Decolonize: the Mapuche struggle for land and language

This film screening features two award-winning documentaries about the indigenous Mapuche struggle in southern Chile. The first documentary, *Weichanmu: we are going to war*, was filmed in 2013-2014. It follows a Mapuche community in the process of reclaiming their ancestral land in Huentelolen. In the midst of being evicted from the property by the forestry company Arauco and the police, the Mapuche question the advance of the forestry industry in their territory, the legitimacy of the state and the capitalist system whose advance is a direct threat to the survival of Mapuche culture, thought, and way of life.

The second documentary, *Zuguleaĩñ: we will speak*, was filmed in 2015, when a group of Mapuche university students organized the first ever Mapuche language revitalization camp. Over 50 students from across Chile came together for one month to learn and preserve the Mapuche language. This documentary follows the stories of four participants over the course of three years in their process of decolonization by way of learning their maternal language and examining the hegemonic forces that are responsible for its disappearance.

Tuesday
October 13th

9:00 am - 10:30 am (film screening)
10:30 - 11:45 am (discussion)

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