging cultural concepts and issues, including queer and transgender representations, mobile, locative and wearable media practices, data informatics and politics.

### **CMSTMM 715 - Cultural Memory, the Media, and “Us”**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 1:30pm – 4:20pm

Location: TBA

Instructor: Christina Baade – [baadec@mcmaster.ca](mailto:baadec@mcmaster.ca)

Description: In this class, students will examine how society is affected by the pervasive pasts—historical, national, cultural, personal—propagated through a range of media and media forms. Moving beyond questions of “historical accuracy,” students will consider how scholars have theorized these pasts and their mediation through several much-debated concepts, including collective memory, cultural memory, the archive, and nostalgia. Students will attend throughout the course to how mediated accounts of the past help shape normative concepts of group and individual identity, as well as to how these concepts may be challenged, making space for other stories and, even, for other futures. Students will engage with these debates through live and virtual discussion and the completion of a final research paper.

# English and Cultural Studies

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<http://english.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/>

Email Ilona Forgo-Smith at [engdept@mcmaster.ca](mailto:engdept@mcmaster.ca). Seats are granted based on availability.

## *Term 1:*

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### **English 722/CSCT 726: Race, Labour, and Migration in the Early Twentieth Century Transatlantic Imaginary**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 3:30PM – 6:20PM

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Nadine Attewell - [attewen@mcmaster.ca](mailto:attewen@mcmaster.ca)

Description: Through readings of prose and visual texts from around the Atlantic, this course investigates issues of race and migration as these articulate with labour issues in the early-twentieth-century transatlantic imaginary.

### **English 742: Mapping South Asian Masculinities**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 12:30PM – 3:20PM

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Chandrima Chakraborty - [chandri@mcmaster.ca](mailto:chandri@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This course focuses on masculinities in moments of conflict and crisis in South Asia to explore how masculinities are embedded in and enable the operation of large scale political-historical projects/processes such as colonial rule, nation-formation, construction of civil society and religious fundamentalism. Reading South Asian literary and cinematic texts, it will examine masculinities in articulated relation to other social categories: among them, caste, class, religion, ethnicity and sexuality.

### **English/CSCT 751: Between Indigeneity and Diaspora**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 3:30PM – 6:20PM

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Dr. Daniel Coleman - [dcoleman@mcmaster.ca](mailto:dcoleman@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This class explores the tensions between the land-and-place orientation of Indigenous ways of knowing and being, and the mobile cultural formations that have arisen from histories of displacement. Indigeneity and Diaspora are deeply related, yet solidarities between their scholars and political groups have been few and fraught. Through a study of literary and cultural texts produced in Canada, this class will not only examine how these two cultural formations outline limit cases for each other's claims, but also what potentials might exist between them for new dialogue and shared purpose.

### **English/CSCT 757: Gender, Civility, and Courtliness in Early Modern Europe**

Course Schedule: Thursdays, 9:30AM – 12:20PM

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Dr. Melinda Gough – [gough@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gough@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This seminar studies early modern discourses of gender and proto-Orientalism in connection with emerging notions of civility at European courts, particularly those of England and France. How did class intersect with gendered, religious, and ethnic difference in the formation and contestation of early modern civility? In what ways was European civility inflected by emerging contacts with the Islamic world? What role did elite women's cultural production play in practices of civility, defined as prowess in "arms" but also excellence in "letters," including music, dance, poetry, plays, and masques?

**Term 2:**

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**ENG/CSCT 724: Reproduction, Citizenship, and the Nation/State**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 9:30AM – 12:20PM

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Nadine Attewell - [attewen@mcmaster.ca](mailto:attewen@mcmaster.ca)

Description: Through readings of anglophone cultural and theoretical texts from a variety of contexts, this course offers a critical study of reproduction and its place in discourses of citizenship and national identity.

**ENG/CSCT 785: Migratory Routes: Indian Diasporic Fiction and Film**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 12:30PM – 3:20PM

Location: CNH 317

Instructor: Chandrima Chakraborty - [chandri@mcmaster.ca](mailto:chandri@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This course examines post-independence Indian diasporic fiction and film to understand the changing historical, political, socioeconomic, and cultural contexts of migration.

