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**


**The Pre-History of Globalization**


**Semi-Global Liberalism**


**“Globalization Proper”**


**Neoliberalism**


**Labor**

**The Chinese Re-Making of Global Society**


**Global ethical formations and civic development**


**The Financial Collapse**


**Arab Spring**


**Sustainability and Other Alternatives**


**The Collapse of Neoliberalism or Capitalism?**

