

**Advanced Seminar in Sociology  
(Spring 2009)  
Globalization and International Development  
(Soc 511)**

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**Course Description**

Globalization is one of the most hotly debated issues of the present moment. For some, it is a new form of capitalist intervention in the post-development era, causing the erosion of local economies, cultures, identities, and nation states' sovereignty, and generating new regional and global conflicts. For others, it is the engine of development and modernization in postcolonial contexts. While some see it as inevitable, others think that "another world is possible" and collectively organize to "roll back" globalization, and unveil its postmodern condition. This course seeks to integrate debates about globalization and development at the onset of the 21st century. It will (1) stress the places where "old" development regimes intersect with new regimes of control through neoliberal globalization; (2) will emphasize the fundamental transformations in the world economy, society and politics by linking them to specific institutions, actors and discourses. The cross-disciplinary perspective of the course will enable the students to engage with a wide range of sociological, political, economic and cultural analyses through case studies from the Americas, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. The readings will include mainstream theories of globalization, feminist post-development thought, postcolonial perspectives, poststructuralist and postmodern analyses.

**Required Books**

David Harvey. 2005. *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*  
Mc Michael. 2004. *Development and Social Change* (Third Edition)  
Timothy Mitchell. 1988. *Colonizing Egypt*  
Ferguson James. 2006. *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*.  
Goldman, Michael. 2005. *Imperial Nature: The World Bank and Struggles for Social Justice in the Age of Globalization*  
Saunders Kriemild (editor) 2002. *Feminist Post-development Thought*  
Escobar, Arturo (1995) *Encountering Development: the Making and Unmaking of the Third World*  
Stanley Aronowitz and Gautney (editors) 2003. *Implicating Empire. Globalization and Resistance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*.  
Jameson and Miyoshi (editors). 2001. *The Cultures of Globalization*  
More readings posted on Sakai

### **Course Requirements:**

1) The students are expected to (1) read all assigned texts and write one or two pages commenting on the readings; (2) present their comments in class and bring provocative questions to the rest of the class; (3) post their comments and questions on Sakai every Wednesday before noon

2) Present a proposal for their final paper early in the semester.

3) A final paper. I suggest the following:

(1) An annotative bibliography of ten articles. It should include a one paragraph description of the content of the articles and a final section discussing the relevance of these articles for their own research. You may use readings from your own field as long as they remain related to development.

(2) A 20 page literature review on globalization and development.

(3) A research paper in which you use the course material as a main theoretical framework to develop your own argument and research project

4) Since the course requires a lot of background in social theory, I will be asking students to volunteer and present on specific subjects as needed during the semester.

Your grade is divided between all these assignments. You will get **50%** of your grade on your weekly comments and class presentations, **50%** on the final paper. The final paper is **due** the last day of class.

My policy on plagiarism is to award an **F** for the course.

**Class Schedule** (subject to minor revisions)

**January**

Week 1/Th 22

Introductions

Week 2/Th29

**I-Conceptual Frameworks**

Mc Michael (intro, through ch 3)

Wallerstein (Sakai), Sassen (1&2 Sakai), World System Theory (Sakai)

Jameson and Moyoshi (3-51)

**February**

**II-Post(neo)colonial Modernity**

Week 3/Th5

Escobar, Encountering Development

Week 4/Th12

Colonizing Egypt

Week 5/Th19

Global Shadows

**III- Global Governance**

Week 6/Th26

Imperial Nature

Students' presentations (final paper)

**First draft due**

**March**

Week 7/Th5

Mc Michael (ch5)

Jameson and Miyoshi (81-213)

Aronowitz and Gautney (p211-338)

**IV-Neoliberal Order, State, Citizenship, Identities, Culture**

Week 8/Th12

Ferguson, Global Shadows

Week 9/Th19

Spring Break

Week 10/Th26

Appadurai (Sakai ch 2)

Castells, p 5-67 (Sakai 1-67)

Elyachar (Sakai)

**April**

**V Gender**

Week 11/Th 7

Moghadam (Sakai)

Saunders (41-55) (89-145) (159-211) (298-311)

Eisenstein (Sakai)

Freeman (Sakai)

Poster and Salime (Sakai)

Signs (Sakai)

Week 12/Th16

No reading.

Meetings with students about final papers

Week 13/Th 23

**VI Empire, Global Violence**

Aronowitz and Gautney. Part 1 and 2

Other readings on Sakai

**VII Development Industry, State, Money, Civil Society**

Week 14/Th 30

Bankoff (Sakai)

Bush (Sakai)

Butko (Sakai)

Bringing politics back (Sakai)

Doing good (Sakai)

Intifada Aid Industry (Sakai)

Final Papers due