SOCI 433 - Fall 2017
Issues in Demography and Families:
Continuity and Innovation: Canadian Families in the New Millennium

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Course Description and Objectives:
The aim of this seminar is to explore continuity and innovation in the family and family relationships. We will begin by reviewing key changes in Canadian families over time. We will then introduce “continuity” alongside “innovation” as the two guiding themes for this seminar, outlining how we see the social construction of meanings about family and the practices, and processes of family life both as consistent over time and as offering opportunity for innovation. Throughout the course, we will discuss how we these two sometimes contradictory themes are represented simultaneously in families in theories of late modernity.

Course Pre/Co-requisites:
Minimum third-year standing, declared Honours or Major in Sociology, or permission of the department.
Recommendations: SOCI 205 and one of SOCI 203B OR SOCI 242 recommended prior to SOCI 433

Required Resources May Include:
This course does not have a required textbook; instead, students will be assigned a number of required readings each week. The readings are TBA.

* A more detailed course outline will be distributed to students during the first week of classes