

**Indigenous Politics**  
**Field of Study Exam Instructions and Reading List**

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE INDIGENOUS POLITICS FIELD OF STUDY EXAMINATION

**I. STRUCTURE OF INDIGENOUS POLITICS FOS EXAMINATION**

The Indigenous politics FoS examination has three sections. Each section will have a number of questions that the student may choose from. Students will be expected to answer one question per section in a three-hour period.

**Section 1. Theories in Indigenous Politics.** Section 1 will include questions on general theoretical issues.

**Section 2: Methods in Indigenous Politics.** Section 2 will include questions on general methodological issues.

**Section 3: Themes in Indigenous Politics.** Section 3 will include questions on special thematic issues in the sub-field.

**II. RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY COURSE WORK**

As preparation for the Indigenous politics FoS examination, the Indigenous Politics Field Caucus recommends the following courses:

**POLI 624 Advanced Seminar on Indigenous-State Relations in Canada**

**POLI 665 Advanced Seminar on Indigenous Politics in the Global South**

**SECTION 1: THEORIES AND PRACTICES IN INDIGENOUS POLITICS**

**A. Indigenous Law and Politics**

1. Alfred, Taiaiake. 1995. *Heeding the Voices of our Ancestors: Kahnawake Mohawk Politics and the Rise of Native Nationalism*. Don Mills, Ontario: OUP.
2. Austin, Raymond. *Navajo Courts and the Navajo Common Law: A Tradition of Tribal Self-Governance*, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2009).
3. Barsh, Russel Lawrence. "The nature and spirit of North American political systems." *American Indian Quarterly* (1986): 181-198.
4. Borrows, John. 2002. *Recovering Canada: The Resurgence of Indigenous Law*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
5. Borrows, John. 2010. *Canada's Indigenous Constitution*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Selections.
6. Gudynas, Eduardo. 2011. "Buen Vivir: Today's Tomorrow." *Development* 54(4): 441-447.

7. Hunt, Sarah. "Violence, law, and the everyday politics of recognition." In *Annual Meeting of the North American Indigenous Studies Association, Washington DC*. 2015.
8. Innes, Robert Alexander. *Elder brother and the Law of the People: Contemporary Kinship and the Cowessess First Nation*. Vol. 17. Univ. of Manitoba Press, 2013.
9. Jobin, Shalene. "Cree peoplehood, international trade, and diplomacy." *Revue générale de droit* 43, no. 2 (2013): 599-636.
10. Ladner, Kiera L. "Governing within an ecological context: creating an alternative understanding of Blackfoot governance." *Studies in Political Economy* 70, no. 1 (2003): 125-152.
11. McNeil, Kent. *Flawed Precedent: The St. Catherine's Case and Aboriginal Title*. UBC Press, 2019.
12. Morales, Sarah "(Re)Defining 'Good Faith' through Snuw'yulh" in John Borrows & Michael Coyle, eds, *The Right Relationship: Reimagining the Implementation of Historical Treaties* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017)
13. Napolean, Val. "Thinking About Indigenous Legal Orders" in Rene Provost's *Dialogues on human rights and legal pluralism*.
14. Sieder, Rachel, "Contested Sovereignties: Indigenous Law, Violence and State Effects in Postwar Guatemala," in *Critique of Anthropology*, Vol. 31, No. 3, 2011, pp. 161-184.
15. Voth, Daniel, "The Choices We Make and the World they Create: Métis Conflicts with Treaty One Peoples in MMF v Canada." *University of Toronto Law Journal* (2018) 68: 3, summer 358-404.

