International Social Movements (HIST 2043). Instructor: Michel Gobat
This course explores a range of international social movements from the early nineteenth century to the end of the Cold War in order to highlight the role of non-state actors in international affairs. It begins with the trans-Atlantic movement against slavery and then considers international movements struggling for a variety of causes, including women’s rights, peace, anti-colonialism/anti-imperialism, human rights, anti-racism, the environment, and global social justice. The course seeks to illuminate how social activists in different parts of the world overcame grave challenges to forge a common movement—and the impact their movements had on international politics and local societies. Course readings will consider case studies from Africa, Asia, Europe (East and West), Latin America, and the US.