

Discursive Practices Analysis and Research Group (DPARG)

DPARG is a research group established by graduate students in the Interdisciplinary Humanities MA (HUMA) to cultivate and advance research and analytical skills through close readings and analysis of texts, with a specific interest in interrogating discursive instantiations and strategies of enactment. While the group is oriented toward the research of HUMA students, it is interdisciplinary in scope and open to all graduate students who share an interest in this endeavour. The group's primary activity will be textual study and discussion directed toward the development of critical theories that address the particular interests brought forth by the involved membership. So far, some authors and philosophers we plan to study include: Louis Althusser, Alain Badiou, Judith Butler, Michel Foucault, Julia Kristeva, Karl Marx, Edward Said, and Cary Wolfe, among others.

The direction of the research will be responsive to the needs of the group's membership. Presently, the objective is to research and analyze the biases, strategies, and effects of the employments of particular discursive practices. Some examples could include:

- examining identity and subjectivity within nationalistic discursivities (the term "discursivities" here referring to both the discourses themselves and the practices through which they are instantiated or enacted);
- Tracing the dislocating and lingering after-effects of colonialism through cultural narratives;
- The effects and ramifications of marginalization (i.e. women, race, physical abilities, poverty) in discursive and conventional societal practices;
- formation of self-alienating subjectivities in capitalist regimes;
- proactive measures of resistance.