

Syllabus:

INTRODUCTION:

A) Engaging the “Anthropocene”

Katherine Yusoff, “Aesthetics of Loss: Biodiversity, Violence, and Biotic Subjects”, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, Issue 37, 2011: 578-592.

Descola, Philippe, 2012. Beyond nature and culture Forms of attachment, *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*, 2, 1, pp. 447–471

Donna Haraway, “Anthropocene, Capitalocene, Platnationocene, Chthulucene: Making Kin”, *Environmental Humanities*, vol. 6, 2015: 159-165

Paxson, Heather and Stefan Helmreich, 2014. The perils and promises of microbial abundance: Novel natures and model ecosystems, from artisanal cheese to alien seas, *Social Studies of Science*, 44, 2, pp.165–193

Hornborg, Alf, 2016. Post-capitalist ecologies: Energy, “value” and fetishism in the Anthropocene, *Capitalism Nature Socialism*, 27, 4, pp. 61-76.

Pitrou, Perig 2017. Life Form and Form of Life within an Agentic Configuration A Birth Ritual among the Mixe of Oaxaca, Mexico, *Current Anthropology*, 58, 3, pp. 360-380.

Tsing, Anna, 2015. In the midst of disturbance: symbiosis, coordination, history, landscape, ASA FIRTH LECTURE.

B) INFRASTRUCTURE:

Jennifer Gabrys, [Program Earth: Environmental Sensing Technologies and the Making of a Computational Planet](#), Minneapolis: University of Minnesota (2016) Introduction, Conclusion

Larkin, B. (2013). “The Politics and Poetics of Infrastructure”. *The Annual Review of Anthropology*. 42:327-43.

C) SPECULATIVE PRACTICES

Rem Koolhaas, *Junkspace*, <http://www.cavvia.net/junkspace/>

Robert Smithson, *Entropy and the New Monuments*, (1966):
https://www.robertsmithson.com/essays/entropy_and.htm

Lebbeus Woods, writings, <https://lebbeuswoods.wordpress.com/> Particularly focus on war and radical reconstruction

SUGGESTED BACKGROUND READINGS TO THE COURSE:

de La Cadena, Marisol, 2010. Indigenous Cosmopolitics in the Andes: Conceptual Reflections beyond “Politics”, *Cultural Anthropology*, 25, 2, pp. 334-370.

Helmreich, Stefan 2007. Blue-green Capital, Biotechnological Circulation and an Oceanic Imaginary: A Critique of Biopolitical Economy, *BioSocieties*, 2, pp. 287–302.

DAYS 3-5: EXTRACTION

Emily Apter, *Overburden*, *E-flux*, May 2017: <http://www.e-flux.com/architecture/accumulation/96423/overburden/>

Suggested: *These are readings by the geologist who will be visiting with us.*

Coal mine wastes recycling for coal recovery and eco-friendly bricks production
Yassine Taha a,b, Mostafa Benzaazoua a,†, Rachid Hakkou b, Mohammed MOrasi
Minerals Engineering, September 7, 2016.

Integrated environmental management of pyrrhotite tailings at Raglan Mine: Part 1 challenges of desulphurization process and reactivity Prediction, M. Benzaazoua a,*, H. Bouzahzah a, Y. Tahaa, L. Kormos b, D. Kabombo a, F. Lessard a, B. Bussi ere a, I. Demers a, M. Kongolo a, *Journal of Cleaner Production* 162 (2017) 86e95

DAYS 6-9: COLONIALISM

Films from Kahnawake community on the
seaway: <http://www.kahnawake.com/community/revisited.asp>

Tuck and Yang (2012) Decolonization is not a metaphor: <http://decolonization.org/index.php/des/article/view/18630>

Tricia Toso (2016) "The Soundscapes of Becoming Place: Rhythms and Voices of Villages des Tanneries", <http://etopia.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/etopia/article/view/36770/33443>

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Alfred, Taiaiake G.R. "Chapter 7, Interactions and their Impact: Conflict over Territory and Membership" In *Heeding the Voices of Our Ancestors: Kahnawake Mohawk Politics and the Rise of Native Nationalism*. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1995, 149-162.

Desbiens, C. (2013). "Chapter One: The Nexus of Hydroelectricity in Quebec" In *Power from the North: Territory, Identity, and the Culture of Hydroelectricity in Quebec*. Vancouver and Toronto: UBC Press, 19-39.

Feit, H. (1980), "Negotiating Recognition of Aboriginal Rights: Histories, Strategies and Reactions to the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement." *Canadian Journal of Anthropology* 1 (2), 159-171.

Gandy, M. (2014) "Introduction" In *The Fabric of Space: Water, Modernity, and the Urban Imagination*. Cambridge: The MIT Press. 1-25.

Hanrahan, M. (2017) "Water (in)security in Canada: national identity and the exclusion of Indigenous peoples" *British Journal of Canadian Studies*, 30(1), 69-89.
Lewis, R. *Manufacturing Montreal-....*

Macfarlane, D. (2014). "Introduction" and "Chapter 4, Fluid Relations" *Negotiating a River: Canada, the US, and the Creation of the St. Lawrence Seaway*. Vancouver and Toronto: UBC Press, 3-18, 111-138.

Oliveros, P. (2010). *Sounding the margins: collected writings 1992-2009*. (Ed) Lawton Hall. Kingston, NY: Deep Listening.

Porter, L. (2013) "Co-existence in cities: The challenge of Indigenous urban planning in the 21st Century". Walker, R., T. Jojola and D. Natcher (Eds) *Reclaiming Indigenous Planning*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press. 283-310.

Sandvig, C. (2012). "Connection at Ewiiapaayp Mountain: Indigenous Internet Infrastructure". In *Race After the Internet*. (Eds) Lisa Nakamura and Peter A. Chow-White. New York and London: Routledge, 168-200. (<http://aaaarg.fail/upload/lisa-nakamura-and-peter-a-chowwhite-race-after-the-internet-1.pdf>)

Simpson, L. (2014). "Chapter Two: A Brief History of Land, Meaning, and Membership in Iroquoia and Kahnawà:ke". In *Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life Across the Borders of Settler States*. Durham and London: Duke University Press, 37-66.

2 short documentaries on the mohawk Council of Kahnawake's website, about the seaway:
<http://www.kahnawake.com/community/revisited.asp>

DAYS 9-12: SPECULATION

Return to Smithson/Koolhaas/Yusoff/Woods

Peter Watts, "Beyond the Rift"/Echopraxia (excerpts)

Halpern and Gunel, "Preemptive Hope" *FibreCulture*, August 2017.

Sylvia Wynter, Human Being as Noun? Or Being Human as Praxis? Towards the Autopoietic Turn/Overtturn: A Manifesto

Ezekiel Dixon-Roman, "Diffractive Possibilities: Cultural Studies and Quantification", *Transforming Anthropology*

Exit and the Extensions of Man" Transmediale Online
Journal <https://transmediale.de/content/exit-and-the-extensions-of-man> April 2017

The Speed Trap: Of Taxis, Truck Stops and TaskRabbits" in *Societies of Speed* edited by Judy Wajcman and Nigel Dodd, Oxford University Press, 2017

SUGGESTED:

Melinda Cooper: "Turbulent Worlds: Financial Markets and Environmental Insecurity", *Theory, Culture and Society* (2010).

Orit Halpern, *Hopeful Resilience*, E-flux, <http://www.e-flux.com/architecture/accumulation/96421/hopeful-resilience/>