Course Description: This course is an introduction to the Indigenous histories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis in Canada from "time immemorial" to the late twentieth century. We will investigate how Canada’s colonial past has shaped debates about Aboriginal and treaty rights, disputes over lands and resources, identity politics, and cultural representations. The course emphasizes the various forms of Indigenous resistance, resurgence and assertions of rights, the dynamic and diverse nature of communities and cultures, and the relationship between local and national histories. Topics include oral traditions; interactions with colonial empires; participation in the fur trade; epidemic diseases and health strategies; relationships with Christian missionaries; treaty-making; government policies and the Department of Indian Affairs including the Indian Act, the residential school system, the Aboriginal rights movement; land claims policies; museums and repatriation, and representations of Indigenous peoples and cultures.