

# Civil Resistance and the Everyday

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## OVERVIEW

This course focus on what has sometimes been called 'everyday forms of resistance', 'quite encroachments' or political 'lifestyles' and 'subcultures'. It applies sociological perspectives on the 'resistance' that is played out in the 'everyday life' of 'ordinary' people: a resistance that might be widespread and diffused, individual or small scale, implicitly political, disguised or even hidden. It brings to light how the 'private' or 'personal' can be political, and explores the creativity of 'cultural resistance'. A special attention is turned towards the 'intersectionality' of both domination and resistance in the everyday life according to race, class, sexuality and gender, and therefore the problematics of how resistance does not only liberate, but also recreate domination. The course consists of some introductory lectures, and mainly student led literature seminars and course paper discussions. Examination is done through active participation, presentations, a book review and a course paper in which students chose a topic of interest relevant to the course.

This kind of activity has often been made invisible by a mainstream understanding of what constitutes (real) 'politics', or has made itself disguised in order to provide space for autonomous development and avoid screening and repression. Therefore, this kind of political engagement is sometimes called 'infrapolitics'. As such, the politics of the everyday constitute a special challenge for research, both in terms of access, and in terms of ethics. How do we study and publish the disguised or hidden without making it more vulnerable to domination and control? Is it possible to contribute to the empowerment of subjugated groups and activities through carefully crafted research processes?

The politics/resistance of the everyday is important to understand for many reasons. As part of the mundane routine life it constitutes the very arena in which subjectivity is formed, where dominant discourses are played out. Also, since we all, without exception, are participants in the everyday life, we are affected by, and do affect politics, in some way and to some degree. Furthermore, as a neglected area for research (except within gender and queer studies, ethnography, subaltern studies, etc.), much is still needed to explore. Also, as will be argued during the course, it is very likely to be a key social phenomenon to understand if we ever want to understand the more subtle dynamics of everyday domination and discipline, as well as explain why sometimes large mass mobilizations happen, and sometimes not. As Foucault argued, resistance can help us to detect the more hidden techniques of power.

By the end of the course you should, based on your learning from the literature and class discussions:

- show ability to read a larger text material and extract the main points claimed by different authors.
- recognize key features of everyday forms of resistance/politics when you encounter it in various discourses or in your own life.
- understand the differences between key concepts such as hidden transcripts, public forms of resistance, everyday forms of resistance, quiet encroachments.
- be familiar with several different theoretical frameworks that try to explain the everyday forms of politics/resistance.
- be able to apply at least one theoretical framework on a case of everyday resistance/politics.
- understand how it is possible to argue that this kind of activity constitute 'politics'.
- recognize ethical and methodological questions to ask to research focused on everyday forms of politics/resistance.
- show ability to critically analyze and problematize a case involving everyday forms of resistance/politics (including critically show risks of recreation of power relations through resistance).
- show ability to reflect on the changed circumstances for everyday resistance during a pandemic.

### **A FULLY REMOTE CLASS and ACCOMMODATIONS**

Due to the pandemic and our need to protect each other from risks, particularly those of us that belong to risk groups, we have this class fully remote and work only through Zoom and Moodle.

Therefore, it is vital that you have good access to Internet, a functional computer or some other device that allows you to use video camera and microphones during our meetings, and to download/upload documents in conventional formats, and participate in chats, etc.

You also need to download the Zoom program (<https://zoom.us/>) and familiarize yourself with it, as well as Moodle if you have not used that before. This is important, since we will have our class meetings and discussions in groups on Zoom, and on Moodle we will upload and share documents and recordings from our class lectures. I will make certain texts available on Moodle, and others you will find via the UMass library. You can also get textbooks via Amazon or other bookstores if you prefer to read them offline.

