This class surveys classic and contemporary debates in the sociology of economic change and development, with an emphasis on exploring the theoretical assumptions underlying different perspectives.

This course is designed to contribute to achieving the following instructional objectives designated as priorities by the Department of sociology:

- Students will demonstrate a broad understanding of major theories, methodologies, and research findings in the sociological literature.
- Students will develop analytical thinking skills that enable them to evaluate information pertinent to their research question.
- Students will communicate in a clear, organized engaging manner, using language, methods, and critical tools appropriate to the social sciences.

**Course Requirements:** Students are expected to show up for and participate in every class having completed the readings.

Seminar participants will be expected to write either a research paper (20-25 pages) or a literature review (15-20 pages) focusing on a topic or debate within the field. Students will also briefly present their final paper on the final day of class.

**Departmental notice of grievance and appeal rights.** The Department of Sociology regularly conducts student evaluations of all professors near the end of the semester. Students who have more immediate concerns about this course should report them to the instructor or to the chair, 8128 Social Science (jraymo@ssc.wisc.edu).

**Reading Schedule**

**Week 1, January 23:**

**Introduction and Modernization theory**


**Additional readings:**

- Talcott Parsons, *Societies: evolutionary and comparative perspectives*, 1966
- Daniel Lerner, *The passing of traditional society: modernizing the Middle East*. With the assistance of Lucille W. Pevsner, and an introd. by David Riesman, 1958
- Alex Inkeles and David Smith, *Becoming modern: individual change in six developing countries*, 1974
• W.A. Lewis, "Economic Development with Unlimited Supplies of Labor", 1954, *Manchester School*
• William Easterly, *The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good* (2006),

**Week 2, January 30:**

**Dependent development**


**Additional readings:**

• Peter Evans, *Dependent development: the alliance of multinational, state, and local capital in Brazil*, 1979
• Atul Kohli, *State-directed development: political power and industrialization in the global periphery*, 2004
• Gay Seidman, *Manufacturing Militance: Workers’ Movements in South Africa and Brazil*, 1994
• Patrick Heller, *The labor of development: workers and the transformation of capitalism in Kerala, India*, 1999
• Alice Amsden, *Asia’s next giant : South Korea and late industrialization*, 1989
• Meredith Woo-Cumings, *Race to the swift: state and finance in Korean industrialization*, 1991
Week 3, February 6:
Developmental states, new and old

- Vivek Chibber, *Locked in place: state-building and late industrialization in India* (2003), chapters 2, 9, epilogue

Additional readings:


Week 4, February 13:
World systems theory


Additional readings:

• Beverly Silver, Forces of Labor (2003)
• Denis O’Hearn, The Atlantic Economy: Britain, the US and Ireland (2001), chapters 1, 2, 7 and 8
• Stephen Bunker, Underdeveloping the Amazon: extraction, unequal exchange, and the failure of the modern state (1985)
• Terry Karl, the Paradox of Plenty (1997), preface and chapters 1-3

Week 5, February 20:
Financialization, the ‘Washington Consensus,” and the turn to export-led growth


Additional readings
• Joseph Stiglitz, Globalization and its Discontents, 2002
• Sarah Babb, Managing Mexico (2004).
• Eric Helleiner, *States and the reemergence of global finance: from Bretton Woods to the 1990s*, 1994
• Thomas Biersteker, “The triumph of liberal economic ideas in the developing world,” in Barbara Stallings (ed), *Global Change, Regional Response*, 1994

**Week 6, February 27:**

**Global production: commodity chains and export-oriented industrialization**


**Additional reading:**

• Steve McKay, *Satanic Mills or Silicon Islands? High-Tech Production in the Philippines*, 2006
• Gary Gereffi and Miguel Korzeniewicz (eds), *Commodity Chains and Global Capitalism*, 1993
• Topik, Steven, Carlos Marichal and Zephyr Frank, *From Silver to Cocaine: Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of the World Economy 1500-2000*.
• Jeff Cowie, *Capital Moves: RCA’s 70-year quest for cheap labor*, 2001
• Raphael Kaplinsky, *Globalization, Poverty and Inequality: Between a Rock and Hard Place*, 2005
• Ellen Rosen, *Making Sweatshops*
• Nancy Plankey-Videla, *We Are in This Dance Together* (2012)

