

Proposed Revision to HGO4011

Motivation

1. The course needs an update to include current debates in Geography
2. Needs better integration with the new MA Thesis course
3. AN's experience suggests that teaching abstract theory is not especially effective. Students need more application of theory.
4. Promote a better spread of MA thesis topics across all our specialisations.

Suggested new format

1. Consolidate history of geography and philosophy of science into 1 session each. Include 2 sessions on research design which will focus on **design**—how to connect the different aspects and especially how to use theory.
2. Use 1 empirical example and provide 4 lectures that explore that example from different sub-disciplinary perspectives. The emphasis will be on showing how shifting the theoretical frame shifts the research questions, findings and implications drawn from a case study.
3. Schedule 10 lectures total including intro and conclusion.