Concerning etiquette while we are on Zoom: Zoom can feel impersonal and energy-draining, particularly after a long time and in a new group, but it also a platform that adds new possibilities for our interaction in class. The important thing is that we agree together on how we want to use Zoom, making sure it works for all of us. Please bring up in class, or directly with me, if you encounter any problems. In general, I recommend that we *mute ourselves* when we are not talking (to avoid background noise), *unmute ourselves whenever we want to join* in the discussion or ask a question to make the interaction dynamic (but people can also use the function of "raising a hand", or write in the Chat if you prefer, and when many wants to talk), make sure you *do not interrupt* others, and lets together make sure that *everyone gets space to talk*, and we should all take a responsibility together to tell when we need *breaks* (besides a longer one in the middle, we can also take short breaks) to avoid Zoom-fatigue, and that we keep *videos on* as much as possible, making social interaction more personal. It is okay to eat snacks during the Zoom, and also to take a walk with your Zoom on, if you need that (but make sure you have a fully charged battery, and good WIFI).

Let me know if you have any problems with this, and we will try to figure out solutions. It is a vital priority for us at UMass to accommodate to challenges that students might have due to this extraordinary situation.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

**Participation in class discussions:** This course is organized with a combination of different class meetings (lectures, text seminars, and paper seminars). During text seminars we discuss some key texts together, and during lectures and other types of seminars you will be given supplementary perspectives on the course theme. Therefore, you must complete the required readings of some specified texts before the class meeting for which they are assigned (see schedule below), and it is expected that you actively participate in the discussion of the readings during seminar sessions. In addition to demonstrating an understanding of the main arguments and themes of the readings, you are encouraged to think critically about the readings (i.e. identify strengths and weaknesses), compare and contrast them to other readings or literatures, and make connections to ongoing social processes and current events.

**Text seminar rapporteurs (oral and written):** For each of the seminars for which we have required readings, one or more students will be designated as rapporteurs, who are responsible for presenting to the class a concise summary of the main points and arguments of the readings (time limit: 25 minutes). This report also has to be written and

distributed to everyone in the class as a handout (at the latest at the start of the class). It can be made in form of definitions of key concepts, quotes of main theses and bullet-points, but need page numbers for all main statements. *Sign-up sheet:*  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IA8sqJvLz8dBdI2XjanQTNXOgo8BIwEUn9FLxxaAab0/edit?usp=sharing>

**Text seminar questions:** Each student will have to email a question to me *before* each text seminar (except when you are a designated rapporteur at a seminar). Based on the required reading for the seminar your question has to be well informed, and one that is *a problematizing* one. (It is not accepted to hand in a question that can be answered with a simple yes or no, or where the answer is to find on a certain page.). Keep a copy of your question to yourself and be prepared to read up your question during the seminar. In this way we together discuss problems with the text at the seminar, helping each other to find answers and perspectives.

**Story Sharing (optional choice):** Accessing everyday forms of resistance or the politics of the ordinary is not easy. There are few good sources for this. Per definition our media does not find it 'news worthy', as it looks like mundane life, as 'non-events'. But we have all encountered such 'small acts' of bravery or dignity in our lives; conducted by ourselves or people we met. So, this class activity involves an assignment where you either (1) *tell a fictional or documentary story you heard, read or seen*, a story you searched for or simply just came across in a novel, movie, or some other text where people tell stories about their life and experiences, or (2) here you also have the opportunity for those of you that want to *share a short story from your own experience*, something you encountered, observed or learnt of in your own life. In this way, we take turns and share a story of maximum 5 minutes, to make the class learn about the variations this kind of politics might articulate. At each occasion it is the storyteller that decides what deserves to be called 'everyday resistance/politics' (even if an informative discussion on the concept might follow an interesting story). If someone tells a personal story there is no space for critical discussion since it is a sharing of experiences. *Sign-up sheet:*  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IA8sqJvLz8dBdI2XjanQTNXOgo8BIwEUn9FLxxaAab0/edit?usp=sharing>

**Text readings (of course literature):** This course applies some more texts to read than normal, since one of the course aims is to learn to read extensive: to learn and understand the main concepts, models, claims and theoretical frameworks – without reading everything equally careful. The emphasis is not on remembering details in a smaller collection of texts, rather on your ability to compare, criticize, problematize and discuss differences within the literature, and to form your own positions in relation to that literature. To secure that kind of learning we apply the learning form of seminars with discussions, and lectures that bring in perspectives that supplement the readings.