### C. Indigenous-State Relations

1. Amagoalik, John. 2008. "Reconciliation or Conciliation? An Inuit Perspective." In *From Truth to Reconciliation: Transforming the Legacy of Residential Schools*, edited by M. B. Castellano, L. Archibald and M. DeGagne. Ottawa: Aboriginal Healing Foundation, Pp.91-101.  
<http://www.ahf.ca/publications/research-series>
2. Asch, Michael, ed. *Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in Canada*. UBC Press, 2011.
3. Coulthard, Glen. *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*. Minneapolis: U of Minnesota P, 2014.
4. Hedican, Edward J. 2013. *Ipperwash: The Tragic Failure of Canada's Aboriginal Policy*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
5. Irlbacher-Fox, Stephanie. (2009) *Finding Dahshaa: Self-Government, Social Suffering and Aboriginal Policy in Canada*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
6. Ladner, Kiera. 2010 "Take 35: Reconciling Constitutional Orders," in Annis May Timpson (ed.) *First Nations, First Thoughts: The Impact of Indigenous Thought in Canada*. Vancouver: UBC Press.
7. Nadasdy, Paul (2003) *Hunters and Bureaucrats: Power, Knowledge and Aboriginal-State Relations in the Southwest Yukon*. Vancouver: UBC Press
8. Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples – selections.
9. Samson, Colin and Carlos Gigoux. 2017. *Indigenous Peoples and Colonialism: Global Perspectives*. Polity Press.
10. Shaw, Karena. 2008. *Indigeneity and Political Theory*. London and New York: Routledge.
11. Tockman, J. and Cameron, J. (2014), Indigenous Autonomy and the Contradictions of Plurinationalism in Bolivia. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 56: 46-69.  
doi:10.1111/j.1548-2456.2014.00239.x

12. Tuck, Eve and K. Wayne Yang, "Decolonization is Not a Metaphor," in *Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education and Society*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2012), pp. 1-40.
13. Tully, James. (1995). *Strange Multiplicity: Constitutionalism in an Age of Diversity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
14. Turner, Dale. 2009. *This is Not a Peace Pipe: Towards a Critical Indigenous Philosophy*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

#### **D. Indigenous Activism and Resistance**

1. Alfred, Taiaiake. (2005). *Wasáse: Indigenous Pathways of Action and Freedom*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
2. Alfred, Taiaiake & Jeff Corntassel. 2005. "Being Indigenous: Resurgences against Contemporary Colonialism." *Government & Opposition*, 40(4): 597-614.
3. Carlson, Nellie, and Kathleen Steinhauer. *Disinherited generations: Our struggle to reclaim treaty rights for First Nations women and their descendants*. University of Alberta, 2013.
4. Estes, Nick, and Jaskiran Dhillon, eds. *Standing with Standing Rock: Voices from the# NoDAPL Movement*. U of Minnesota Press, 2019.
5. Grande, Sandy. "Accumulation of the primitive: The limits of liberalism and the politics of Occupy Wall Street." *Settler Colonial Studies* 3.3-4 (2013): 369-380.
6. Jacob, Michelle. (2013). *Yakama Rising: Indigenous Cultural Revitalization, Activism and Healing*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
7. LaRocque, Emma. 2010. *When the Other is Me: Native Resistance Discourse, 1850-1990*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press.
8. McFarlane, Peter. *Brotherhood to nationhood: George Manuel and the making of the modern Indian movement*. Between the Lines, 1993.
9. Pasternak, Shiri. *Grounded Authority: The Algonquins of Barriere Lake against the state*. U of Minnesota Press, 2017.
10. Rice, Roberta. 2012. *The New Politics of Protest: Indigenous Mobilization in Latin America's Neoliberal Era*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press.
11. Silva, Noenoe. (2004). *Aloha Betrayed: Native Hawaiian Resistance to American Colonialism*. Durham, NC.:Duke University Press.
12. Simpson & Ladner, eds. (2010). *This is an Honour Song: Twenty Years Since the Blockades*. Winnipeg: Arbeiter Ring Press.
13. Simpson, Leanne Betasamosake. *As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance*. University of Minnesota Press, 2017.
14. Swain, Harry. 2010. *Oka: A Political Crisis and its Legacy*. Douglas & McIntyre.
15. Willow, Anna. *Strong Hearts Native Lands: the Cultural and Political Landscape of Anishinaabe Anti-Clearcutting Activism*, (Albany: SUNY Press, 2012).

#### **E. Self-Determination, Sovereignty, Nationhood**

1. Alfred, Taiaiake. (2009). *Peace, Power, Righteousness: an Indigenous Manifesto*, 2nd edition. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Andersen, Chris. 2014. *Metis: Race, Recognition, and the Struggle for Indigenous Peoplehood*. Vancouver: UBC Press.

