

Special Topics in Sociology/Anthropology

Sociology and Anthropology 887

Section: G100

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Discussion Topics: The Reorganization of the Global System: Local, regional and trans-regional responses.

This course offers a theoretical and thematic exploration of the complex ways in which general global trends in the wider context of economic and political relations connect with local-national-regional social, economic, political, and cultural diversities. This will enable us to identify how societies with different domestic-local institutions and practices, and with different regional and trans/regional dynamics, participate in the politics of the reorganization of the global system. We will focus on the following themes:

- 1- The transnational restructuring of capital and classes (as aspects of capital accumulation and class formation);
- 2- The reorganization of states and political alliances (conceptualizing states in relation to each other as well as in relation to civil society);
- 3- The dynamics of inequality, including those relating to capital, gender, citizenship, cultural politics, commodification of nature, and food relationships.

Through a program of focused readings, critical analysis, in-depth class discussion, case studies, thoughtful synthesis, historical investigation, and film materials, the course attempts to provide new insights into the connections between the global and the local from a historical comparative perspective on North-South relations.

- Grading: 1- Written summaries 30%
- 2- Class presentations 30%
 - 3- Critical journals 25%
 - 4- Presenting the international news of the week 5%
 - 5- Participation (details will be discussed in class) 10%

Grading and Academic Honesty:

All assignments in this course must be completed for a final grade to be assigned. The Department of Sociology and Anthropology follows SFU policy in relation to grading practices, grade appeals (Policy T 20.01) and academic honesty and misconduct procedures (S10.01-S10.04). It is the responsibility of students to inform themselves of the content of these policies available on the SFU website: <http://www.sfu.ca/policies/teaching/index.htm>

Required Texts: 1. Yildiz Atasoy (2009) Hegemonic Transitions, the State and Crisis in Neoliberal Capitalism. London & New York: Routledge.

2. Karl Polanyi (1944) The Great Transformation. Boston: Beacon Press.

3. Philip McMichael. (2011) Development and social Change. Pine Forge Press.

4. Selected Readings. (You can have access to these readings in the reference library)

Recommended Texts: None

Materials/Supplies: None

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

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Notes: None

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