



CAT 3 Queering Climate Change \wedge Spring 2021

Tuesday/Thursday 1100AM-1220PM PDT ||| Online/Synchronous

The dominant discourse on climate change centers on past and possible future trajectories mapped out by scientists for Earth's climate and on the origin of climate change in anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions. This discourse has narrowed popular and political discussion to peripheral arguments over whether change is happening, whether anthropogenic emissions are responsible, and what forms of green technology and geoengineering are best. In this course, we are going to queer climate change by critiquing this discourse and envisioning alternate futures. First, we will sample well-established critical analysis frameworks to provide us with a lens and a set of tools to deconstruct the assumptions and logic that underlies climate change discourse. Then, guided by the foregrounding of marginalized voices, we will open up and explore the space of possible societal relationships to Earth's climate. Students in this course will construct arguments surrounding climate change through writing, presentations, and art to chart an alternate description of where we've been, where we are, and where we are going.

Further info and class links: <https://courses.complex-systems-laboratory.org/cat3>

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What is Queering?

Resistance Movements:
Struggling for the Past and Future

Disaster Capitalism

Black, Indigenous, Feminist,
Queer and Crip Past, Futures
and Struggles

Extractivism

The Anthropocene

Structural Violence

COP99! (??)

Billionaire Futurity?

Critical Analysis Frameworks

Green Technology

CAT 3 will be conducted on stolen, colonized, occupied, unceded Kumeyaay Land. Discussions about return of the Land and restoration of its Relationality will occur throughout the quarter.