CHID 498A | CHID 399A/B | CEP 498A Local/Global Engagements: Service, Solidarity, and Social Change Social Justice Internships in Seattle

Open to ALL Majors!



The Comparative History of Ideas' summer 2017 Local/Global Engagements Program, themed "Service, Solidarity, and Social Change," provides a unique opportunity for undergraduates to earn full-time academic credit while exploring communities and movements working on some of today's most pressing social issues.

Over the 9-week quarter, students intern with local organizations that have an international focus and participate in a rigorous on-campus seminar to introduce and examine the problems, visions, and theories of change propelling contemporary social justice groups and movements. We explore questions like: What kinds of collectivities are working for change in Seattle and how do their efforts connect with struggles and movements around the world? What visions of social transformation animate their actions and what tensions exist across these visions? How do change-makers navigate choices to work within, against, or outside dominant systems and institutions to pursue their visions of a better world? And why?

By combining an interdisciplinary curriculum comprised of theoretical literature, case studies, fiction, and film with coursework including analytical essay-writing, artistic experimentation, site -based internships, and peer facilitation of class sessions, we play with diverse ways to think together about our shared world. The program's small size leads to a close knit, well-supported learning environment. Students leave the program with an expanded toolkit of resources for learning and social action in various spaces.