



GLBL 409: Special Topics in Global Studies- DOCUMENTARY FILM AS GLOBAL ACTIVISM

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Mondays 1:30-4pm*

Activists become the subject matter of this course through the study of documentary film as a way to tap into inspiring narratives that educate, engage, and advocate for resistance and change for marginalized groups the world over. The curriculum will center on the viewing and analysis of documentaries. Work will also be done (through articles and other materials) on advocacy work as a tool for bringing social change.

Course Objectives:

- 1-to acquaint students with documentaries as activism in theory and practice
- 2- to further develop critical thinking and analysis skills
- 3- to inspire students to discover an effective medium for global activism

*This course will meet in person as the norm, but there will be weeks when students are working independently/remotely on course material.