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ANG 6930: Anthropological Problematizations of Globalization and Global Assemblages

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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 to the collapse of the cold-war international structure, and the emergence of new alignments of sovereign rule, market rationality and regimes of citizenship since. These changes have had profound impact on social life and human experiences, as an increasing portion of the world population has been assembled directly into capitalist labor markets, while “national” and “regional” markets fastened into “transnational” labor regimes. The arsenal of measures – administrative, institutional, political and economic – that underwrote these processes had been variously described as “the era of globalization,” “the age of advanced capitalism” and also the “neoliberal turn”. While marking a significant shift in the management of populations and the administration of spaces, the most significant feature of these global (neoliberal) interventions seems to have been the fact that they appear as nonpolitical and non-ideological problem-solving projects as if driven “purely” by market calculations. Still, the global is not a given, and it is made through intense and highly unequal exchanges.

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 effected significant changes in the very core of modern scientific disciplines and standard units of analysis. Various regionalisms, localisms, along with transnational patterns, have become of increased interest to social observers.

In this new 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. Most recently, another constructive line of research has sought to capture globalization in terms of “assemblages”

or “friction(s)”, looking at the way in which global forms have been articulated 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 and social and cultural life overall.

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>)

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

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. The final paper aims to enable students to pursue their own areas of interest. They are expected to write an analytical paper on topics of their choice as related to the class material (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 their field.

Week 1, Jan 7: Introduction

Week 2, Jan 14: 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

Anna Tsing, 2000. The Global Situation. In: *Cultural Anthropology*. Vol. 15/ 3. Pp: 327-360.

Tom Looser. 2012. The global University, Area studies, and the World Citizen: Neoliberal Geography's Redistribution of the "World". In: *Cultural Anthropology* Volume 27, Issue 1, pages 97–117

Don Kalb, 2004. "Time and Contention in the "great globalization debate". From: Globalization and Development. Kalb, D and Pausters W Eds. Hans Sibers Kluwer Academic Publishers.

January 21 – no classes

Week 3, Jan 28: Globalization's History and New Risks

Klein, Naomi. The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2007, pp.3-21, 142-154, 218-256, 443-466.

Sachs, Jeffrey. 2005. "A Global Family Portrait," "The Spread of Economic Prosperity." In: *The End of Poverty*. New York: Penguin Books, 2005, pp. 1-50
(Available at:
<http://www.fordham.edu/economics/mcleod/SachsEndofPovertyChapt1.pdf>
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/38528943/The-Spread-of-Economic-Prosperity>

Beck, Ulrich. 1992. "On the Logic of Wealth Distribution and Risk Distribution." Risk Society. London: Sage Publication.

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

David Harvey, 2005. Freedom's Just Another World From A Brief History of Neoliberalism. pp. 5-18.

Week 4, Feb 4: The ethics of anthropological engagement with the "global"

Nancy Scheper-Hughes, 2009. "The Ethics of Engaged Ethnography". In: *Anthropology News*. Vol. 50, N 6, Sep.

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)

Charles R. Hale 2006. "Activist Research v. Cultural Critique: Indigenous Land Rights and the Contradictions of Politically Engaged Anthropology". In: *Cultural Anthropology*, Volume 21, Issue 1, pages 96–120

James Ferguson, 2006. "Global Shadows: Africa and the World." In *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2006, pp.1-25.

Optional readings:

Rabinow, Paul. *Marking Time: On the Anthropology of the Contemporary*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008, pp.1-11, 33-50.

Week 5, Feb 11: The Reinvention of Politics: Biopower and Beyond

Mosse David, 2005. "Global Governance and the Enthography of International Aid". From: *The Aid Effect*. D. Mosse and D. Lewis (Eds).

Beck, Ulrich. 1994 "The Reinvention of Politics: Toward a Theory of Reflexive Modernization". In *Reflexive modernization: politics, tradition and aesthetics in the modern social order*. U. Beck, A. Giddens, and S. Lash, eds. pp. 1-55.

Deleuze, Gilles. 1995. "Control and Becoming." "Postscript on Control Societies." In *Negotiations*. New York: Columbia University Press, pp.169-76; 177-82.

Rabinow, Paul and Nikolas Rose. "Biopower Today." In *BioSocieties*, 2006, 1:195-217. (See: https://hampedia.org/wiki/Biopower,_Biopolitics,_and_Bare_Life)
<http://anthropology.berkeley.edu/content/biopolitics-biomedicine-bioethics>

Optional Readings:

Pierre Bourdieu, "The essence of neoliberalism" *Le Monde Diplomatique*, December 1998.

Appadurai, Arjun. "Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy." In *Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization*. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1996, pp. 27-47.

Week 6, Feb 18: Global Governance, Expertise and Politics

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

Gregory Feldman. 2011 "Illuminating the Apparatus: Steps toward a Nonlocal Ethnography of Global Governance." In *Policy Worlds: Anthropology and the Anatomy of Contemporary Power*. Edited by Davide Pero, Cris Shore, and Susan Wright. Berghahn Books: New York and London.

Nicolas Guilhot. 2005. *Democratization Studies and the Construction of a New Orthodoxy*. From: *The Democracy Makers*. Columbia University Press (pp.135-165)

Hirokazu Miyazaki. 2006. "Economy of Dreams: Hope in Global Capitalism and Its Critiques. In: *Cultural Anthropology*, Vol. 21, No. 2: 147-172.

