Global Inequalities
Soc 270
Fall 2015

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Course Description

This course seeks to integrate debates about globalization and inequalities at the onset of the 21st century. It will emphasize the fundamental transformations in the world economy and social structures that have been shaping inequalities at a world scale. We will examine the historical context in which inequalities in access to global economic, social and cultural resources have been created and sustained and may be challenged. We will explore the institutions and agents —whether state or non-state actors— that have been the driving force behind economic and social inequalities on a global scale.

Required Books


Laila Lalami. 2006. Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits. Harvest Book

More Readings on Sakai

Course objectives

*Students will be able to understand the international processes that shape global inequalities

*Students will be able to identify the institutions and power relationships that create and sustain global inequalities

*Students will be able to understand the histories of current political conflicts, ideological differences and economic struggles
Course Requirements

1) Reaction papers 52% (52 points)
The students are expected to read all assigned texts and post two pages summary and reaction to (all) the readings of the week. You should post your reaction paper in the drop box on Sakai by Sunday at noon. In other terms you are responsible for doing all your readings for the week and writing your comments before the class meets on Monday. Your comments must have 3 citations from every text (include the author’s name and the page number). Each assignment is worth 4 points.

2) Group Presentation 13% (13 points)

5) Attendance 15% (15 points)
I take your attendance seriously and I consider your overall attendance during the semester. If you miss more than 4 classes, you will lose the total 15 points on attendance. This is a strict rule.

6) Final Paper/Book review of Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuits 20% (20 points)

Grading scale
A 90-100/ B+ 86-89/B 80-85/C+ 76-79/C 70-75/D 61-69/F 60 or below

Class Policy

Communication
I encourage you to attend my office hours. When corresponding by email, please make sure that you write “Soc 270” and your name in the subject line. Please do not email me at the last minute, as it may take me up to 48 hours to respond to your email. Do not email me questions that are already on the syllabus. Read your syllabus first.

Class Conduct
Rutgers encourages the exchange of ideas in supportive and productive classroom environment. To facilitate such an environment, students and faculty must act with mutual respect and common courtesy. Disruptive behavior by students is not authorized. It includes chatting with your classmate, cell phone use, listening to music, reading newspapers, travelling in and out of the classroom, leaving early without permission, discourteous remarks, and other behaviors that might rise as a concern during the semester.

To help generate that environment I do not authorize the use of computers in my class. You will have to re-learn to take notes and be attentive to the ideas and conversations taking place in class.

Diversity statement
The Rutgers Sociology Department strives to create an environment that supports and affirms diversity in all manifestations, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual
orientation, religion, age, social class, disability status, region/country of origin, and political orientation. We also celebrate diversity of theoretical and methodological perspectives among our faculty and students and seek to create an atmosphere of respect and mutual dialogue. We have zero tolerance for violations of these principles and have instituted clear and respectful procedures for responding to such grievances.

**Academic Integrity**
I follow the Rutgers University’s policy on academic integrity. Please explore the website indicated below to become more familiar with this policy: 

Violations include: cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, denying others access to information or material, and facilitating violations of academic integrity.

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. My policy on plagiarism is to award an F for the course.

**Self-Reporting Absence Application:**

Students are expected to attend all classes. If you expect to miss one or two classes, please use the University absence reporting website [https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/](https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/) to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to me.
**Class Schedule** (Subject to revision)

**September**

**Week One/2**

Introductions

Explore this website: 2011 World Hunger and Poverty Facts and Statistics
[http://www.worldhunger.org/articles/Learn/world%20hunger%20facts%202002.htm](http://www.worldhunger.org/articles/Learn/world%20hunger%20facts%202002.htm)

**Globalization in Historical Context**

**Week Two/ 8-9**

Centeno Miguel (Interview) Understanding Globalization. (May 5 2015). Link: 
http://princeton.spoonuniversity.com/learn/understanding-globalization/


**Film: America’s Immigration History. Link:**
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJBcqxl7kas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJBcqxl7kas)

Additional source: Native America before European Colonization
Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FltStGMY4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FltStGMY4)

**Week Three/14-16**

**Globalization in Theory**


Ghemawat, Pankaj. Why the World Isn't Flat. Pp 45-50 in Eitzen and Zinn.


