

POLICING RACIAL CAPITALISM

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“We continue to find that the prison is itself a border...
There is a very specific political economy of the prison
that brings the intersections of gender and race,
colonialism and capitalism, into view.”
— Angela Davis and Gina Dent



ABOUT THIS MODULE

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- *What are prisons? How is state violence linked to extraction and accumulation? Should the police be abolished?*
- This module examines the relationship between racism, capitalism, and state violence. Drawing on the black radical tradition, anticolonial theory, feminism, and critical disability studies, together we explore the racial, sexual, and colonial histories of borders, detention centres, prisons, police, psychiatric institutions, and family surveillance. By moving from the local to the global and back again, we examine how state violence has been a constant feature of racial and colonial capitalism. In so doing, we ultimately probe what an abolitionist world without prisons, police, and other carceral structures might look like.

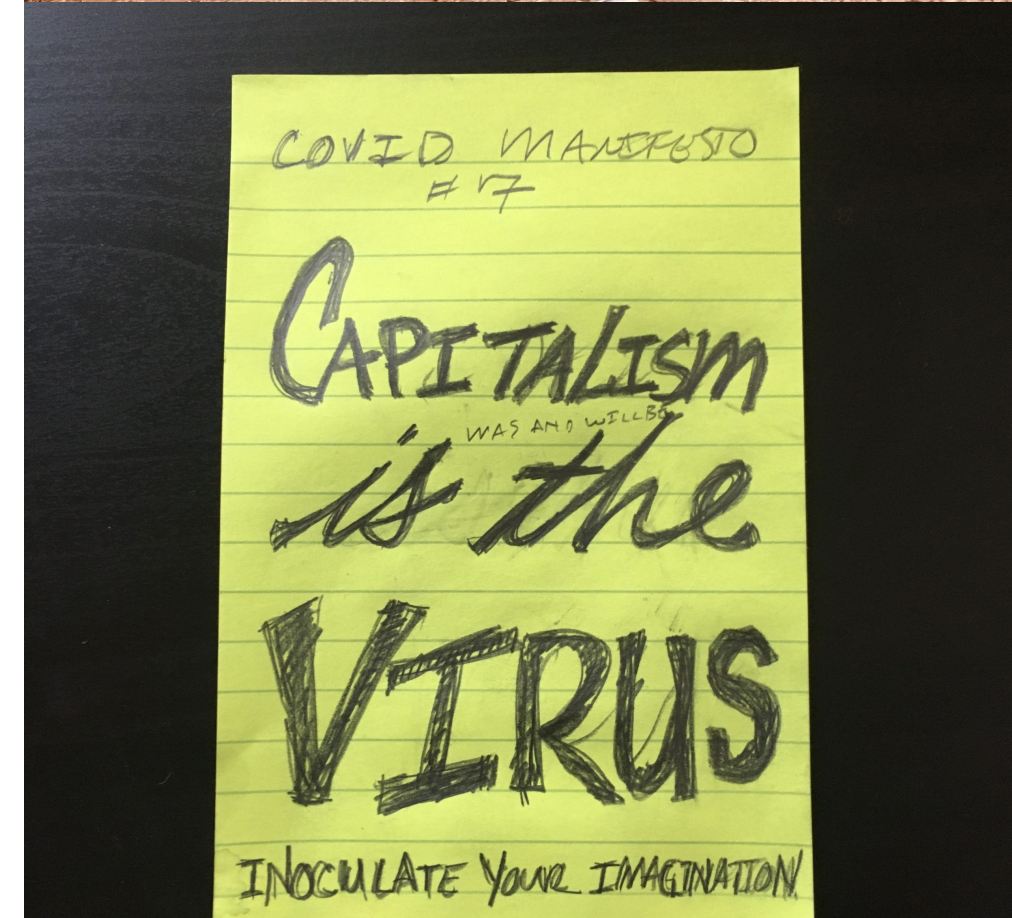
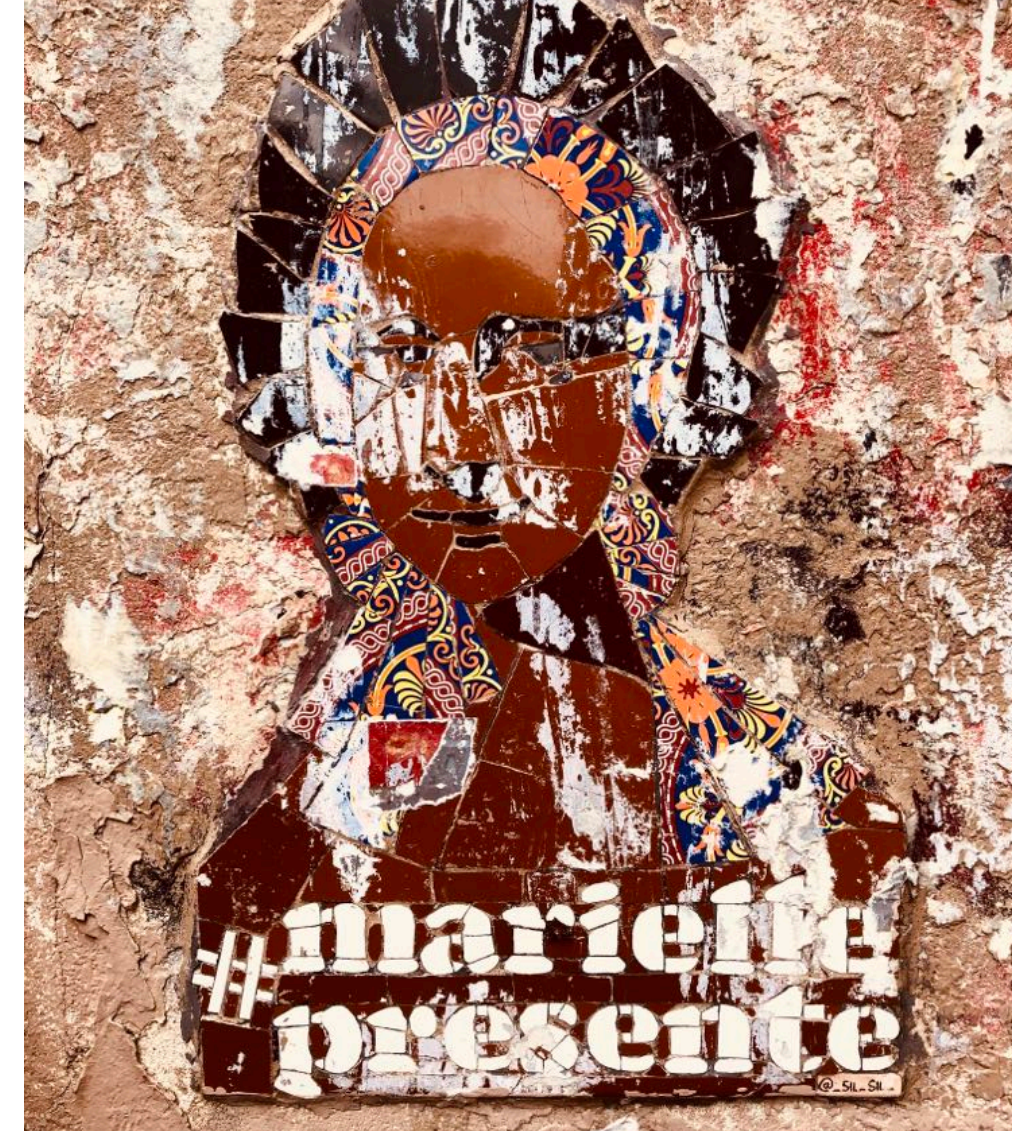


TOPICS

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1. “Who do you serve? Who do you protect?”
 2. Racial capitalism and the global black radical tradition
 3. Property, empire, and the invention of the police
 4. Vagrancy, indenture, and the criminalisation of mobility
 5. Policing the crisis: Neoliberalism as counterinsurgency
 6. Family policing, sex panics, and population control
 7. Extraction, ecocide, and plantation logics
 8. ‘Madness’, health, and carceral ableism
 9. Abolitionist futures

WHY TAKE THIS MODULE?

- Focuses on the global histories and contemporary logics of policing, bordering, sexual governance, psychiatric institutions, and other carceral structures
- Strong emphasis on abolition, refusal, and resistance to state violence
- An interactive and creative class, centred around collective learning: we'll work with music, poetry, zines, podcasts, and more!

