

## LETTER TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Dear prospective students,

My name is Jeta Mulaj, and I have been an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Toronto Metropolitan University [TMU] since July 2021. I received my B.A. in Philosophy from Villanova University and I hold an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from DePaul University. Prior to joining TMU, I was a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Philosophy at Grinnell College.

I specialize in feminist philosophy, social and political philosophy, critical theory, and Marxism. In addition, my research also engages with psychoanalysis, decolonial theory, and Eastern European thought. I focus on themes related to emancipation, critiques of capitalism, revolution, stability, gender, and sexuality. My publications cover a broad range of topics—such as capitalism, critical theory, immanent critique, ontology, queer theory, decolonial feminism, creolization, and imperialism—and authors—including Karl Marx, Theodor Adorno, Walter Benjamin, Judith Butler, Silvia Federici, and Maria Lugones.

I am currently working on a book, entitled *Reclaiming Stability*, which argues that there has been a shift from the early-modern view of stability as intrinsic to a just society to the contemporary view that stability is detrimental to political life. In light of this history, I critique contemporary political philosophy's romanticization of disruptive, radical, and agonistic politics as abandoning the pursuit of lasting justice for the oppressed. Engaging with feminism and critical theory, the book responds to this abdication by constructing a new theory of stable justice.

This book is part of a broader research agenda that revives first-generation Frankfurt School methodologies for debates in decolonial feminism and Marxist feminism. My next project will engage with decolonial theory by drawing on Eastern European feminism, critical theory, and Balkan decolonial thought. For a more detailed account of my research and teaching experience, please visit my website at [www.jetamulaj.com](http://www.jetamulaj.com).

Through my teaching experiences at Toronto Metropolitan University, Grinnell College, and DePaul University, I have developed a pedagogy that emphasizes texts as living documents of historical, cultural, and socio-political significance. By teaching students to read closely, write carefully, and think and dialogue critically with texts, I try to demonstrate the power of philosophy to occasion investigations into the self, society, and pressing contemporary issues. I design my syllabi to promote marginalized voices in academia whose work shows that philosophy helps us understand our contemporary society and our positions in it. I have taught various courses including, feminist philosophy, feminist materialisms, queer theory, critical theory, theory and praxis, social and political philosophy, and sex and gender.

Since joining TMU, I have worked with graduate students interested in the Frankfurt School, feminism, psychoanalysis, and film. Last year I supervised an MRP on psychoanalysis and feminist theory, and I am currently working with a graduate student whose MRP focuses on feminist writing and embodiment.

I am eager to supervise students working on feminist philosophy, queer theory, social and political philosophy, critical theory, and Marxism. Additionally, I am open to supervising research in psychoanalysis and decolonial theory.

Feel free to reach out to me if you would like to discuss your research interest or if you have any questions about our MA program.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeta Mulaj', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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