# Globalization

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<https://globalization.mcmaster.ca/courses>

Students should contact Lihua Qian directly at [globalhc@mcmaster.ca](mailto:globalhc@mcmaster.ca) for permission to register for non-cross listed courses which include Globalst 718, 701, 704, and 749. For all the other cross-listed courses, students need to contact the department that administers the course. Seats are first come, first served.

## *Term 1:*

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### **GlobalSt 718\* - Global Actors Beyond the State: Methods and Cases**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 2:30PM – 5:20PM

Location: KTH B108

Instructor: Dr. Kirsten Fisher

Description: This course examines the emergence and effects of global activism beyond that of state actors and associations of states. It introduces methods for analysing global social movements: frame and discourse analyses; historical approaches; case-based and comparative research; network analysis; and approaches that emphasize political processes and opportunity structures. We also examine various cases, including: human rights movements; campaigns against neo-liberal policies affecting the developing world; and international religious mobilizations. Students will work on research papers using research methods appropriate to a case study of their own design.

## *Term 2:*

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### **GlobalSt 701\* - Topics in Globalization Studies I: Global Ethics and Religion**

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 3:30PM – 5:20PM

Location: UH B115

Instructor: Dr. Travis Kroeker - [kroekert@mcmaster.ca](mailto:kroekert@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This seminar examines the contributions of religious ideas and practices to global ethics and, conversely, the implications of global ethics for religious practices. This term the focus will be on religious conceptions and interpretations of violence and ethics in the context of colonial and postcolonial state violence. Readings will include literary representations such as Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness and Black Elk Speaks, the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the Berger report on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry, and a range of theoretical perspectives.

### **GlobalSt 704\* - Global Social Policy**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 11:30AM – 2:20PM

Location: KTH 709

Instructor: Dr. Kirsten Fisher

Description: This interdisciplinary course introduces students to key concepts and issues of global social policy and its connections with globalization processes. It examines trends in global social policy and the diverse experiences of different welfare regimes across the world. Locating social policy within the context of global inequalities, this course also seeks a deeper understanding of the issues of poverty, social exclusion, and deprivation from an international perspective. In discussing the challenges and possibilities regarding the future of welfare, the roles of various non-state sectors (e.g., transnational corporations, international organizations, and international NGOs) in pursuing social justice and human rights in the global context are also addressed.

# History

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<http://history.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-programs/courses/>

Instructions: Please make requests through email to [histdept@mcmaster.ca](mailto:histdept@mcmaster.ca). Seats are granted based on availability.

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**None**

*Term 2:*

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**None**

# Labour Studies – Work and Society

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<https://labourstudies.mcmaster.ca/courses>

You are encouraged to attend the first class if interested and speak to the instructor. If the instructor agrees to accept you into the course, send an email to Sharon Molnar at [molnars@mcmaster.ca](mailto:molnars@mcmaster.ca) and include your student ID and the course code.

*Term 1: Grad Classes start week of September 12th  
Classes end: December 7<sup>th</sup>; TA marking: Dec. 9-22nd  
NO CLASSES: Mid-term recess: Oct. 10-14*

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## **WS710E – Class, Gender and Race**

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 5:30PM – 8:30PM

Location: KTH 709

Instructor: Suzanne Mills - [smills@mcmaster.ca](mailto:smills@mcmaster.ca)

Description: The focus of this course is the worker and the workplace. It will provide students with a comprehensive historical and contemporary understanding of the organization of production in all sectors of the economy, with particular emphasis on artisan production, Fordism, Lean Production and empowerment. In addition, we will examine questions and issues pertaining to the gendering of work, how work is valued, and the organization of work in the informal sector. The course will also be centrally concerned with alternative forms of organization such as industrial districts, cooperatives. In each set of discussions we will be addressing the role of unions in changing the workplace experience.

