Course Description

This course is a study of politics through the audiovisual medium of documentary films. It is commonplace for courses in political science to use documentary films as supplementary learning materials to text-based analysis; whereas this course aims to do the reverse. The course is therefore organized thematically around films that focus on specific political issues and events. Among the themes to be explored are the Aboriginal peoples of Canada, democracy and social movements, globalization and its impact, war and violence.

Course Requirements

1. Seminar Participation (20%)
2. Presentation (20%)
3. Film Viewing Journal (20%)
4. Final Research Assignment (40%)

Course Materials

Films studied in the course will be streamed through the Ares platform. There will also be assigned readings on each film.

Instructor

Professor Theresa Lee, Department of Political Science

Class Schedule

Tuesday from 2.30 to 5.20 pm