**Discussion/reading groups (optional choice):** In order to facilitate both the reading before the class, and discussions during meetings you will have the option to join a discussion/reading group. It is a general recommendation to meet before and/or after class and read together, since it facilitates self-discipline and collaboration, but that is fully optional. Those that join a group are responsible to form their own meeting schedule, invite and inform all students in the group, making sure to be inclusive.

**Review essay:** Each student is required to choose one recent scholarly book (published the last three years) that falls within the substantive domain of this course, such as an everyday form of resistance, a political lifestyle/subculture, or a relevant theoretical issue, and to make a review essay of the book. The book needs approval from me before you start to write. Since each student need to choose a book someone else has not yet chosen, it is good to be quick in reporting which book you choose. This essay should consist of 3 double spaced pages, and the text shall be evenly distributed with 1/3 of the text (1 page) per section: (1) Summary of the main content and points of the chosen book, (2) Analytical comparison with the mandatory literature of this course, and (3) Your critical reflection of the strengths and weakness of the chosen book. The review is due on **Oct 6**.

**Course Paper and presentation, and peer-review:** A paper is required on a topic of your choice that falls within the substantive domain of this course, such as an everyday form of resistance, a political lifestyle/subculture, or a relevant theoretical issue connected to everyday resistance. The aim is to make something that could be submitted as a journal article (it does not have to be submitted, but it is recommended. If you do not want to submit but still would like to get it published somehow, let me know, and you will be informed about other options, as for example Working Papers, or blog postings). You have the opportunity to get direct feedback on your choice if you have one idea to present at the class **Sept 8**. You must get approval from me of your topic before starting to write. To get an approval you need to send an email with the title and an abstract of the content to me. After getting my approval, submit a 2-page paper that describes your topic (similar to a long abstract) and includes a preliminary bibliography with at least 5 scholarly sources (beyond the course literature). It is also part of the assignment to search, find and name a possible academic journal that tentatively could be interested in your paper. This is due at the beginning of class on **Sep 29**. Submit by email in time and you will get written feedback from me.

The draft version of the paper is due at the beginning of class on **Nov 4**. The paper should be double spaced, with between 7 000 and 8 000 words in total, including references (which is a common limit for journals), with a consistent style of specific referencing to the literature (preferably you use the style of the journal you have in mind). Remember to discuss and refer to the course literature when relevant. It is absolutely necessary to follow conventional principles of academic honesty and not use any concepts or text (even shorter sections) from other sources without referring to the source. Failure to follow this basic principle of academic honesty might have severe consequences (see specifications below). Oral presentations will be scheduled for some of the last classes (more information later). The presentations should be no more than 15 minutes in length. *Note:* All students are expected to read all papers before the seminars, and have comments to share.

Finally, the papers will go through a peer-review process in which each student will comment in detail on one paper written by someone else. The written peer-review, which will be emailed to the author, shall follow a standard format of journals (with detailed comments for editing). The peer-reviewing student will also give a 5-10 minutes oral review with the main points during the seminar. More details will be provided in a separate handout by me.

After the paper seminars you have a chance to rework your paper, incorporating the comments from the peer-review and from all other participants in the class at the seminar discussion. The final version of your paper, which is the only one that gets graded, is due on **Nov 30**. NOTE: This is the absolute deadline. Submit via email to me: [stellan.vinthagen@gmail.com](mailto:stellan.vinthagen@gmail.com) Late submissions are not accepted. Make sure you get a reply back, confirming the arrival of the paper in a readable format.

**Grading:**

Participation in class discussions.....	15 %
Text Seminar rapporteur .....	15 %
Text Seminar questions.....	15 %
Review essay .....	15 %
Paper, presentation and peer-review of other paper.....	40 %

Higher grading of your performance demands an ability to show – both verbally and in written format – *a critical understanding and application of the core ideas formulated in the course literature and the key themes* of the course. What that means will be explained with illustrating examples during class. If you are interested in a higher grade, and get a lower one than expected on your book review, take contact with me and we can discuss how you can deserve a higher grade.

