“Modern man is an animal whose politics places his existence as living being in question.” Michel Foucault

This course will explore the development and extension of political techniques for the management of human life, at a global scale. Topics will include: statistics and governmental knowledge; reproductive politics; global health and emerging diseases; environmentalism and the calculation of risk; and global food systems. The course will draw on approaches from sociology, anthropology, history, science studies and critical studies. Readings will include the work of Hannah Arendt, Robert Castel, Michel Foucault, Ian Hacking, Donna Haraway, Paul Rabinow and Nikolas Rose.