

**Violence and Nonviolence in Social Change**  
**CMMU 124: Dr. Dalit Baum**  
**Summer Session 1**

The course will examine social violence, both as maintaining existing power relations and as destabilizing and undermining existing structures. Nonviolence, as a philosophy and as tactics of social struggles will be introduced and debated through various examples from around the world.

We will examine various approaches, meet with activists and experience non-violence training during the course. Finally, we will plan a non-violent intervention in a current social conflict.

Course topics:

1. From the civil rights movement to animal rights movements: examples of violence and nonviolence.
2. Motherhood, poverty, survival: what is violence?
3. Introduction to nonviolence: protest and resistance
4. Violence against women: on security and terrorism
5. Violence as gendered: violent women vs. protected ladies
6. Criminal Justice, Police and Prison – from repression to oppression
7. Civil disobedience, noncompliance, direct action: current examples
8. Subverting the threat of violence: Moral plays and the use of humor
9. Planning and facilitating nonviolence training: a workshop
10. **Final project:** organizing for an intervention in a conflict of choice.



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During the last several years she has been active with the nonviolent joint Palestinian-Israeli campaign against the Apartheid Wall being built in Palestine.

She is writing about Feminist peace politics and queer coalitions for social justice.

**The course reader will include excerpts from:**

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