**Always remember to identify yourself:** Remember to state your full name and class when you communicate with me via email, handing in papers or in any other way hand in material for the grading of the course. I run several courses parallel. The only exception is the written evaluations that are done anonymously.

**Names and Pronouns**

It is the right of everyone to make their own choice of how to be addressed and referred to, a choice to be respected by all others. You can register your preferred pronouns in the class roster in SPIRE, and also inform all in the course during class.

To learn more about this important activist innovation and contribution to our language, see <https://www.mypronouns.org/how>

**Accommodation Statement**

The University of Massachusetts Amherst is committed to providing an equal educational opportunity for all students. If you have a documented physical, psychological, or learning disability on file with Disability Services (DS), you may be eligible for reasonable academic accommodations to help you succeed in this course. If you have a documented disability that requires an accommodation, please notify me within the first two weeks of the semester so that we may make appropriate arrangements.

**Academic Honesty Statement**

Since the integrity of the academic enterprise of any institution of higher education requires honesty in scholarship and research, academic honesty is required of all students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Academic dishonesty is prohibited in all programs of the University. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and facilitating dishonesty. Appropriate sanctions may be

imposed on any student who has committed an act of academic dishonesty. Instructors should take reasonable steps to address academic misconduct. Any person who has reason to believe that a student has committed academic dishonesty should bring such information to the attention of the appropriate course instructor as soon as possible. Instances of academic dishonesty not related to a specific course should be brought to the attention of the appropriate department Head or Chair. Since students are expected to be familiar with this policy and the commonly accepted standards of academic integrity, ignorance of such standards is not normally sufficient evidence of lack of intent ([http://www.umass.edu/dean\\_students/codeofconduct/acadhonesty/](http://www.umass.edu/dean_students/codeofconduct/acadhonesty/)).

## **REQUIRED COURSE TEXTS**

### **Required extensive readings: books**

#### **Book Seminar 1:**

1. Anna Johansson and Stellan Vinthagen (2020) *Conceptualizing Everyday Resistance: A Transdisciplinary Approach*, New York, NY: Routledge. (212 pp.) (Will be provided for free as pdf by the author).

#### **Book Seminar 2:**

1. Katsiaficas, George (1997) *The Subversion of Politics; European Autonomous Social Movements and the Decolonization of Everyday Life*, Humanities Press International, New Jersey. (312 pp.) Downloadable for free at [http://www.eroseffect.com/books/subversion\\_download.htm](http://www.eroseffect.com/books/subversion_download.htm)

#### **Book Seminar 3:**

1. Van Meter, Kevin (2017) *Guerillas of Desire: Notes on Everyday Resistance and Organizing to Make a Revolution Possible*, Chico, CA: AK Press. (Costs \$1.99 as e-book at AK Press, <https://www.akpress.org/guerrillas-of-desire-ebook.html>)

### **Required extensive readings: articles** (Search and download via UMass library site)

#### **Article Seminar 1: Fundamental theoretical perspectives**

1. Scott, James C. (1989) "Everyday Forms of Resistance", *Copenhagen Papers*, No. 4, pp. 33-62.
2. Sivaramakrishnan, K. (2005) "Some Intellectual Genealogies for the Concept of Everyday Resistance", *American Anthropologist*, Vol. 107, No. 3, Sep, pp. 346-355.
3. Hollander, Jocelyn A. & Rachel L. Einwohner (2004) "Conceptualizing Resistance", *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 19, No. 4, Dec., pp. 533-554.
4. Chandra, Uday (2015) "Rethinking Subaltern Resistance, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*", 45:4, pp. 563-573, DOI: 10.1080/00472336.2015.1048415
5. Chabot, Sean and Stellan Vinthagen (2015) "Decolonizing Civil Resistance", *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*: December, Vol. 20, No. 4, pp. 517-532.