Optional reading

Timothy Mitchel, 2002. *Rule of Experts, Egypt, Technopolitics, Modernity*. Berkeley University Press (Excerpts)

Week 7, Feb 25: The transformation of work and employment

Manuel Castells, 1996. "The Transformation of Work and Employment: Networkers, Jobless, and Fleximers". In: *The Rise of the Network Society*. Blackwell. (pp. 201-272)

Saskia Sassen, 2006. "Global cities and Survival Circuits" In: *Globalization: The Transformation of Social Worlds*. D. S. Eitzen and M.B. Zinn Eds. Thomson Wadsworth pp. 196-215

Biao, Xiang 2007. From: Global "Body Shopping:" An Indian labor System in the Information Technology Industry". Princeton University Press xiii-xix, 1-12, 100-115

Andrea Muehlebach. 2011. "On Affective Labor in Post-Fordist Italy". In: *Cultural Anthropology*. Volume 26, Issue 1, pages 59–82, February 2011 (<http://www.culanth.org/?q=node/386>)

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

Nordstrom, Carolyn. *Global Outlaws: Crime, Money, and Power in the Contemporary World*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007. Preface + ch1 (on google books) ch11,12,13,16 (on E-learning)

SPRING BREAK: MARCH 2-9

Week 8, March 11: Social Class and Citizenship

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

The "Class Matters" Forum of The New York Times:
<http://www.nytimes.com/pages/national/class/>

Don Kalb. 2009. Conversations with a Polish populist. In: *American Ethnologist* Vol 36.N2. 207-223.

Victoria Bernal. 2004. "Eritrea Goes Global: Reflections on Nationalism in a Transnational Era". In: *Cultural Anthropology*

Friedman Jonathan 2000. Globalization, Class and Culture in Global Systems. In: *Journal of World Systems Research* Vol 6, #3 (available online)

Week 9, March 18: Immigration Tests the New Order

Saskia Sassen, 1996. "Immigration Tests the New Order". From: *Losing Control? Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization*. (59-100)

Nicholas De Genova and Peutz N 2010 "Introduction" to *The Deportation Regime*

Nina Glick Schiller 2005 Transnational Social Fields and Imperialism: Bringing a Theory of Power to Transnational Studies. In: *Anthropological Theory* 5/4 439-61

Fassin, Didier 2005: "Compassion and Repression: The Moral Economy of Immigration Policies in France" in *Cultural Anthropology* Vol 20 (3)

Peter Benson's "El Campo: Faciality and Structural Violence in Farm Labor Camps" (2008) In *Cultural Anthropology*

Gregory Feldman, 2011. "Right Versus Right". From: *the Migration Apparatus*. Pp. 25-55

Outline Due!!!!

Week 10, March 25: April 15: Forced Migration and Illegality

William Walters, 2004. "The 'Fight' against 'Illegal Immigration' in Europe: Some Critical Reflections." Conference paper, International Studies Association.
(available at:
research.allacademic.com/meta/p73556_index.html?PHPSESSID)

Gregory Feldman. 2011. "The Right Solution, or, the Fantasy of Circular migration." From: *The Migration Apparatus*. Pp. 150-179

Ginette Verstraete, 2010. "High-Tech Security, Mobility and Migration". From: *Tracking Europe*. Duke University Press Ch4

Ticktin, M. 2008. "Sexual Violence as the language of Border Control: Where French Feminist and Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric Meet" In: *Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society* 33 (4) pp. 863-889. (also available @ <http://www.gpia.info/ticktin>)

Week 11, April 1: Consumption, solemnity, hegemony

Robert J. Foster, 2007. "The Work of the New Economy: Consumers, Brands, and Value Creation" In: *Cultural Anthropology*. Vol. 22/4. Pp: 707-731.

Klein, Naomi, 2002. "New Branded World" and "The Brand Expands." In No Logo. New York: Picador, pp. 3-61.7

Meyer, Birgit. 2002. "Commodities and the Power of Prayer: Pentecostal Attitudes towards Consumption in Contemporary Ghana." In *The Anthropology of Globalization: A Reader* edited by Jonathan Xavier Inda and Renato Rosaldo. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2002, pp. 247-269.

Mbembe, Achille. "Aesthetics of Superfluity." In *Public Culture*, 2004, 16(3):373-405.

Urry and Elliot From *Mobile Lives*, ch 6 Consuming to Excess

Week 12, April 8: The Organization of Intimacy, Love, Sex and Globalization

Aihwa Ong, 1999. "The Pacific Shuttle: Family Citizenship and Capital Circuits". In: *Flexible Citizenship*.

O'Connell Davidson, J., 2001b: 'The sex tourist, the expatriate, his ex-wife and her 'Other': The politics of loss, difference and desire'. *Sexualities*. Vol. 4, No.1, pp. 5-24. [Available on the web].

Eva Illouz, 2007. "Romantic webs". From: *Cold Intimacies: the Making of Emotional Capitalism*. Polity Press. Pp: 74-114.

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*

Week 13, April 15: Global Mobilities: elite anthropology

Guilhot Nicolas "Reforming the World" In:

Skidelsky Robert *The world on a String*

Janine Wedel, 2009. *Shadow Elite: How the World's New Power Brokers Undermine Democracy, Government, and the Free Market*. Basic Books, Excerpts

Urry and Elliot From "Mobile lives" ch 4

Chrystia Freeland, 2011. "The Rise of the New Global Elite" In: *The Atlantic* Jan/Feb

Peter Redfield, 2012. "The Unbearable Lightness of Expats: Double Binds of Humanitarian Mobility". In: *Cultural Anthropology*. Volume 27, Issue 2, pages 358–382

Week 14, April 22: The Global's Contested Futures

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

Susan Brin Hyatt "What was neoliberalism and what comes next? The Transformation of Citizenship in the Law-and-Order State," in *Policy Worlds: Anthropology and the Anatomy of Contemporary Power*, edited by Peró, Davide, Cris Shore, Susan Wright. Berghahn Press, 2011, pp. 205-223.