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Seminar Series

The Department of Politics
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From Colonialism to Climate Change: the Power to Externalize

Speaker Series on the Capitalist Mode of Power

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2:30 - 5:30 pm

South 674 Ross Building, York University

The history of capitalism is a history of externalization. While benefits were tallied, costs were routinely excluded from accounts. In this presentation I examine the history of externalization as a power process. A history of brutality and destruction marketed as innovation and efficiency, externalization has been the shadowy counterpart to accumulation. From colonialism to climate change, I will describe how negative effects of economic activity are systematically imposed on vulnerable communities via the interconnected processes of production and accounting. Finally, I will consider how externalities have made their way back onto the books through uprisings, court rulings and environmental disasters.