This course examines in three chronological sections how Native American intellectuals in the last century have contributed to political projects that are rooted in resistance to colonialism. Beginning with Pan-Indian organizing in the early 1900s, we look at how Indian intellectuals sought to create a political identity defined by their shared colonial experience that conveys their right to U.S. citizenship. Turning to the middle of the twentieth century, we examine the rise of tribal nationalism as Indian intellectuals such as Vine Deloria, Jr. articulated the importance of specific national, tribal identities within the political project of asserting tribal sovereignty. Finally, looking at the turn of the 21st century, this course considers Native intellectuals’ turn to an Indigenous framework that emerges in a globalized setting, as a way to highlight Native Americans’ persistence and survival despite colonialism and a shared experience with other colonized peoples’ in the world.

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