6. Gagne, P. & Tewksbury, R. (1998) "Conformity Pressures and Gender Resistance Among Transgendered Individuals", *Social Problems*, Vol. 45 (1), pp. 81-101.
7. Kerkvliet, Benedict J. Tria. (2009). "Everyday politics in peasant society (and ours)". *Journal of Peasant Studies*. 36(1): 227-243.
8. Lilja, Mona and Vinthagen, Stellan (2014). "Sovereign power, disciplinary power and biopower: resisting what power with what resistance?" *Journal of Political Power*, 7 (1), 107–126.
9. De Certeau, Michel; Fredric Jameson and Carl Lovitt (1980) "On the Oppositional Practices of Everyday Life", *Social Text*, No. 3 (Autumn, 1980), pp. 3-43.
10. Bayat, Asef (2000) "From 'Dangerous Classes' to 'Quiet Rebels': Politics of the Urban Subaltern in the Global South", *International Sociology*, Sept. Vol. 15(3): 533-557.

### **Article Seminar 2: Empirical cases, Critique and other perspectives**

1. Crewe, Ben (2007) "Power, Adaptation and Resistance in a Late-Modern Men's Prison", *The British Journal of Criminology*, Vol. 47, pp. 256-275.
2. Riessman, Catherine Kohler. (2000). "Stigma and everyday resistance practices. Childless Women in South India". *Gender and Society*. Vol 14 (1). 111-135.
3. Vasudevan, Raksha (2013) *Everyday Resistance: Female Headed Households in Northern Sri Lanka*, Graduate Institute Publications: Geneva. (Read Chapter 6, 27 p.) Free to read at <https://books.openedition.org/iheid/680?lang=en> (or to buy for \$3.99)
4. Prasad P and Prasad A (2000) Stretching the iron cage: the constitution and implications of routine workplace resistance. *Organization Science* 11 (4): 387–403.
5. Marx GT (2003) A tack in the shoe. neutralizing and resisting the new surveillance. *Journal of Social Issues* 59(2): 369–390.
6. Chabot, Sean and Stellan Vinthagen (2007) "Rethinking Nonviolent Action and Contentious Politics: Political Cultures of Nonviolent Opposition in the Indian Independence Movement and Brazil's Landless Workers Movement", *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, Elsevier Sciences/JAI Press, Oxford, Vol. 27, pp. 91-122.
7. Simi, Peter & Futurell, Robert. (2009). "Negotiating White Power Activist Stigma" *Social Problems* Vol. 56, No 1, p.p. 89-110.
8. Butz, David & Michael Ripmeester (1999) "Finding Space for Resistant Subcultures", *Invisible Culture*, Issue 2, pp. 1-16.
9. Gutmann, Matthew C. (1993) "Rituals of Resistance: A Critique of the Theory of Everyday Forms of Resistance", *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 20, No. 2, Rethinking Theory and Practice As Class Conflict Continues, Spring, pp. 74-92.
10. Richmond, Oliver P. (2010) "Resistance and the Post-liberal Peace" Millennium: Journal of International Studies Vol.38 No.3, pp. 1–28.
11. VERGARA-CAMUS, L. 2009. The MST and the EZLN Struggle for Land: New Forms of Peasant Rebellions. *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 9, 365-391.

### **NOT REQUIRED COURSE TEXTS**

## Relevant extra readings

These texts are not part of the required course-literature but they are useful suggestions for your own choice of literature. When you chose your own literature, you need to choose a minimum of scholarly texts, but you are encouraged to also, in addition, choose other literature. That could be more “popular” literature as novels, poetry, or “activist” literature, as activist biographies, collections of stories from movements, etc. Below I list some recommended academic literature:

