From: Anthony Clarke,  
To: Students in EDCP 569 - 031 (2020W)  
Re: Information in advance of the first class  
Date: Friday August 28, 2020

Dear:

Nicole, Jiewei, Lindsay, Rodrigo, Fang, Kieran, Rosie, Megan, Jun, Lin, Solmaz, Sigfried, Blessing, Tien, Megan, Chad, Xuezhu, Yiwen, and Lisa,

1) Welcome to EDCP 569

Welcome to the EDCP 569 ‘Schooling in Comparative Perspective’ class. We currently have 18 students enrolled in the class.

As you know, all Faculty of Education classes are currently being taught online. We will be using a dedicated website and the Zoom application for this course (more information provided below). Please note, we will not be using UBC’s Canvas platform for this class.

The EDCP 569 class will meet online each Wednesday from September 9, 2020, starting at 4:30pm.

My intention is run the class in two 45-minute segments separated by a 10-minute break (i.e., approx. 100 minutes of online class time each week). We will test this format in the first few class and make any adjustments that we feel are necessary.

The class will be synchronous. There will be no asynchronous component (other than the regular weekly readings).

2) The EDCP 569 Class Website

Before the start of the course please visit and familiarize yourself with the EDCP 585 class website: https://cste.educ.ubc.ca/edcp-569-2020

3) EDCP 569 Course Outline

Please read through the course outline that is available on the website before the first class.

4) EDCP 569 Zoom Meeting URL

The Zoom URL to join the EDCP 569 classroom each week is:
To join the class, please copy and paste this URL into your web browser or click on the hyperlink. You may wish to add this URL to your bookmarks for easy reference.

The Zoom classroom will be open from around 4:00pm onwards (i.e., about 30 minutes prior to the start of class). It would be helpful if you could enter the Zoom classroom ahead of the actual start time to ensure that your technology is working.

If you are having challenges joining the classroom, please email: anthony.clarke@ubc.ca

5) A Task To Be Submitted To Tony Before the First Class
I have one small task that I would like you to complete before the first class.

Please send me an image that you would be willing to share with the class that represents your own elementary (primary) or high (secondary) school experience. It may be an image of your of your school, a school class photo, an image of an artifact from your school days, etc.

Please send the image to anthony.clarke@ubc.ca on or before Monday, August, September 7, 2020.

6) Please Confirm Your Receipt Of This Email (see also #7 below)
Could you please send me confirmation by email that you have received and read this document.

7) A Question About Scheduling
Some students have asked if there is some flexibility in the scheduling of the class since the class will be held totally online. I am open to suggestions. For example: starting an hour earlier; teaching earlier in the day; or even teaching on another day, etc.

HOWEVER, any change would be entirely dependent on commitments that class members have already made for the coming term (e.g., some class members might be teaching during the school day and are not be available before 4:30pm).

If you don’t hear anything from me before Wednesday, September 9, 2020, then the class will continue as originally scheduled beginning at 4:30pm on September 9.

To determine if there is any flexibility in scheduling the class, could you please responds as soon as possible (by email to anthony.clarke@ubc.ca) your choice for either (A) or (B) below:

(A) Given my other commitments, please keep the 4:30pm start time for the class.
(B) I have some flexibility in my schedule. Here are some alternatives that would work for me: <please list here the alternative times and/or days that would work for you>

If you have any questions about the class please don’t hesitate to contact me via email at anthony.clarke@ubc.ca

Best,

Tony

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