



Course

SPRING 2008

HUM 597 B

Moralism, Tolerance, and Neoliberalism: A Micro-Seminar Reading Wendy Brown (1 Credit: C/NC)

Registration is open on a first-come first-served basis through MyUW.

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Wednesdays: April 2, 9, 16 & 30, 2008
2:00 to 3:50 pm
Communications 202

In preparation for the UW visit of Katz Lecturer Wendy Brown (Political Science, University of California, Berkeley) during the week of April 21-25, this micro-seminar will devote close study to several selections from Brown's recent work. We will begin by reading her influential 1995 book *States of Injury*, which traced emerging cultural and political logics of late capitalism within a United States frame. We will then follow Brown's continuing exploration of these logics in *Regulating Aversion: Tolerance in the Age of Identity and Empire* (2006), *Edgework: Critical Essays on Knowledge and Politics* (2005), and *Politics Out of History* (2001). Our reading will focus in particular on the conjunction of moralism, tolerance, and neoliberalism across these texts.

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