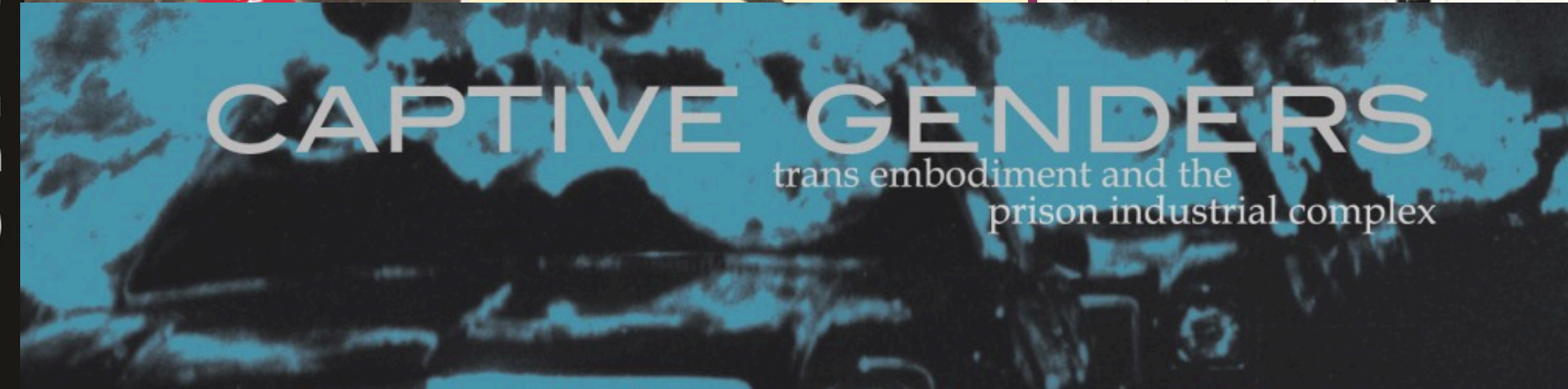
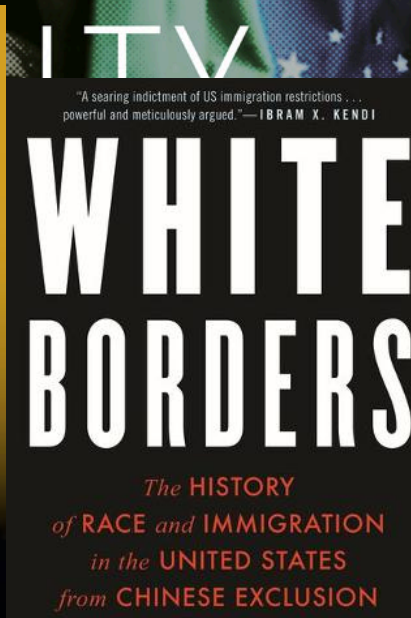
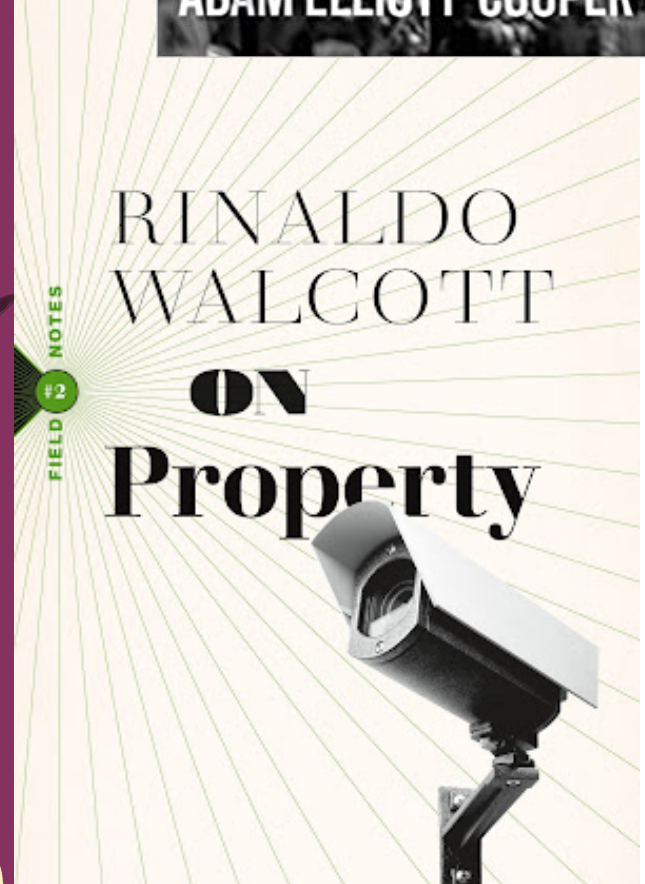
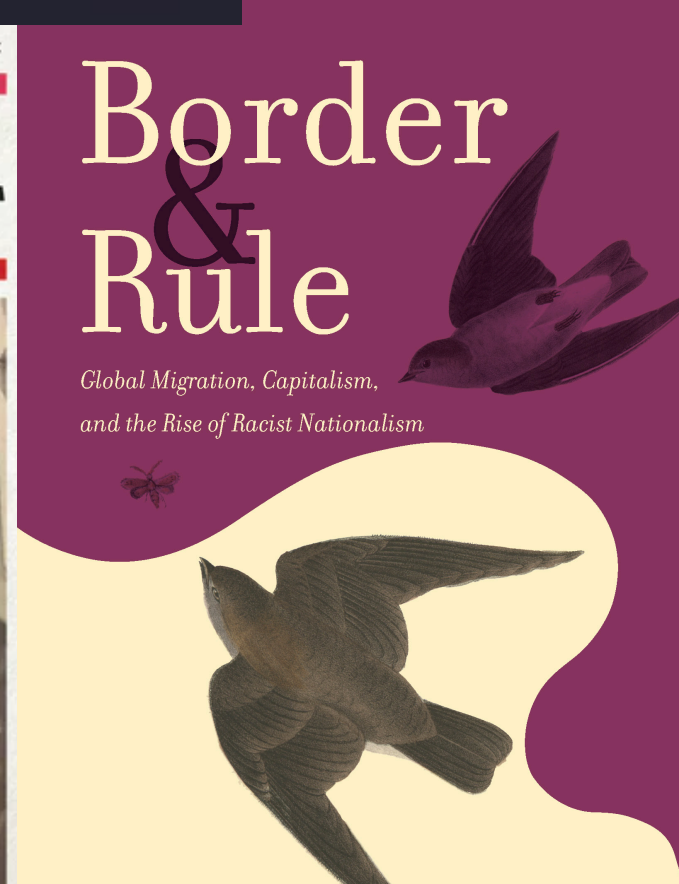
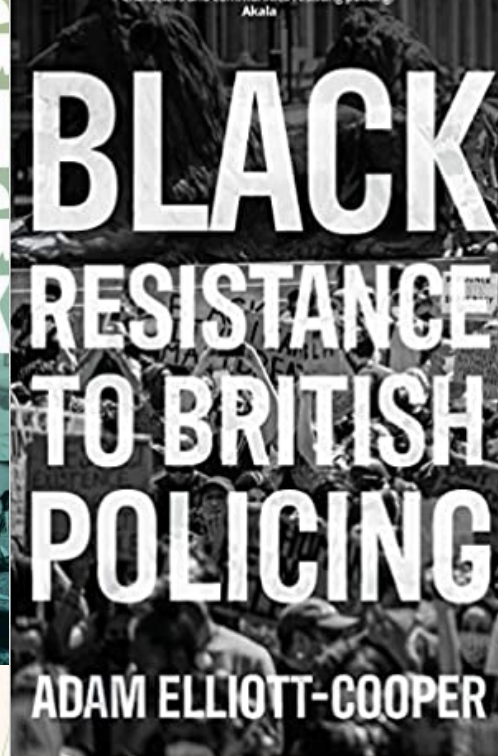
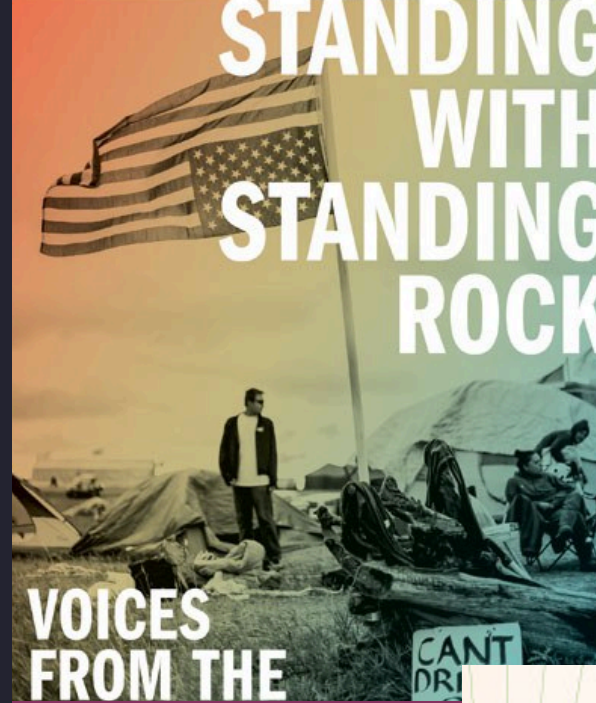
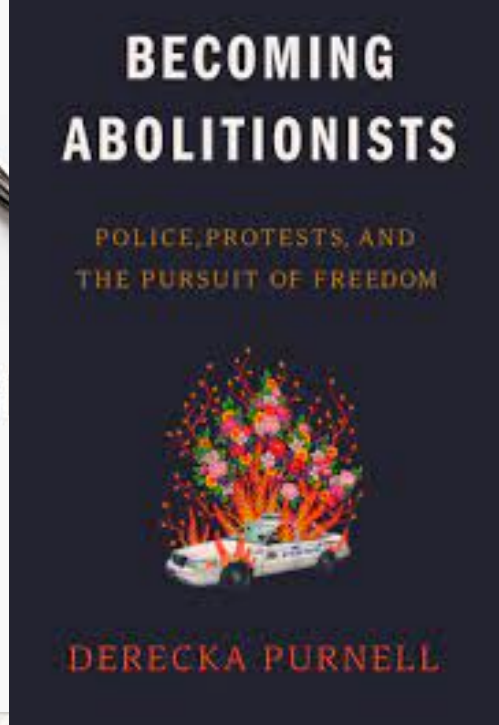
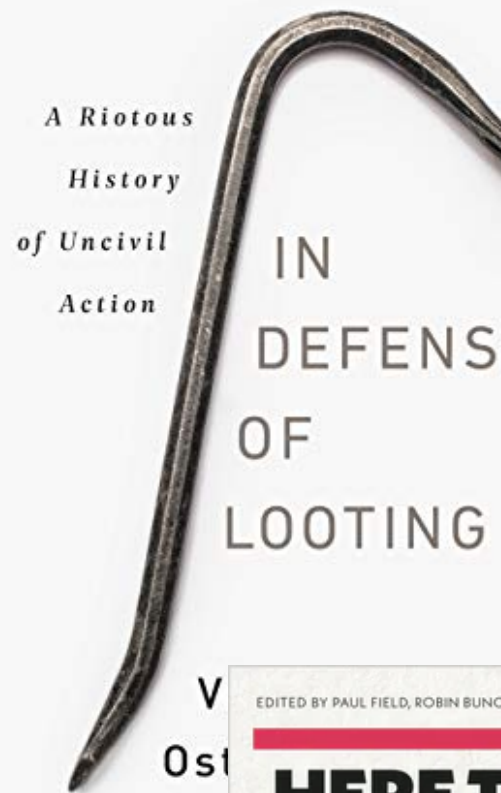




MODULE ORGANISATION

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- Taught as a 3-hr weekly workshop, consisting of a mixture of group work, plenary sessions, mini lectures, and other activities
- Assessed through three different components:
 - Short essay (1,000 words)
 - Long essay (3,500 words)
 - Group presentation/podcast

Health COMMUNISM



MODULE CONVENOR

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I'm a lecturer in Gender and Global Political Economy in the Department of International Relations. My research is located at the intersection of political theory, anticolonial and black radical thought, gender studies, and global political economy. If you have questions about the module, please don't hesitate to get in touch—I look forward to hearing from you!

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