## **WS780 - Bodies at Work: Politics, Science, Law & Occupational Health**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 11:30AM – 2:30PM

Location: KTH 709

Instructor: Robert Storey - [storeyr@mcmaster.ca](mailto:storeyr@mcmaster.ca)

Description: In the early 1970s a number of prominent social scientists prophesized that the shift from an industrial society to a post-industrial or information or service economy promised to dramatically improve the health and safety of workers. Such a scenario would evolve as toxic workplaces were replaced by sanitized high tech processing plants at the same time as employers in clean and safe office and retail environments employed an ever-increasing majority of waged and salaried employees. Against this backdrop, this course will investigate and analyze the current state of work and health in Canada and elsewhere around the world. The first section will be directed at developing a theoretical understanding of the political economy of work and health. Readings and discussion in the second section will examine a number of the more significant workplace health issues, e.g. mental health, musculoskeletal injuries, violence, chronic respiratory diseases such as asbestosis and silicosis, and cancer. In the third section we will examine occupational health and safety and workers' compensation laws with an eye to understanding the governance of workers' health within capitalist societies.

*Term 2: Classes begin January 4<sup>th</sup>; Classes end: April 6<sup>th</sup>; NO CLASSES Feb. 20-26; Friday, April 14 (Good Friday); TA marking: April 12-27*

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**WS770E – Searching for the New Labour Movement**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Location: KTH 709

Instructor: Stephanie Ross - [stephross@mcmaster.ca](mailto:stephross@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This new course examines the various attempts to revitalize the labour movement in North America through the development of new strategies and organizational forms. In particular, the course will explore critiques of the post-war model of unionism and labour relations; debates around the need for and meaning of union renewal; the rise of reform movements inside existing unions aimed at fostering deeper membership participation; the use of mergers as a means to consolidate resources; the development of alternative strategies for organizing new union locals, particularly in the private service sector; the use of workplace organizing strategies that remain outside the legal framework (through forms of non-majority unionism); and the spread of non-union workers' organizations such as worker centres. Students will assess the promise and pitfalls of these renewal strategies, placing them in the context of the economic and political changes that, since the 1970s, have eroded the traditional bases of union power.

# Philosophy

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<http://philos.humanities.mcmaster.ca/graduate-courses/>

Instructions: Please email the instructor directly for permission to join this course.

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**None**

*Term 2:*

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## **759 - Selected Topics in Applied Ethics – Global Health Ethics**

Course Schedule: Fridays, 11:00AM – 1:00PM

Location: TBA

Instructor: Dr. Claudia Emerson - [emerson@mcmaster.ca](mailto:emerson@mcmaster.ca)

Description: In this course we will look at the ethical questions surrounding family-making with children. The text we will use particularly focuses on adoption and assisted reproduction, considering and assessing the reasons individuals or couples offer for choosing these alternatives. Topics covered range from the goods of parenting, through the vulnerabilities of children and responsibilities of parents using adoption or technological assistance, issues of sexual orientation and race, transnational contract pregnancy, and aged parenting.

# Religious Studies

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<https://religiousstudies.mcmaster.ca/courses>

Instructions: Religious Studies graduate students do not enrol in courses until September. Students should contact the instructor directly for permission.

*Term 1:*

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**None**

*Term 2:*

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**None**

# Social Science (SOCSCI)

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<https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/>

Contact the instructors directly for permission to join these courses.

## Term 1:

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### **\*700 / The Use and Impacts of Social Science Research**

Course Schedule: Tuesdays, 11:30AM – 2:20PM

Location: TSH B108

Instructor: - Dr. Ailsa Fullwood - [kayac@mcmaster.ca](mailto:kayac@mcmaster.ca)

Description: In this collaboratively taught course, students will develop theoretical knowledge related to the pathways and contexts of social science research use and impacts beyond the academy, and will also develop the critical frameworks through (and against) which to analyze such theories. Students will apply their knowledge and theoretical frameworks to the development of a user-focused knowledge mobilization product or research output. Students will participate in seminar discussions (facilitated by the relevant subject expert), will facilitate discussion, and will share their work and contribute to others' in project-development workshops. Each module will comprise a balance of each of these modes.