- Bleiker, Roland (2000) *Popular Dissent, Human Agency and Global Politics*, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge. (282 pp.)
- Scott, James C. (1990) *Domination and the Arts of Resistance: Hidden Transcripts*, Yale University Press: New Haven. (227 pp.)
- Betasamosake, Leanne Simpson (2017) *As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance*, Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press.
- Scott, James C. (2013) *Decoding Subaltern Politics: Ideology, disguise, and resistance in agrarian politics*. Routledge: New York. (176 pp.)
- Lee, Charles T. (2016) *Ingenious Citizenship: Recrafting Democracy for Social Change*. Durham: Duke University Press. (312 pages) (Exists as eBook at UMass Library)
- Cooper, Davina (2014) *Everyday Utopias: The Conceptual Life of Promising Spaces*, Duke University Press: Durham. (228 pp.)
- de Certeau, Michel (1984) *The Practice of Everyday Life*, University of California Press: Berkeley. (203 pp.)
- Lakey, George (1973) *Strategy for a Living Revolution*, San Francisco: W. H. Freeman and Company.
- Abu-Lughod, Lila. (1990). "The Romance of Resistance. Tracing transformations of Power through Beduin Women. *American Ethnologist* , 17 (1):41-55.
- Campbell, John E. (2004). *Getting it On Online: Cyberspace, Gay Male Sexuality and Embodied Identity*. N.Y:Harrington Park Press.
- Chin, Christine B. N. & James H. Mittelman (1997) "Conceptualising Resistance to Globalisation", *New Political Economy*, Vol. 2, No. 1, pp. 25-37.
- Foucault, Michel (1978) *The History of Sexuality. Vol. 1: An Introduction*. New York: Random House.
- Gupta, D. (2001) "Everyday Resistance or Routine Repression? Exaggeration as Stratagem in Agrarian Conflict", *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 89-108.
- Hardt, Michael & Negri, Antonio (2004) *Multitude*, New York: The Penguin Press.
- Haynes, Douglas & Gyan Prakash (eds.) (1991) *Contesting Power: Resistance and Everyday Social Relations in South Asia*, Berkely: University of California Press.
- Hennen, Peter. (2005). "Bear, Bodies, Bear Masculinity. Recuperation, Resistance or Retreat", *Gender and Society*, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp.25-43.
- Ludden, David (ed.) (2002) *Reading Subaltern Studies*, Permanent Black: Delhi.
- Mihelich, John & Debbie Storrs (2003) "Higher Education and the Negotiated Process of Hegemony: Embedded Resistance Among Mormon Women", *Gender & Society*, Vol. 17, No. 3, pp. 404-422.
- Scott, James C. (1985). *Weapons of the Weak*. Yale University Press.

- Sharp, Joanne P.; Paul Routledge; Chris Philo & Ronan Paddison (2000) (eds.) *Entanglements of Power: Geographies of Domination/Resistance*, Routledge: London.
- Tilly, Charles (1991) "Domination, Resistance, Compliance ...Discourse", *Sociological Forum*, Vol. 6, No. 3, pp. 593-602.
- Wietz, Rose. (2001). "Women and their Hair. Seeking Power through resistance and accommodation". *Gender & Society*. Vol, 15, No 5, pp. 667-686.
- Richmond, Oliver P. (2011) "Critical agency, resistance and a post-colonial civil society", *Cooperation and Conflict* 46(4) 419– 440.
- Zajicek, Anna, M. & Koski, Patricia, R. (2003). "Strategies of resistance to stigma among white middle class singles." *Sociological Spectrum* 23(3):377-403.
- Wright J and Harwood V (eds) (2009) *Biopolitics and the 'Obesity Epidemi': Governing Bodies*. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Stevens DO and Lavin A (2007) Stealing time: the temporal regulation of labour in a neoliberal and post-Fordist work regime. *Democratic Communiqué* 21(2): 40–61.
- Buszek, Maria Elena and Kirsty Robertson (2011) "Introduction", *Utopian Studies*, Volume 22, Number 2, pp. 197-200.
- Sargisson, Lucy (2012) "Second-Wave Cohousing: A Modern Utopia?", *Utopian Studies*, Volume 23, Number 1, 2012, pp. 28-56.
- Bobel C and Kwan S (2011) (eds) *Embodying Resistance: Challenging the Norms, Breaking the Rules*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.
- LeBesco K (2004) *Revolting Bodies? The Struggle to Redefine Fat Identity*. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press.
- hooks b (1990) Marginality as a site of resistance. In: Ferguson R et al. (eds) *Out There: Marginalization and Contemporary Culture*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 41–44.
- Halberstam J (2005) *In a Queer Time and Place: Transgendered Bodies and Subcultural Lives*. New York, NY: New York University Press.
- Dupont B (2008) Hacking the Panopticon: distributed online surveillance and resistance. In: Deflem M (ed.) *Surveillance and Governance: Sociology of Crime Law and Deviance, Volume 10*. Bingley: Emerald, 257–278.
- Deleuze G (2011 [1992]) Postscript on the societies of control. In: Szeman I and Kapozy T (eds) *Cultural Theory An Anthology*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 139–142.
- Murphy, Alexandra G. (1998) Hidden Transcripts of Flight Attendant Resistance, *Management Communication Quarterly*, 11: 499.
- Hart, Gillian (1991) "Engendering Everyday Resistance: Gender, Patronage and Production Politics in Rural Malaysia", *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 19 (1): 93-121.
- Stephen Shukaitis (2012) Below the Perceptible, the Political?, *Rethinking Marxism: A Journal of Economics, Culture & Society*, 24:3, 424-427
- Vinthagen, Stellan (2006) "Power as Subordination and Resistance as Disobedience: Nonviolent Movements and the Management of Power", *Asian Journal of Social Science*, 34:1, pp. 1-21.
- Galvanek, Janel B. (2013) *Translating Peacebuilding Rationalities into Practice: Local Agency and Everyday Resistance*, Berghof Foundation.
- Naess, Arne (1974) *Gandhi and Group Conflict*, Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.

