

# Imagining Edutopias ~ Experiments In Radical Pedagogy

CHID 480B



The course begins with the assumption imagination has something – *a very important something* – to do with social change. We'll try on the idea that a particular kind of imagination – a "utopian" imagination – can be a practical resource for us to do several things:

- better critique existing social relations, institutions, and practices
- surface implicit values and ideas about "the good society" in our own thinking and that of others
- generate more concrete individual and collective visions for how things might be otherwise.

We'll also see how the idea "utopia" might point the way for action. We'll begin with the assumption that education can and should be linked to real-world problems and the course will hold space for you to explore social problems that most concern you and to experiment with course materials to imagine or enact possible interventions.