CPO 4794 Indigenous Politics and the Environment

Please note that this is a video streaming course with two sections. If you are enrolled in the face-to-face section, I require you attend.

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Course Protocols, available in webcourses, are part of this syllabus. Professional etiquette is expected and when violated, you can be penalized up to 15% of your overall course grade.

Please also understand that in order to be an effective instructor, I have taken years to cultivate the assignments and pedagogy here, so please read everything before asking questions.

Course Description

This course explores the unique environmental politics specific to Indigenous peoples around the world.

Course Objectives:

The course will teach students about the political history and comparative conditions of Indigenous peoples relative to environmental issues. The course explores a number of complex issues that include debates on epistemology, ontological politics, social movements, Indigenous perspectives on environmental sustainability, and related topics. Students will be introduced to unique conditions of Indigenous politics from a comparative perspective. Meanwhile, students will sharpen critical thinking about international politics, conduct research, and engage current events.

Required Textbooks:

- Nelson, Melissa K, (Eds). (2008). *Original instructions: Indigenous teachings for a sustainable future*. Rochester, VT: Inner Traditions/Bear & Co.

- Maaka, Roger, & Andersen, Chris (Eds.). (2006). *The indigenous experience: Global perspectives*. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press.

- Dangl, Benjamin. (2010). *Dancing with dynamite: social movements and states in Latin America*: AK Press.

- *The New York Times*. This is available by student subscription and available free at the library.

Assignments:

Grade Categories	Description of the requirements	Weight toward final grade (1000pnts)
Regular Assignments	Various in-class/webcourses assignments related to the material	300
Midterm and Final Exam	Testing of material, taken in webcourses	200 (100 each)
Research Assignments	Three assignments that build your research paper: outline, annotated bibliography, rough draft, and final draft.	500

All assignments will be turned into the "Assignments" section of webcourses.

Schedule of assignment due dates and readings TBA first day of classes.