PHIL 10188: PHILOSOPHIES OF DECOLONIZATION: ANTI-HUMANISM AND FURTHER EXPLORATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF RACIAL OTHERS.

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COURSE LECTURES: LECTURES WILL BE UPLOADED EVERY TUESDAY AT NOON ON THE LEARN PLATFORM

COURSE MEETING TIMES:
“INFORMATION ABOUT CLASS TIMING AND FORMAT WILL BE ON THE LEARN PAGE FOR THE COURSE.”

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will introduce students to the radical Black traditions that challenge white supremacy, colonialism, and assimilationism/integrationism from the mid-1900s to present. This class is specifically geared towards the production of radical philosophies of liberation and anti-colonial thought that do not reside within the confines of Eurocentric thought or remain dependent on Europe’s philosophical anthropology of the Human.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The student will be able to describe the problems engaged by decolonial methodology and themes of the decolonial project engaged by current scholarship. The student should be able to (1) Explain the various figures and authors of decolonial theory, (2) explain and analyze various theories and arguments in decolonial theory with reference to particular cases, (3) understand the relationship between decolonial theory and other areas of philosophy, (4) develop and explain their views of decolonization.

ASSESSMENT: The student will be graded in three areas: (1) A Midterm Essay worth (35%), (2) a participation grade worth (5%) that will be assessed based on participation on discussion forums and assignments, and (3) their Final Paper (60%). The MIDTERM PAPER is expected to be a 1,500-word essay exploring one themes from the class readings. The FINAL PAPER is expected to be a 2,500-word essay analyzing a decolonial theory from the course and its application to contemporary social problems dealing with racism, anti-Blackness, and colonial violence. It is the expectation that the student will write about two different topics over the course of the class. The MID-TERM is due Thursday, October 22nd, 2020 at 12 p.m. The FINAL PAPER is due December 10th, 2020 at 12 p.m. For students considering a DISSERTATION, your coursework dissertation decision is due October 19th, 2020. For those decide to take the dissertation option, your 5,000-word DISSERTATION ESSAY is due Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 at 12 p.m.
SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE: UPON THE DELUSION OF EUROPE WE DWELL


WEEK TWO: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF THE COLONIZER


WEEK THREE: THE HISTORICAL CONSEQUENCES OF EUROPE


WEEK FOUR: THE FACT OF BLACKNESS


WEEK FIVE: CONCEPTUALIZING DECOLONIZATION AND RACISM AS NON-BEING


WEEK SIX: THE REVOLUTIONARY CORPOREAL


WEEK SEVEN: BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS


WEEK EIGHT: ON THE PROBLEM OF THE BLACK HUMAN


WEEK NINE: BLACK NIHILISM AS ANTI-HUMANIST CRITIQUE

WEEK TEN: AFRO-PESSIMISM: FOUNDATIONAL READINGS IN THE PROBLEM OF THE HUMAN


WEEK ELEVEN: BLACKNESS & CAPITAL