## Term 2:

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### **\*701 / Critical Approaches to Community-Based Research**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 1:30PM – 4:20PM

Location: KTH 306A

Instructor: - Dr. Saara Greene - [greenes@mcmaster.ca](mailto:greenes@mcmaster.ca)

Description: This course introduces students to critical approaches in community based research in the social sciences. It is intended for graduate students in the social sciences or related field who are interested or engaged in scholarship from a community-based perspective. The learning objectives of the course include: (1) a working knowledge of the theoretical foundation and history of community based research; (2) a practical understanding of the methods and methodologies taken up within community based research; (3) an entree into the practise of community based research through the development of a CBR proposal, with an attention to issues of collaboration, ethics, trust, equity and social justice.

# Social Work

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<https://socialwork.mcmaster.ca/courses>

The Department of Social Work policy is that students shall wait until the first week of the term to ask the Instructor for permission. By then the instructors will have a clearer picture of the enrolment. Syllabi are available through the Department of Social Work.

## *Term 1:*

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### **721 - Changing Communities: Tensions and Possibilities for Citizenship and Social Justice**

Course Schedule: Mondays, 4:00PM – 6:50PM

Instructor: Saara Greene - [greenes@mcmaster.ca](mailto:greenes@mcmaster.ca)

Location: TBA

Description: Considers how contemporary social, political and economic changes shape constraints and possibilities for enhancing social justice through grassroots organizing, (self-)advocacy, alliance-building, and community based research. The course examines theories and practices of community and citizenship in Canada and how notions of togetherness, common interests, active citizenship and rights and responsibilities are constituted, enacted, practiced and challenged in the community.

## *Term 2:*

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**None**

# Sociology

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<http://sociology.mcmaster.ca/courses>

Instructions: Email the course instructor directly to request permission to join this course. Courses are held for Sociology students initially. Permission for non-Sociology students isn't granted until the start of each class. If you have questions regarding your academic background, you should speak to the course instructor.

## *Term 1:*

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### **SOCIOL 759 – Sociology of Gender**

Course Schedule: Wednesdays, 11:30AM – 2:20PM

Instructor: Melanie Heath - [mheath@mcmaster.ca](mailto:mheath@mcmaster.ca)

Location: KTH 712

Description: This course provides an interdisciplinary overview of the sociology of gender at the graduate level. In the first few weeks, we will tackle the fluid, hard-to-pin-down, contested meanings of the terms sex and gender that reflect a range of theories from essentialist/biological to social constructionist to poststructuralist. After establishing our bearings in the theories and methods of gender studies, this seminar will engage with provocative and contemporary empirical research that analyzes gender as a central axis of inequality, along with class, race, ethnicity, nationality, and sexuality. We will pay particular attention to the relationship between gender, sexuality and power. In thinking about the confounding domains of gender, sex, and sexuality, we will read texts in the emergent field of transgender studies that raise broad questions about the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of gender, feminist, and sexuality studies. Thematic topics include feminist theory; feminist methods; transgressive sexual identities; masculinities; militarism; work and family relationships in the global economy; immigration; and states and social movements.

## *Term 2:*

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### **SOCIOL 758 – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity**

Course Schedule: Fridays, 11:30AM – 2:20PM

Instructor: Jeffrey Denis - [denisj@mcmaster.ca](mailto:denisj@mcmaster.ca)

Location: KTH 712

Description: This course will investigate some of the central theoretical and methodological debates in the sociology of race and ethnic relations. First, we will examine how racial, ethnic, and national identities are constructed and enacted, from both micro-interactional and historical-comparative perspectives. Then, we will consider various approaches to conceptualizing, measuring and understanding racism, including the classical prejudice paradigm, group position theory, implicit prejudice, political economy, intersectionality, critical race theory, and (post?) colonial studies. Finally, we will assess the theory and practice of antiracism and decolonization, with an emphasis on issues of relevance to contemporary Canadian public discourse, including the future of multiculturalism and Indigenous-settler relations.