This will be a reading seminar on two interrelated multi-authored volumes, Deleuze and Guattari’s *Thousand Plateaus* and Hardt and Negri’s *Empire*. Although many different contexts are possible for providing entry into these two volumes and are encouraged for members of the seminar, my reading will take both an obvious and an oblique point of entry. The obvious entry is that of precedence: the prior appearance of and appeal to Deleuze and Guattari by Hardt and Negri. The oblique entry is the question of technology and the futures it prospects.

The seminar will consist of 11 sessions devoted to readings. A seminar presentation (15%) and a final paper (75%) (approximately 4500 words) are required, as well as attendance and participation (10%) in seminar discussions. The seminar presentations will take place in the last two sessions of the course.

Texts are available at Goerings.

**Tentative Schedule**

Fall 2002

Session 1 (27 Aug) Introduction
Sessions 2-6 (3, 10, 17, 24 Sept; 1 Oct) *Thousand Plateaus*
Sessions 7-12 (8, 15, 22, 29 Oct; 5, 12 Nov) *Empire*
Sessions 13-14 (19, 25 Nov) Research
Sessions 15-16 (3, 10 Dec) Presentations