Soc 630: Sociology of Developing Societies  
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This course is meant to introduce some key themes in the sociology of development, beginning with a brief overview of the main theoretical frameworks, and then moving into a variety of debates in the field, from the impact of globalization, to the changing character of social movements and transnational activism, to the politics of development aid.

Readings will be available electronically through Learn@UW.

In addition to a midterm and a final exam, students will be asked to write five very brief responses to weekly readings, and a short paper (5 to ten pages) on a related topic.

Grades will be based on:
Five response papers: 25 percent (five percent each)  
Midterm: 15 percent  
Research paper: 25 percent  
Final exam: 25 percent  
Participation: 10 percent

I. Introduction: What is ‘development’, and who defines it?  
Jan 23, 25  


II. Colonial legacies  
Jan 30, Feb 1  
Adam Hochschild, King Leopold’s Ghost: A story of greed, terror and heroism in colonial Africa (1998), chapters 8, 10 and 11

III. Developmentalism, and postcolonial hybridity  
Feb 6, 8  
Atul Kohli, State-Directed Development: Political power and industrialization in the global periphery (2004), chapters 3 and 7

**IV. Debt, financialization, and the ‘Washington Consensus’**
*Feb 13, 15*

**V. Restless capital and changing production patterns**
*February 20, 22*
Jane Collins, *Threads* (2003), chapters 2, 4

**VI. Zonal capitalism**
*February 27, 29*
Pun Ngai *Made in China: Women Factory Workers in a Global Workplace* (2005), introduction and chapters 1 and 2

**VII. Changing agricultural patterns**
*March 5, 7*

**VIII. International pressures**
*March 12, 14*
Michael Goldman, *Imperial Nature: The World Bank and struggles for social justice in the age of globalization* (2009), preface and chapters 1 and 4

**IX. Gendered social change**
*March 19, 21*
Jennifer Bickham-Mendez, *From the Revolution to the Maquiladoras: Gender, labor and globalization in Nicaragua* (2005), chapters 3, 6
M. Laetitia Cairoli, “Girl but not Woman: Garment factory workers in Fez, Morocco”, in *From Patriarchy to Empowerment: women’s participation, movements, and rights in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia* (2007)

**X. Urban growth and inequality**
*March 26, 28*
Michael Goldman and Wesley Longhofer, “Making World Cities,” *Contexts* 2009

(spring break, March 31- April 8)

XI. Transnational flows: migration
April 9, 11
Robyn Magalit Rodriguez, Migrants for Export (2010), introduction and chapters 1, 2
Peggy Leavitt, “The ties that change: Relations to the ancestral home over the life cycle” from The Changing Face of Home (2002)

XII. Insurgent citizenship
April 16, 18
Wendy Wolford, This Land is Ours: Social mobilization and the meaning of land in Brazil, chapters 1, 2, and conclusion

XIII. Transnational activism
April 23, 25
Katherine Sikkink and Margaret Keck, Activists Beyond Borders (1999), chapter 3
Mark Anner, Solidarity Transformed: Labor responses to globalization and crisis in Latin America (2010), chapter 7

XIV. The politics of aid
April 30, May 2
Jeffrey Sachs, The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time, chapters tba
William Easterly, The White Man’s Burden (2006), chapters 2 and 11
Oxfam International, Rigged Rules and Double Standards, executive summary and chapter 8

XV. Conclusion
May 7, 9