3. Asch, Michael; Borrows, John, and Tully Jim (2018). *Resurgence and Reconciliation: Indigenous-Settler Relations and Earth Teachings*. Toronto, University of Toronto Press. Introduction and any four chapters.
4. Barker, Joanne, ed. (2017). *Critically Sovereign: Indigenous Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies*. Duke University Press.
5. Bruyneel, Kevin. "Social Science and the Study of Indigenous People's Politics: Contributions, Omissions, and Tensions," in *The Oxford Handbook of Indigenous People's Politics*, edited by Jose Antonio Lucero, Dale Turner, and Donna Lee VanCott.
6. Christie, Gordon. "Indigeneity and Sovereignty in Canada's Far North: The Arctic and Inuit Sovereignty" *South Atlantic Quarterly* v. 110 no. 2 (2011), 329-346
7. Kwokwo Barume, Albert. 2010. *Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Africa*. IWGIA.
8. Mack, Johnny. "Hoquotist: Reorienting through Storied Practice," in Hester Lessard et. al (ed) *Storied Communities: Narratives of Contact and Arrival in Constituting Political Community*. (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2011) p.287-307.
9. Million, Dian. *Therapeutic Nations: Healing in an Age of Indigenous Human Rights*. Tucson: U of Arizona Press, 2013.
10. Hunt, Sarah, and Cindy Holmes. "Everyday decolonization: Living a decolonizing queer politics." *Journal of lesbian studies* 19, no. 2 (2015): 154-172.
11. Goeman, Mishuana. *Mark my words: Native women mapping our nations*. U of Minnesota Press, 2013.
12. Goodyear-Ka'opua, Noelani, Ikaika Hussey, and Erin Kahunawaika'ala Wright, eds. *A nation rising: Hawaiian movements for life, land, and sovereignty*. Duke University Press, 2014.
13. Simpson, Audra. *Mohawk Interruptus: Political Life Across the Borders of Settler States*. Durham: Duke UP, 2014.
14. Tully, James. "The Struggles of Indigenous Peoples for and of Freedom," in Ivison, et al., *Political Theory and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), p.36-59
15. Wilson, Alex. 2015. "Two-spirit people, body sovereignty, and gender self-determination." *Red Rising Magazine* September 21, 2015. <http://redrisingmagazine.ca/two-spirit-people-body-sovereignty-and-gender-self-determination/>.

## SECTION 2: METHODS AND THEORIES IN INDIGENOUS POLITICS

### A. Indigenous Epistemologies and Research Approaches

1. Bastien, Betty. (2004). *Blackfoot Ways of Knowing*. Calgary: University of Calgary Press.
2. Battiste, Marie and James Youngblood Henderson. *Protecting Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage*. Saskatoon: Purich, 2000.
3. Brown, Leslie A., and Susan Strega. *Research as Resistance: Critical, Indigenous, and AntiOppressive Approaches*. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' P, 2005.
4. Cajete, Gregory. (2000). *Native Science: Natural Laws of Interdependence*. Santa Fe, NM: Clear Light Publishers.

5. Canessa, Andrew, "Indigenous Conflict in Bolivia Explored Through an African Lens: Towards a Comparative Analysis of Indigeneity," in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Vol. 60, No. 2 (2018), pp. 308-337.
6. Cruikshank, Julie. 1998. *The Social Life of Stories: Narrative and Knowledge in the Yukon Territory*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.
7. Freire, Paulo. (2006). *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*. New York: The Continuum International Publishing Group Inc.
8. Kimmerer, Robin Wall. 2013. *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. Milkweed Traditions.
9. Kovach, Margaret. (2009). *Indigenous Methodologies: Characteristics, Conversations and Contexts*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
10. Little Bear, Leroy. "Jagged Worldviews Colliding," in Marie Battiste (ed) *Reclaiming Indigenous Voice and Vision*, edited by Marie Battiste, Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000. pg.77-85
11. Schnarch, Brian. (2004). "Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP) or Self-Determination Applied to Research" *Journal of Aboriginal Health* 1, 80-95.
12. Smith, Linda Tuhiwai. (2012). *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*. 2nd edition. London: Zed Books,
13. Stewart-Harawira, Makere. 2013. "Challenging Knowledge Capitalism: Indigenous Research in the 21st Century." *Socialist Studies/Études Socialistes* 9(1).
14. Wilson, Shawn. (2009). *Research Is Ceremony: Indigenous Research Methods*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing Co., Ltd.

