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SOC 127

SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBALIZATION

Course description: This course studies the construction and ongoing destruction of a globally integrated economy and society. Global society has been in the making for centuries, although globalization became a buzz word only in the 1980s. After taking a more careful look at the closest historical parallel to our era (the Western-led globalization of the 1830s-1920s), we will go on to study the dynamics of economic and social integration of the 1970s-2000s. We will then analyze the major disruptions this integration has created. While these disturbances include processes parallel to the anti- and counter-globalizations of the 1930s (most starkly, devastating financial collapse and the rise of the populist right), the "lacks" (e.g. of a programmatic, internationalist labor alternative) and new developments (e.g. the rise of an alternative powerhouse, China) of our era are as telling. What will a post-global 21st century look like in the light of these parallels and differences?

Evaluation:

There will be 3 in-class exams.

First Midterm, February 15, class time (%30 of course grade)

Second Midterm, March 20, class time (%30 of course grade)

Final Exam (cumulative), May 10, 3 pm (%40 of course grade)

Exams combine multiple choice, short answer and long essays.

Bring exam books to the exams.

READINGS

Analytical Frameworks

McMichael, Philip. 2012. *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*. Los Angeles: Sage. Pp. 1-23, 80-99, 104-136.

The Pre-History of Globalization

Abu-Lughod, Janet L. 1987-88. "The Shape of the World System in the Thirteenth Century." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 22: 3-25.

Giovanni Arrighi. 1994. *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power, and the Origins of Our Times*. London: Verso. Pp. 27-84.

Semi-Global Liberalism

Polanyi, Karl. 2001 [1944]. *The Great Transformation*. Boston: Beacon Press. Pp. 3-20, 71-80, 141-170, 218-228.

"Globalization Proper"

Giddens, Anthony. 2003 [1999]. *Runaway World: How Globalization is Reshaping Our Lives*. New York: Routledge. Pp. 1-50, 67-82.

Neoliberalism

Harvey, David. 2005. A Brief History of Neoliberalism. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 1-38, 87-119, 183-206.

Labor

Silver, Beverly J. 2003. Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization Since 1870. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 1-40, 124-179.

The Chinese Re-Making of Global Society

Hung, Ho-Fung (ed). 2009. China and the Transformation of Global Capitalism. Pp. 1-13, 50-85, 153-173, 188-202.

Global ethical formations and civic development

Tuğal, Cihan. 2017. Caring for the Poor: Islamic and Christian Benevolence in a Liberal World. Pp. 1-14, 34-95, 217-227.

The Financial Collapse

Calhoun, Craig and Geogi Derluguian (eds). 2011. *Business as Usual: The Roots of the Global Financial Meltdown*. New York: New York University Press. Pp. 9-42, 137-157, 231-264.

Arab Spring

Beinin, Joel. 2015. Workers and Thieves: Labor Movements and Popular Uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. Stanford: Stanford University Press. Pp. 39-134.

Sustainability and Other Alternatives

McMichael, Philip. Development and Social Change. Pp. 216-303.

The Collapse of Neoliberalism or Capitalism?

Wallerstein, Immanuel et al. 2013. *Does Capitalism Have a Future?* Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 9-35.

Streeck, Wolfgang. 2017 [2016]. *How Will Capitalism End?: Essays on a Failing System*. London: Verso. Pp. 1-46.

Wallerstein, Immanuel et al. Does Capitalism Have a Future? Pp. 163-192.