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This American Politics course studies the American state at its inception and follows its growth in the international arena. State-making ideology, global politics, cultural identity, and the ways in which these entities show up in Hawaiian sovereign space is analyzed. The American playground/war machine “hidden in plain sight” in Hawai‘i brings the theoretical into the practical. These contemporary politics of tourism and the military are reviewed, and the spaces of engagement with these entities are further recognized.

The readings for this class consist of novels, historical accounts, and articles. We will also be taking a field trip to Fort DeRussy Military Reservation at the end of the semester. Grading is based on class participation, daily and weekly papers, group presentations, and the final paper and presentation.

No late papers. Daily attendance is suggested as more than 2 absences drops your grade by one letter grade. Please be on time.

The grading breakdown is as follows:

20% Class attendance/discussion

25% Midterm

30% two to three page (500-750 words) papers (1- 100 points per assignments)

25% Final paper

Books:

Ferguson and Turnbull, *Oh, Say, Can You See?*

Iaukea, *The Queen and I*

Kent, *Hawai‘i: Islands Under the Influence*

Zinn, *A People’s History of the United States*

Week 1

Introductions

Scott, *Seeing Like a State*

Schumpeter, *Capitalism, Socialism, Democracy*

Marx, “Manifesto of the Communist Party”

Film-TV Nation

Week 2

Gramsci, “Americanism & Fordism”

The UN, NGOs, IGOs and Trade

Zinn, *A People’s History of the United States*

Group Presentation, 2-3 page paper due

Week 3

Film-Life and Debt

Anderson, *Imagined Communities*

Foucault, *Power/Discourse*

Kent, *Hawai'i: Islands Under the Influence*
Group Presentation, 2-3 page paper due

Week 4

Iaukea, *The Queen and I*

Film-Act of War

Group Presentation, 2-3 page paper due

Week 5

Urry, *The Tourist Gaze*

Iaukea, "Camera Ready"

Kaomea, "A Curriculum of Aloha?"

Ferguson and Turnbull, *Oh, Say, Can You See?*

Group Presentation, 2-3 page paper due

Week 6

Visit to Ft. DeRussy

Hau'ofa. "Our Sea of Islands"

Film-The Land Has Eyes

Final Papers and Presentations 8-10 pages