Anthropology 287P: Anthropology of Colonialism  
Thursdays 2-5 (Haines 314)  
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Course Outline:
While the term post-colonial has now achieved a prominent visibility in anthropology, history, and literary criticism, this graduate seminar attempts to re-integrate the post-colonial (as a concept and descriptive discourses) into the colonial time and space. Should we define “colonialism” in terms of what it was, rather than what it is? What is the difference between “the legacy of colonialism” and “the post-colonial”? How should we approach “globalization” and envision is relationship to the space and time of the age of empires? These are some of the many questions we will consider- collectively- in this seminar.

Textbooks:
I have ordered the following books through ASUCLA. There is also a reader available at Print Run (310-824-5150).

Jennifer Cole: *Forget Colonialism? Sacrifice and the Art of Memory in Madagascar*.  

Requirements:
Read the weekly assignments thoroughly to be ready for the animated discussion in class. Facilitate one or more class discussion.  
One term paper on the “concept” of your choice (colonial, post-colonial, decolonization, neo-colonial, etc): you are expected to develop your own argument based on your reading of the class materials (and on your own research) (about 10 pages).

Schedule (tentative).

**Week 1:** Business.

**Week 2:** What Malinowski would say about the “Post-colonial”?  
B.Malinowski. “Dynamics of Culture Change.”  

**Week 3:** Imperialism, Colonialism and Post-colonialism  
Week 4: Technologies of Colonial Rule
Ann Laura Stoler. “Carnal Knowledge and Imperial Power: Gender, Race, and Morality in Colonial Asia.”

Week 5: Ethnography of Colonialism
Jennifer Cole. Forget Colonialism? (Read Chs. 1 through 6).
Ann Laura Stoler. “C astings for the Colonial.”

Week 5: Theorizing the Post-Colonial: Common Skies and Divided Horizons
Gyan Prakash. “Subaltern Studies as Postcolonial Criticism.”

Week 6: The Subaltern School and the Post-Colonial Theory
Dipesh Chakrabarty. Provincializing Europe (excerpts).

Week 7: Thinking the Global
Part I of Xavier and Rosaldo.

Week 8: Itinerant Capital and Mobile Subjects
Part II of Xavier and Rosaldo: Read only Introduction and Chapter 6 (by James Ferguson).
Part III of Xavier and Rosaldo: Read only Introduction and Chater 7 (by Roger Rouse) and Chapter 8 (by Aihwa Ong).

Week 9: Roving Commodities
Read Part IV of Xavier and Rosaldo.

Week 10: Students’ Presentations.

[All the articles above, if not in the textbooks, can be found in the course reader.]