**Week 7, March 6:**

**Migration**


**Additional reading:**


- Peggy Levitt, *The Transnational Villagers*, 2001

- Peggy Levitt and Mary Waters (eds.), *The Changing Face of Home*, 2002


**Week 8, March 13**

**International institutions**


Additional readings


• Conti, J. (2010). *Between law and diplomacy: The social contexts of disputing at the world trade organization*. Stanford University Press.


• Nitsan Chorev, *The World Health Organization Between North and South* (2012)


***Spring Break – March 20***

**Week 9, March 27:**

**Global production: Agricultural shifts**


• Philip McMichael (2014) "Historicizing food sovereignty," *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 41:6, 933-957


Additional reading:
• Harriet Friedmann, “Feeding the Empire: Agriculture, Livelihood and the Crisis of the Global Food Regime” *Socialist Register* 2005
• Michael Watts and Peter Little (eds.), *Living under Contract*, 1994
• Anna Tsing, *Friction: an ethnography of global connections* (2005)
• Jeff Paige, *Coffee and Power*, 1996
• Philip McMichael (ed), *Contesting Development* (2010)
• Kathleen Schwartzmann, *The Chicken Trail* (2012)

**Week 10, April 3:**
**Gendered Developments**

**Additional Readings**
• Raka Ray, *Fields of Protest: Women’s movements in India*, 1999
• Elizabeth Maier and Nathalie Lebon, *Women’s Activism in Latin America and the Caribbean: Engendering Social Justice, Democratizing Citizenship* (2010)
• Plankey-Videla, N. (2012). *We are in this dance together: Gender, power, and globalization at a Mexican garment firm*. Rutgers University Press.
• Valentine M. Moghadam, *Globalizing Women: Transnational Feminist Networks* (2005), introduction
• Shireen Ally, *From Servants to workers: South African Domestic Workers and the Democratic State* (2009)
- Pun Ngai, Made in China: Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace (2005),

Week 11, April 10:
Labor and Globalization

Additional Readings
- Kim Moody, Workers in a Lean World
- Richard Appelbaum and Edna Bonacich, Behind the Label: Inequality in the Los Angeles Apparel Industry

Week 12: April 17
Urban change
- Saskia Sassen, 2006. Cities in a World Economy, third edition. Sage. Chapters 1, 2, and 4

Additional readings:
• James Holston. Insurgent Citizenship: Disjunctions of democracy and Modernity in Brazil (2008)
• Patricia Fernandez Kelly (ed), Out of the Shadows: Political Action and the Informal Economy in Latin America, 2006
• Alejandro Portes, Manuel Castells, and Lauren A. Benton (eds), The Informal Economy, 1989
• Gianpaulo Baiocchi, Militants and Citizens
• Joel Stillerman, “The Contested Spaces of Chile’s Middle Classes.” Political Power and Social Theory (2010) 21: 209-238.
• M. Muller, “Penal Statecraft in the Latin American City: Assessing Mexico City’s Punitive Urban Democracy” Social & Legal Studies.
• Patrick Heller and Amy Selzer, “The special dynamics of middle class formation in Post-apartheid South Africa,” Political Power and Social Theory 2010.
• Martin Murray, City of Extremes: The spatial politics of Johannesburg (2011)

Week 13, April 24:
Changing China

Additional readings:
• Giovanni Arrighi, Adam Smith in Beijing (2007)
• Richard Madsen (ed).Restless China
• Lee, Ching Kwan. 2007. Against the law: Labor protests in China’s rustbelt and sunbelt. Univ of California Press. Chapters 1, 2, 7.

Week 14, May 1
Final Paper Presentations