- McAllister, Pam (1982) *Reweaving The Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence*, Philadelphia: New Society Publishers.
- Jefferess, David (2008) *Postcolonial Resistance: Culture, Liberation and Transformation*, University of Toronto Press: Toronto.
- Mahdavi, Pardis (2009) *Passionate Uprisings: Iran's Sexual Revolution*, Stanford University Press: Stanford.
- Smith, Gavin (1989) *Livelihood and Resistance: Peasants and the Politics of Land in Peru*, Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Haynes, Douglas & Gyan Prakash (eds.) (1991) *Contesting Power: Resistance and Everyday Social Relations in South Asia*, Berkely: University of California Press.
- Camp, Stephanie M. H. (2004) *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women & Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South*, The University of North Carolina Press: Chapel Hill.
- Melucci, Alberto (1996:a) *Challenging Codes - Collective Action in the Information Age*, Press Syndicate University of Cambridge, USA.
- Eyerman, Ron and Jamison, Andrew (1991/1996) *Social Movements - A Cognitive Approach*, The Pennsylvania State University Press, USA.
- Jo Freeman's *The Politics of Women's Liberation* (1975)
- *The Strategy of Social Protest* (1975) by William Gamson;
- *Poor People's Movements* (1977) by Frances Fox Piven and Richard Cloward;
- *Political Process and the Development of Black Insurgency* (1999 [1982]) by Doug McAdam;
- *The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement* (1984) by Aldon Morris.
- Bondurant, Joan V. (1988 [1958]) *Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict*, Princeton University Press.
- Chabot, Sean Taudin (2011) *Transnational Roots of the Civil Rights Movement: African American Explorations of the Gandhian Repertoire*, Lanham: Lexington Books.
- Hardiman, David (2003) *Gandhi in his time and ours*, Delhi: Permanent Black.
- Sharp, Gene (1960) *Gandhi Wields the Weapon of Moral Power: Three Case Stories*, Ahmedabad: Navajivan Publishing House.
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**Some recommended outlets to get inspiration for storytelling:**

<http://www.palestine-family.net/index.php>

<http://www.amazon.com/Walking-Fire-Haitian-Survival-Resistance/dp/080148748X>

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/freedom/1609-1865/essays/slavenarrative.htm>

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/10-everyday-acts-of-resistance-that-changed-the-world>

[http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/education/interviews/shulamit\\_imber.asp](http://www.yadvashem.org/yv/en/education/interviews/shulamit_imber.asp)

<http://www.everydayrebellion.net/related/>

**SCHEDULE OVERVIEW**

Here you find some basic information about the schedule. More details on our class meetings will be provided during the course and at Moodle.

