FNST 433: Indigenous Environmental Justice and Activism

Credit: 4 units

Theme (in Fall 2017): **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: NEOLIBERALISM’S INDIGENOUS MARTYRS**

**Course Description:** *Indigenous Environmental Activism* is a research and creation seminar that examines various aesthetic/intellectual expressions of select aboriginal peoples traditionally and in contemporary society which express environmental philosophies and practices.

Environmental Justice is our chief concern. Issues includes relationships between living beings, ecosystems; resource extraction’s affect upon health, culture, language, art, politics, culture, society, and spiritual beliefs of Indigenous Nations; globalization, transgenes, state and corporate sponsored violence, the Indigenous garden, ethnobotany; the right to food and seed sovereignty;; conservation, the wild, and sustainable technologies.

The class is made up of lectures, readings, class discussions, and community practice. Practice here means the understanding and successful application of a few techniques, theory, and technologies of/with Indigenous peoples. Additional possibilities: compilation of a course webpage, database, and/or exhibition/screening of student work; TBD upon as a class community.


This course will take place between September to December 2017 on Mondays, 09:30-13:20 hrs., at SFU Burnaby Campus.

Course outlines: [www.sfu.ca/outlines](http://www.sfu.ca/outlines)

**Enrollment Note:** Enrollment is prioritized. Contact FNS Advisor ([first_nations@sfu.ca](mailto:first_nations@sfu.ca)) for manual waitlist placement.