Western University/Political Science

Critical Political Theory 9505b

Thematic Focus 2021-22:

Instructor Contact Information:

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Course Description: This course is a curated introduction to critical political theories that seek to explore and interrogate the colonial, gendered, and racialized legacies of political theory. The course will be devoted to familiarizing you with some notable historical and contemporary theories, arguments and debates in political theory, cultural studies, and decolonization studies. We will explore some of the historico-conceptual intersections of political theory and modernity, and

alternative worldviews, and the failures of the western philosophical canon.

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Learning Outcomes: Although

develop students [reflective, methodological, theoretical, and empirical engagements with the materials. The aim of the course is to expose students to critical political concepts and theories that they could use to inform their own theoretical and empirical research. By the end of this course, the student should be able to identify and compare some main concepts and arguments in selected critical political theories, as well as develop basic connections between these theories and relevant empirical materials.

Course Evaluation:

Individual Seminar Lecture: 24% (Oral/visual

Critical Comparative Literature Review of at least at least 8 articles and 4 books on the course reading list: 40%

Selected Course Texts:

Fanon, F. (1952)