The international expansion of markets and market relations, and the global pursuit of economic liberalism, that has marked the last 30 years of our history have been also linked since to the collapse of the cold-war international structure, and the emergence of new alignments of sovereign rule, market rationality and regimes of citizenship. These changes have had profound impact on social life and human experience.

This seminar will explore both key topics of “globalization” as well as the various analytical perspectives and methods of analysis developed in anthropology, and social sciences more broadly, to capture the current socio-political and economic transformations in the world. “Globalization” has also affected significant changes in the very core of modern scientific disciplines and standard units of analysis. The various regionalisms, localisms, along with transnational patters, have become of increased interest to social observers.

In the line of scientific reasoning that addresses the “global” anthropologists have first focused on a more micro-level phenomena, and specifically looking at “localities” and how these respond, adapt and resist to changing “macro” processes. More recently, a different line of research has sought to capture globalization in terms of “assemblages,” “friction(s),” and “conjunctures” looking at the way in which global forms have been articulated and scaled in specific situations, and have begun to define ever more complex material, collective and discursive relationships of the “local-global”. The overall impact of “globalization” this research shows has been the emergence of new “assemblages” of sovereign rule, market rationality and regimes of citizenship around the globe, that are having profound impact on communities, nations, states, social and cultural life overall as well as personal experiences.

The main goal of this seminar is two-fold. First, to introduce students to major themes, theoretical and analytical orientations in understanding the differentiating effects of global
forces on the Global North and the Global South. Along with this they build an understanding of the analytical lenses that offer a more insightful local/global approach for research on new social phenomena, one that unite subject-based and institutional perspectives. Secondly, they will be urged to articulate an evaluation on their own research project (if available) informed by a “global” lens.

**Format and Assignments:**

Reading materials will be available electronically or through copies (please make sure you have the materials on time for each successive class). The seminar is designed to help students formulate and express their own ideas on the topics taken up, and to sharpen their analytical skills, as well as understandings of theoretical traditions in the field. As such, discussion and presentation is the central component of this seminar. Each class is organized around presentations prepared by students and facilitated by the lecturer, who offers a short orientation into the topic for each class.

Students who present are expected to write up a small synopsis of their material of choice and post it prior to class on E-learning. They should also include some discussion points. These commentaries will serve as a starting point for discussion in class.

There are two written components to the assignments for this seminar. By the middle of the semester students are expected to have conceptualized a topic for their final paper and work on an annotated bibliography and an outline, to be ready by the due date noted on the syllabus. The final paper aims to enable students to pursue their own areas of interest (up to 15 pages long double-spaced). The research for this paper may be based on the literature covered in class, or additional materials relevant to students’ own fields. For each class students come prepared with short summaries/commentaries on the readings, which they email ahead of time to the rest of their colleagues. They also prepare presentations as assigned in advance.

Materials for this seminar listed below are subject to changes depending on students’ combined interests.

**List of books used in the seminar:**

- GLOBAL SHADOWS, JAMES FERGUSEN
- LOSING CONTROL, SASKIA SASSEN
- A brief History of NEOLIBERALISM, DAVID HARVEY ([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkWWMOzNNrQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkWWMOzNNrQ))
- GLOBAL ASSEMBLAGES, ONG AND COLLIER
- THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF GLOBALIZATION, JONATHAN XAVIER AND RENATO ROSALDO
- THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF PALACE WARS, YVES DEZALAY AND BRYANT GARTH
- SHADOW ELITE, JANINE WEDEL
- LIQUIDATED, KAREN HO
- MOBILE LIVES, ELLIOT AND URRY
**Week 1: INTRODUCTION**

**Week 2: The Anthropology of globalization**


**Week 3: The Problem-space of Globalization in Anthropology**

Comaroffs Millennial Capitalism: First Thoughts on a Second Coming. Available at: http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/public_culture/v012/12.2comaroff.html


**Week 4: Globalization’s History and New Risks**


David Harvey, 1990. From Fordism to Flexible Accumulation ch 9 from The Condition of Postmodernity


**Week 5: The ethics of anthropological engagement with the “global”**


Didier Fassin, 2008. “Beyond good and evil: Questioning the anthropological discomfort with morals”. In: Anthropological Theory 8: 333

Etienne Balibar. 2004 “Europe as Borderland” (available on the web: http://socgeo.ruhosting.nl/colloquium/Europe%20as%20Borderland.pdf)


**Week 6: Reinvention of Politics: Biopower and Beyond**


**Further Readings:**


Week 7: Global Governance and Expertise in Politics

Dezaley and Barth, 2002. The Internalization of Palace Wars. The University of Chicago Press. Excerpts


Week 8: The transformation of work and employment


Karen Ho 2009. From: Liquidated: An Ethnography of Wall Street, p73-121


**Week 9: The Changing Calculus of Belonging, Recognition and Making Claims**

"The Future of America's Working Class" by Joel Kotkin in New Geography (06/01/2010).


**Week 10: Immigration Tests the New Order**


Nicholas De Genova and Peutz N 2010 “Introduction” to The Deportation Regime


Peter Benson’s “El Campo: Faciality and Structural Violence in Farm Labor Camps” (2008) In Cultural Anthropology

Project final paper due!!!!

**Week 11: Forced Migration and Illegality**


**Week 12: Consumption, solemnity, hegemony**


Urry and Elliot From Mobile Lives, ch 6 Consuming to Excesss

**Week 13: The Organization of Intimacy, Love, Sex and Globalization** the term intimacy refers not only to those areas of work normally thought of as caring labor, but also to the spheres of interiority, emotionality, and self-fashioning associated with the neoliberal project as well as to the dimensions of expectation and anxiety surrounding economic and political participation.


Urry and Elliot Mobile lives ch 5

Nickola Pazderic’s 2004. "Recovering True Selves in the Electro-Spiritual Field of Universal Love”. In: Cultural Anthropology

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**Week 14: Global Mobilities: cosmopolitans and elite anthropology**

Guilhot Nicolas “Reforming the World” In:

Skidelsky Robert The world on a String


Urry and Elliot From “Mobile lives” ch 4


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**Week 15: The Global’s Contested Futures**

Urry and Elliot. 2010. Contested Futures. From: Mobile Lives, ch 7