This schedule may be modified. If so, changes will be announced in class.

You are encouraged to join/form discussion/study group and create your schedule of meetings in relation to the class meetings. This will facilitate your studies of the texts.

**Lectures will happen via Zoom (Fully remote class) Tuesdays 4:00PM - 6:30 PM** (first lecture on Tuesday Aug 25) if not otherwise announced during class and mail, **and material will be uploaded at Moodle.**

**Zoom lecture link: <https://umass-amherst.zoom.us/j/94222800837>**

**Sign-up sheet for story-sharing and text rapporteurs:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IA8sqJvLz8dBdI2XjanQTNXOgo8BIwEUn9FLxxaAab0/edit?usp=sharing>

August 25 Course introduction: Syllabus and intro of the theme of 'Resistance'. No reading necessary for this first day.

### **Lectures on Everyday Resistance**

Reading: 'Conceptualizing Everyday Resistance: A Transdisciplinary Approach'

September 1 'Everyday forms of resistance' and Scott, de Certeau and Bayat (Story-sharing available)

September 8: 'A theoretical and analytical framework for understanding everyday resistance' (Time for collection of ideas for Course Paper) (Story-sharing available)

September 15: 'Constructive resistance', 'culture' and politics as a 'way of life' + Discussion based on the book manuscript 'Conceptualizing Everyday Resistance: A Transdisciplinary Approach' (Story-sharing available)

September 22: We watch a video about everyday resistance before class and meet up in class to discuss together. More information later. (Story-sharing available)

### **Text seminars on mandatory literature (see literature lists above):**

Note: Seminar questions **must** be emailed at the start of each seminar by all students that are not presenting, see description about questions above. Text seminar rapporteurs present (20 min.) and then we discuss the rest of the time. The written handout from presenters should preferably be emailed to everyone before class, or at the latest at the start of class.

September 29: Articles Seminar 1 (See articles above) (Time to hand in the 2-page summary of your planned course Paper)

October 6: Book Seminar 1: Johansson & Vinthagen (Time to hand in the Review essay)

October 13: Book Seminar 2: Katsiaficas (se articles above)

October 20: Articles Seminar 2

October 27: Book Seminar 3: Van Meter.

November 3: A class open to different questions that students have gathered over the semester. We discuss together and try to deepen our understanding.  
(Story-sharing available)

**Deadline** Nov 4 for the draft version of the course Paper (Upload on Moodle at folder for Course Papers). I will then distribute the list of who is giving detailed peer-review on who.

**Draft Paper seminar**: November 10 (Note: we might also use a part of November 17 as paper seminar depending on the number of students that will present their draft papers) The seminars discuss the draft versions of individual students' course papers. All students are supposed to read all papers and have comments to give during the discussion time. Every student will also be responsible to comment in detail both written and orally on one other paper each. Strictly a maximum of 30 minutes will be used per paper: 5 min presentation by the author, 10 peer-review by a student, and 15 discussions with comments from all students, and finally from me. Depending on the number of students the allocation of time per paper might change. The seminars of draft papers happen before the examination by me, since the idea is that the seminar comments will facilitate the development of a paper with better quality. More information will be provided during class meetings.

November 17: Summary discussion seminar: What have we learnt?, and Course evaluation

We sum up together what we have learnt about everyday forms of resistance/politics, and what kind of research questions that is outstanding. And, the theme of the course is evaluated in an end-of-semester teaching evaluation, both in terms of its content and course form, as well as other practical issues (examinations, information, administration, student service, etc.). During this last seminar we bring snacks and something to drink in order to celebrate the work done (even though we are sitting at different places and meet over Zoom).

**November 30**. NOTE: This is the absolute deadline for the final version of your Course Paper. Submit via email to me: [stellan.vinthagen@gmail.com](mailto:stellan.vinthagen@gmail.com) **Late submissions are not accepted**. Make sure you get a reply back, confirming the arrival of the paper in a readable format.