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Popular Education, Critical/Radical Theory and Adult Education**

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July 21 - August 8  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
West Mall Annex room 216

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Critical and popular education are arguably more relevant than ever with neoliberal ways of seeing and being in the world dominating our times. In this course we will explore the philosophical underpinnings of critical theory and radical education and what these ideas look like in practice, focusing on the ideas of the Brazilian adult educator Paulo Freire, the Italian philosopher, political and social theorist Antonio Gramsci and the German philosopher Jurgen Habermas. Together we will develop an understanding of key concepts, compare and contrast their work, examine critiques of their thought and consider the implications of their ideas for adult education practice.