

## **Advanced Topics: Feminist Theory: Theory for the Revolution**

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Tuesdays 10:55-1:55

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We are in the midst of political upheaval and struggles that will dominate our lifetimes and lifetimes to come: the rise of authoritarian governments under the guise of democracy; engulfing forms of disaster capitalism, climate change, and ecocide; refugee, immigration, and crises of abandoned populations; unprecedented levels of mass incarceration, policing, and counter terrorism surveillance; the consolidation of post-1971 speculative financial markets, building US empire through privatized debt and deficit economies; repression of political protest, freedom of speech rights, and the right to assembly; the failure of human rights to stem state violence; and local, regional, transnational and global modes of resistance, refusal, and revolt, from Black Lives Matter to Palestinian solidarity organizing and beyond.

This class focuses on theoretical texts that resonate with contemporary political struggles and those on the horizon: theory that we need for today. Reading these works from feminist, queer, postcolonial, settler colonial and critical race studies, we will query what theory is, how it is produced, and why it does or does not matter. Unlike the assumptive frame of a theory versus praxis divide, we begin instead with the premise that theoretical production is deeply engaged with and driven from the fabric of everyday struggles.

Potential readings may include Fred Moten, Stefano Harney, Gayatri Spivak, Hortense Spillers, Hannah Arendt, Franz Fanon, Denise da Silva Fererra, Karl Marx, Jackie Wang, Sylvia Wynter, Houria Bouteldja, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, Jodi Byrd, Tithi Bhattacharya, Sayak Valencia, Greg Thomas, Donna Haraway, Gloria Anzaldua, Chela Sandoval, Achille Mbembe.