This course will explore key themes and issue areas in international relations theory and international politics through a series of critical engagements with these topics. The beginning of the course will focus on how colonialism and race-making have shaped global stratifications of power through the creation of the international system, and in the development of International Relations as a provincial discipline in the US academy. We’ll then trace the legacies of racism and anti-colonial struggles over labor, territorial dispossession, assimilation, and economic inequality in an number of historical and geographic contexts including Australia, Brazil, Palestine, and North America. We then turn to the body as central to regimes of security and international order, using feminist theories of IR and studies in visual culture to consider issues of confinement, suicide bombing, drone warfare, and counterinsurgency. In the final weeks of the course, we’ll consider the relationship between security, leisure, and terrorism, looking at how post-9/11 logics and practices of securitization are transforming the infrastructures of global travel and tourism. Finally, we’ll examine how multi-scalar regimes of computation, algorithms, robots, and cloud computing are shifting geopolitical realities and global governing architectures in profound ways.
Week 1 - August 24

Week 2 - August 31

Week 3 - September 7

Week 4 - September 14

Week 5 - September 21
Wolfe, cont. Chapters 5-8 and Conclusion.

Week 6 - September 28

Week 7 - October 5
Wilcox cont. Chapters 4-6 and Conclusion, pp. 104-204.

Week 8 - October 12

Week 9 - October 19
Khalili, cont. Introduction and Chapters 5-7 and Conclusion, pp. 139-250.

Week 10 - October 26

Week 11 - November 2
Feldman, cont. Introduction and Chapters 5-7 and Conclusion, pp. 139-250.
**Week 12 - November 9**

**Week 13 - November 16**
Lisle, cont. Part 2.

**Week 14 - November 23**

**Week 15 - November 30**

**Week 16 - December 7**
Bratton, cont. Section II cont. and Section III, pp. 219-366.