



INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATE PROGRAMS



Culture and Resistance in the Americas Cultural Studies Elective - Spring 2010

BCULST 589 Topics in Global Cultural Studies: Culture and Resistance in the Americas, 5 credits, Mon/Wed 1:15pm-3:20pm

This course will center on the question how is culture used to articulate resistance? We will look at the rich history of political cultural production in Latin America and the diaspora used by social movement actors as voices of resistance and opposition. For example, Central American guerrillas used rebel radio stations and street murals to deliver their revolutionary message; Cuban Hip Hop artists, Chilean New Song musicians, and Chicanos of East Los Angeles use their lyrics and instruments to convey hidden histories of repression and articulate powerful messages of resistance; Latin American film makers write and direct feature films and documentaries to record and archive political histories typically overlooked by the mainstream, and fiction writers use their prose to commit their personal and political struggles to the literary archives and give voice to the marginalized. This class will examine the fusion of culture, history, and resistance through the aforementioned cases and others.

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