## B. Gender, Sexuality, and Feminisms

1. Arvin, Maile, Eve Tuck and Angie Morrill. 2013. "Decolonizing Feminism: Challenging Connections between Settler Colonialism and Heteropatriarchy," *Feminist Formations*, 25 (1): 8-34.
2. Anderson, Kim. 2001. *Recognition of Being: Reconstructing Native Womanhood*. Toronto: Sumach Press.
3. Driskill, Qwo-Li et al, eds. *Queer Indigenous Studies: Critical Interventions in Theory, Politics, Literature*. Tucson: University of Arizona P, 43-65.
4. Goeman, Mishuana R., and Denetdale, Jennifer Nez. 2009. Guest editors' introduction: Native feminisms: Legacies, interventions and Indigenous sovereignties. *Wicazo Sa Review* 24 (2): 9-13.
5. Green, Joyce. ed, *Making Space for Indigenous Feminism*, 2nd ed (Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, 2017)
6. Hall, Lisa Kahaleole. "Navigating Our Own" Sea of Islands": Remapping a Theoretical Space for Hawaiian Women and Indigenous Feminism." *Wicazo Sa Review* 24, no. 2 (2009): 15-38.
7. Hunt, Sarah. "Embodying self-determination: beyond the gender binary." *Determinants of Indigenous Peoples' Health* (2018): 22-39.
8. Innes, Robert Alexander, and Kim Anderson, eds. *Indigenous men and masculinities: Legacies, identities, regeneration*. University of Manitoba Press, 2015.
9. Maracle, Lee. 1996. *I am Woman*. Vancouver: Press Gang Publishers.
10. Monture-Angus, Patricia. 1995. *Thunder in my Soul: A Mohawk Woman Speaks*. Halifax: Fernwood.

11. Napoleon, Val “Raven’s Garden: A discussion about Aboriginal Sexual Orientation and Transgender issues” in *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* (2002) Vol. 17 no. 2 pp 149-171.
12. Nickel, Sarah, and Amanda Fehr, eds. *In Good Relation: History, Gender, and Kinship in Indigenous Feminisms*. Univ. of Manitoba Press, 2020.
13. Razack, Sherene. 2000. “Gendered Racial Violence and Spatialized Justice: The Murder of Pamela George.” *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*, 15: 2.
14. Speed, Shannon, Aida Hernandez Castillo and Lynne Stephen, eds. *Dissident Women: Gender and Cultural Politics in Chiapas* (University of Texas Press, 2006).

### C. Theories/Approaches to Colonialism

1. Adams, Howard. (1975) *Prison of Grass: Canada From the Native Point of View*. Toronto: General Publishing.
2. Blaut, J. M. *The Colonizer's Model of the World: Geographical Diffusionism and Eurocentric History*. New York: The Guilford P, 1993.
3. Byrd, Jodi. 2011. *The Transit of Empire: Indigenous Critiques of Colonialism*. Minnesota Press.
4. Cardinal, Harold. 1999. *The Unjust Society*. Douglas and McIntyre.
5. Deloria, Vine Jr. 1988. *Custer Died for your Sins: An Indian Manifesto*. New York: MacMillan.
6. Fanon, Frantz. 1967. *Black Skin White Masks*. New York: Grove Press.
7. Fanon, Frantz. *The Wretched of the Earth*. New York: Grove Books, 1963.
8. Manuel & Posluns. (1974). *The Fourth World: An Indian Reality*. New York: Free Press.
9. Memmi, Albert. *The Colonizer and the Colonized*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1965.
10. Quijano, Anibal (2007). "Coloniality and Modernity/Rationality". *Cultural Studies*. 21 (2–3): 168–178. doi:10.1080/09502380601164353.
11. Rice, Roberta. “How to Decolonize Democracy: Indigenous Governance Innovation in Bolivia and Nunavut, Canada,” in *Bolivian Studies Journal*, Vol. 22 (2016), pp. 220-242.
12. Said, Edward W. *Orientalism*. New York: Vintage Books, 1978.
13. Veracini, Lorenzo. 2010. *Settler Colonialism: A Theoretical Overview*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan.
14. Wolfe, Patrick. 2006. “Settler Colonialism and the Elimination of the Native,” *Journal of Genocide Research*, vol. 8, no. 4: 387-409.

## SECTION 3: THEMES IN INDIGENOUS POLITICS

In consultation with your supervisor, you are to develop a list of the five most recent peer reviewed texts relevant to your area of study in Indigenous Politics. From that list, you must then build a sub-list consisting of the three most important texts cited by each of the original five works. Finally, from that sub-list, you are to select the single most important text used by those fifteen sub-works.

As such, this thematic tree should be three branches deep:

- First Branch – five texts
- Second Branch – fifteen texts
- Third Branch – a further fifteen texts

In total, the list should be 35 texts, and overlap with the above texts is permissible, but should not be extensive.