

DEPARTMENT:	Political Studies
TERM	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMER 2020
PROFESSOR:	Emily Regan Wills
RESEARCH TITLE:	Community Mobilization in Crisis
NUMBER OF STUDENT:	1-6
LANGUAGE:	English
ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN FRENCH	<input type="checkbox"/> YES

RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

Students in this Directed Research seminar will join the Community Mobilization in Crisis (CMIC) research team, consisting of faculty and students from the School of Political Studies, the School of International Development and Global Studies, and other uOttawa programs, along with researchers based at universities and NGOs in Lebanon. CMIC's current research examines community organizing and mobilization in the Middle East, North Africa (MENA), and elsewhere, aiming to bridge paradigms of community development and community organizing developed in North America and propagated by Northern NGOs, donor states, and UN agencies with local and Indigenous models, epistemological and ontological frameworks, and practices.

KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Students will become familiar with the literature on community development and community organizing through readings and discussions, carry out essential research tasks including working with primary data in audiovisual and written formats, and produce multiple outputs based on their own data analysis. We are currently processing data from Palestine, Brazil, and Kurdistan Region of Iraq, in addition to Lebanon and Canada. All research tasks can be done virtually from anywhere in the world, although good internet access is necessary. Group meetings will be conducted in English, readings may be in English and/or French according to student preferences, and written outputs may be in English or French. Knowledge of written or oral Arabic, Portuguese, or Kurdish will open new opportunities for data collection and analysis.