

GEOG 420. MEMORY, PLACE, AND POWER.

Credits: 3

Offered by: Geography (Faculty of Science)

This course is not offered this catalogue year.

Description

This interdisciplinary class explores the relationships among memory, place, and political power. The course begins with an introduction to key classical, Enlightenment, and contemporary texts on memory and place-making. It then uses this foundation to examine the symbolic transformation of public space, in particular the construction, alteration, and destruction of monuments, memorials, and museums in postcommunist states and in North America. This approach emphasizes the social quality of memory, exploring the ways in which political interests, economic resources, and social practices can shape something as ostensibly personal and individual as memory.

- The course includes a fee of \$15 for a walking field trip of monuments and memorials in Montreal, led by personnel from Heritage Montreal who are well-known local experts on the urban landscape of the city. As a non-profit agency, Heritage Montreal offers tours of the city and must charge a nominal amount for them.
- Prerequisite(s): One of the following: GEOG 316, GEOG 325, or GEOG 331; or one 200- or 300-level course in Comparative Politics required; or permission of instructor.
- Restriction(s): Not open to students who have taken or are taking POLI 420, or who have taken POLI 432 when topic was "Memory, Place, and Power".

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