

HON-301

Seminar: Cultural Practices and Ambiguous Identities

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The seminar focuses the cultural, political, economic, sexual, and racial production of marginal identities and the ways in which it can be deconstructed in discourse and in ethnographic studies of local space. In this respect the seminar consists of two parts, on the theoretical analysis of various texts on this topics and on the ethnographic, field studies of the students own involvement in the local community about how the local community, in the past and in the present, divides its space and produces marginal and ambiguous identities. Students will be asked to do (in the middle of the semester) one in-class exam on the theoretical part of the seminar, to produce a fieldwork paper on a particular topic of their research, and to write a book review at the end of the semester. In addition to reading texts and the fieldwork, various visual materials will be presented in the seminar, which the students will be asked to analyze.

Grade:

In-class exam I.....	25%
In-class exam II.....	15
Autoethnographic project.....	35%
Book review.....	15%
Attendance and participation.....	10%

Total:	100%

Book review (to be submitted the week after the last class):
 Deepa Fernandez, *Targeted: Homeland security and the Business of Immigration*, (Seven Stories Press, 2007).

Sep. 4

Introduction

Sep. 11Capitalism and the Invention of Woman's body

Silvia Fererici, *Caliban and the Witch. Women, The Body and Primitive Accumulation*, (Brooklyn, NY: Autonomedia, 2004), pp. 7-132

 Sep. 18

Religion, Colonization and the Rebel Body

Readings:

Silvia Fererici, *Caliban and the Witch. Women, The Body and Primitive Accumulation*, (Brooklyn, NY: Autonomedia, 2004), pp. 133-242.

Sep. 25

Global Capitalism and Ambiguous Identities

Readings:

Etienne Balibar (*Race, Nation, Class: Ambiguous Identities*), "Is There a 'Neo-Racism?'" ; "Racism and Nationalism."

Oct. 2

"Whiteness" and Radical Multiculturalism

Readings:

Peter McLaren, "White Terror and Oppositional Agency: Toward a Critical Multiculturalism (*Multiculturalism: The Reader*).

Oct. 9

Intellectuals and the "Other"

Readings:

Edward Said, Representation of the Intellectual, pp., ix-121.

Oct. 16

Bring the review of *Targeted* and be ready to discuss it!

Oct. 23

In-class exam

Oct. 30

Learning Autoethnography

Readings:

Sarah Wall "An Autoethnography on Learning About Autoethnography" (E-reserve password: brihon311)

Nov. 6

Personal narrative

Readings:

Carolyn Ellis & Arthur P. Bochner: "Authoethnography, Personal Narrative, Reflexivity" from Handbook of Qualitative Research.

Nov. 13

Case Studies

Readings:
Matthew Buzzell-Climo, Honors' Thesis.

Nov. 20

Class presentation of the work in progress

Dec. 4

In-class exam

Dec. 11

Presentation of the final project