Giddens, Anthony. Globalization. Pp 11-17 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

The ABCs of the Global Economy. Pp 68-80 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

**Film: The Corporation**

**Week Four/21-23**

**Case Studies**


MOberg, David. Maytag Moves to Mexico. Pp 81. 85 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


Sakai


Jeff, Faux. Nafta at 10: Where Do We Go from Here? Pp 64- 67 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


**Film: Life and Debt**

**Week Five/28-30**

**Group 1/ Deindustrialization and unemployment Crisis (Case: Michigan)**
**Group 2/ Gentrification (Cases: New York and New Orleans)**

**Class, Race and Globalization**


Pitney, Nico. HuffPost: Scientists Find Alarming Deterioration In DNA Of The Urban Poor. Available at this link: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/05/08/poverty-race-ethnicity-dna-telomeres_n_7228530.html?utm_campaign=naytev&utm_content=554e2bf5e4b058480ccd1201


Globalization, Culture, Media

October
Week Six/5-7

Group 3 / Art and Protest
Group 4 / Media Representations of Poverty

Check this Link:
https://www.facebook.com/FusionNetwork/videos/947166435322869/?fref=nf

Manfred B. Steger. Global Culture: Sameness or Difference. Pp 147-150 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

Fink, Leon. The Place of Community in Globalization. Pp 151-155 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


Additional source: Culture versus Race, food for thought
https://www.facebook.com/FusionNetwork/videos/947166435322869/?fref=nf

Week Seven 12-14

Gender and Globalization
Eitzen and Baca Zinn. The Restructuring of Social Arrangements: Gender Families, and Relationships. Pp 163-173 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


Film: Global Assembly Line

Week Eight/19-21

**Gender, Globalization, Migration**


Parrenas, Rhacel Salazar. The Care Crisis in the Philippines. Pp 175-186 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

Ferus-Comelo, Anibel. Gender and Migration in Electronics Manufacturing. Pp 87-98 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

For Wednesday read: Lalami Laila, Hope and Other Dangerous Pursuit (Parts: “the trip”, “the fanatic”, “Bus Ride”. We will have a class discussion of the chapters

Film: Everyday Borders, Vimeo
Link: https://vimeo.com/126315982

Week Nine/26-28

**Globalization of Social Issues**

Sager, Ira and all. The Underground Web. Pp 242-251 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

Schapiro Mark. Big Tobacco. Pp 252-265 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

Stein Nichola. No Way Out. Pp 275-280 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

Cockburn, Andrew. 21st Century Slaves. Pp 281-288 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


For Wednesday we are discussing the remaining parts of Lalami’s book
Get ready to submit the first draft of your review of the book on November 11.

**Political Globalization**

**November**
**Week Ten/2-4**

**Group 5/ The Institutions of Global Governance (IMF, World Bank, United Nations)**

**Group 6/ The World Social Forum**


**Film: Harvest of Empire**

**Week Eleven/9-11**
**Book review first draft due on Wednesday 11.**

**Group 7/ Environmental struggles and corporate interests (Africa, India, USA)**

**Group 8/ Global warming and natural disasters**

**Global Environmental Issues**


Privatization, Policing and Protests

Group 9/ Zero Tolerance Policies in schools, race, and gender and community activism
Group 10/ Global protests

Week Twelve /16-18


Maira, Sunaima and Julie Sze. 2012. Dispatches from Pepper Spray University: Privatization, Repression and Revolt. American Quarterly 46(2) 315-329

Film: Immigrants for Sale. Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_OLeCmxANA

War, Terror, and Globalization

Week Thirteen/ 23-25


Herman, Edward and David Peterson. The Threat of Global State Terrorism. Pp 234-239, in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


Chua, Amy. Globalizing Hate. Pp 226-230 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn

Huq, Said. The Car Bomb. Pp 231-233 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


Film: Dirty Wars

December

Social Movements and Globalization

Group 11/ Globalization and Wars
Group 12/ Change and Resistance in Urban Neighborhoods
Week Fourteen/30-2

Brecher, Jeremy; Tim Costelo and Brendan Smith. Globalization and Social Movements. Pp 298- 312 in Eitzen and Baca Zinn


We Are Many, how Amir Amirani got global anti-war protests to the big screen The Guardian (May 13, 2015). Link: http://www.theguardian.com/membership/2015/may/13/we-are-many-how-amir-amirani-got-global-anti-war-protests-to-the-big-screen

Week Fifteen/7-9

Hope and other Dangerous Pursuits
Final Paper due on December 10 at 4pm