

Geog 122: Geography, Modernity and Globalisation II. 3.0 Credits.

University of British Columbia.

Spring Term: May 8 - June 14, 2012. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30pm.

Geography Building Room 212.

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Geography 122 is an introduction to human geography and to the character of our modern, globalising, interdependent world. While Geog 122 stands as an independent course, it follows Geog 121, which starts with the beginnings of industrialisation and the modern era, and ends in the 1940s with the conclusion of the Second World War. Geography 122 deals with the emerging human geography of the last 70 years. Overall, the course seeks to interpret geographical themes of modernisation and globalisation, their consequences, regional expressions, and reactions against them.

In this offering, Geography 122 has been compressed to fit within the shortened spring term, though it will still appear on your transcript as three credits. There are two three-hour meetings per week, which will be devoted to lectures and discussion. We will have one mid-term test (25% of your final grade), a modest term-paper (25%), term paper peer review (5%) and a final examination (45%).

Most readings are available in the coursepack, which can be purchased from the UBC bookstore. Other readings will be available online.

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Weekly Schedule.

May 8. Tuesday.

Introduction, and Keywords.

- Modernisation, globalisation, human geography.
- Peter Laslett's *The World We Have Lost*. (coursepack)

May 10. Thursday.

Malthus and the Neo-Malthusians: Context and Contemporary Ecological Footprint Analysis.

- William E Reese (2009). "Ecological footprints and appropriated carrying capacity: what urban economics leaves out" in *Environment and Urbanization*, vol 4, no 2, pp 121-130. (via UBC library).
- Forrest Mims "Meeting Doctor Doom." (online).

May 15. Tuesday.

Term paper topic due.

Contradictory approaches to managing the Commons.

- Hardin, G. 1968. The Tragedy of the Commons. *Science* 162: 1243-48. (UBC library).
- Orstrom, E. 2008. The Challenge of Common Pool Resources. *Environment* 50 (4): 8-21. (UBC library).
- For those in need, a Research Workshop.

May 17. Thursday.

Economic globalisation: A brief history of some fundamental post-war institutions.

- Dicken "Making the World a Better Place." (Coursepack).
- Film: *The New Rulers of the World*.

May 22. Tuesday.

Commodity chains and life cycle analysis.

- Film: *Cappuccino Trail: The Global Economy in a Cup*.
- LCA of sporting event. (Online).
- Ian Cook (2004). "Follow the thing: Papaya." in *Antipode*, vol 36, pp 642-664. (UBC library).

May 24. Thursday.

Mid-term exam.

Social/Cultural Globalisation

- Roger Stump (2008). "Religion and Human Geography" in *The Geography of Religion: Faith, Place and Space*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Toronto, pp 369-385. (Coursepack).
- For those in need, a Citation Workshop.

May 29. Tuesday.

Term paper peer review.

Science as Modernisation, and the demarcation problem. Who to trust and why?

- Steven Shapin (2010). Extract, Science and the Modern World. (Coursepack).

May 31. Thursday.

The Rise of the Risk Society: Case Study, Genetically Modified Organisms.

- Cailan and Thomas. Extract, Environmental Economics and Management. (Coursepack).

June 5. Tuesday.

Term papers due.

Environmental Justice: Post-colonialism and indigenous peoples.

- Robert Lovelace (2009). "Notes from Prison: Protecting Algonquin Lands from Uranium Mining", in *Speaking for Ourselves: Environmental Justice in Canada*. (eBook from UBC Library).
- Film: *Uranium*.

June 7. Thursday.

Globalisation critiques: Marxism and Anarchism.

Experimental Social-spatial reforms in China: A Case Study. A guest appearance by Kean Fan Lim.

- Online reading from *The Economist*
- Katherine Verdery (1996). "What was Socialism, and why did it fall?" in *What was socialism and What Comes Next?*, Princeton University Press, pp 19-38.
- Nancy S. Love (1998). "Anarchism" in *Understanding Dogmas and Dreams*, Chatham House Publishers, New Jersey, pp 95-122. (Both available in coursepack).

June 12. Tuesday.

Energy: focus on the Oil Sands.

- Jean-Francois Mouhot (2011). "Past connections and present similarities in slave ownership and fossil fuel usage" in *Climate Change*, v 105, pp 329-355. (UBC Library).

June 14. Thursday. **Final Exam** during regular class time.