

SPL 583.01: Agrarian Change and Social Policy: Markets, Peasants and Rural Poverty



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This course is designed in order to provide the students with an understanding of the logics and transformation of rural development and social policy with a particular focus on the agricultural markets, transformation of production, peasant livelihood, rural labor and poverty. The objective of the course is to develop an informed understanding on theories of rural development, history of rural development policy, changing rural livelihoods, proliferating rural poverty, land and agrarian reform, the roles of private and non-governmental actors in poverty alleviation and social policy programs targeting rural poor.

Assessment

40%: Participation to class discussions and 5 response papers (approximately 500 words) on the selected readings.

20%: Presentation and research proposal: Each student will work on a research topic (details to be discussed during the first session) through out the semester and make a presentation towards the end of semester. Students are also expected to submit a 2-3 page long research proposal (5% of the grade) which includes a tentative bibliography. We will discuss the proposals in class on 18th of October.

40%: Term Paper: Each student will submit a final paper of the research they have been working on. The final paper needs to be 20-25 pages long (double spaced) and must be submitted via e-mail by January 8.

Grading scale: 90-100: AA; 80-89 BA; 75-79 BB; 70-74 CB; 65-69 CC; 60-64 DC; 55-59 DD; 50-54 F; 49-0

Note!

Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Attempts at plagiarizing are not tolerated and are very likely to lead to disciplinary action and an F grade. Please make sure you use proper ways of citation and referencing. For more, see www.plagiarism.org

Session 1 (Sept. 20): Introduction to the class

Session 2 (Sept. 27): Mapping the field and background

Pollan, M. (2001). *The botany of desire: A plant's eye view of the world*. New York: Random House pp: 183-238

Bernstein, H. (2010). *Class dynamics of agrarian change*. Halifax: Fernwood Publ. pp.61-88

Session 3 (Oct. 4): The study of development and agrarian change- I

Bernstein, H. and Byres, T. J. (2001), From Peasant Studies to Agrarian Change. *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 1: 1-56.

Bebbington, A. (1999) Capitals and Capabilities: A Framework for Analyzing Peasant Viability, Rural Livelihoods and Poverty. *World Development* 27 (12) pp. 2021- 2044.

Araghi, F. (2009) "The Invisible Hand and the Visible Foot: Peasants, Dispossession and Globalization," in Akram-Lodhi and Kay (eds.) *Peasants and Globalization*, Routledge, pp. 111-138.

Ashley C. and Maxwell S. (2001) 'Rethinking Rural Development', *Development Policy Review*, 19 (4) 395-425

Session 4 (Oct. 11): The study of development and agrarian change- II

Escobar, A. (1995) "Development and the Anthropology of Modernity," in *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*, Princeton University, pp. 3-20.

Akram-Lodhi H. and Kay, C. (2009) "The Agrarian Question: Peasants and Rural Change," in Akram-Lodhi and Kay (eds.) *Peasants and Globalization: Political Economy, Rural Transformation and the Agrarian Question*, Routledge, pp. 3-29.

de Ferranti et al. (2005) –The rural economy's contribution to development: summary of findings and policy implications. in *Beyond the city: the rural contribution to development*. Pp. 1-28.

Session 5 (Oct. 18): Overview of Rural Poverty in the Third World

Bardham, P. (2006) "Globalization and Rural Poverty." 2006. *World Development* 34, pp. 1393-1404.

Hulme D. and Shepherd A. (2003) "Conceptualizing Chronic Poverty," *World Development*, Volume 31, Issue #3, pp. 403-423.

Biles J. et al. (2007) Globalization of Food Retailing and Transformation of Supply Networks: Consequences for Small scale Agricultural Producers in Southeastern Mexico *Journal of Latin American Geography*, Volume 6, Number 2, 2007, pp. 55-75

Session 6 (Oct. 25): Overview of Rural Poverty in the Third World

Das, Raju. (2002) "The Green Revolution and Poverty." *Geoforum* Volume 33, pp. 55-72.

De Janvry, A. and Sadoulet E. (2000) Rural Poverty in Latin America: Determinants and Exit Paths. *Food Policy* Volume 25, pp. 389-409.

Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, New York University School of Law. 2011. Every thirty minutes: farmer suicides, human rights, and the agrarian crisis in India.
<http://www.chrgj.org/publications/docs/every30min.pdf>

Kapur Mehta Aasha and Amita Shah. 2003. "Chronic Poverty in India: Incidence, Causes, and Policies." *World Development*, Volume 31, Issue #3, pp. 491-511.

Session 7 (Nov. 1): Child labor, forced labor and migrant labor in rural labor markets

Buijtenhuijs, R. (2000) —Peasant Wars in Africa: Gone with the Wind? In Deborah Bryceson, Cristóbal Kay and Jos Mooij, eds., *Disappearing Peasantries? Rural Labour in Africa, Asia and Latin America*, pp. 112-121. London:

Nicola Phillips (2013) Unfree labour and adverse incorporation in the global economy: comparative perspectives on Brazil and India, *Economy and Society*, 42:2, 171-196,

Lewis, Hannah, Peter Dwyer, Stuart Hodkinson, and Louise Waite. (2014) "Hyper-precarious Lives: Migrants, Work and Forced Labour in the Global North," *Progress in Human Geography* (2014): 1-21.

Session 8 (Nov. 8): Land grabs in the context of globalization and food security

Zoomers, A. (2010) —Globalisation and the foreignisation of space: seven processes driving the current global land grab *Journal of Peasant Studies* 37(2): 429-447.

Hall, Derek. (2011) —Land grabs, land control, and Southeast Asian crop booms. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 38(4): 837-857.

De Schutter, O. (2011) —How not to think of land-grabbing: three critiques of large-scale investment in farmland *Journal of Peasant Studies* 38(2): 249-279.

Deininger, Klaus, and Juergen Voegelé. 2010. Rising global interest in farmland: Can it yield sustainable and equitable benefits? The World Bank
http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTARD/Resources/ESW_Sept7_final_final.pdf

Session 9 (Nov. 15): Rural Development and Social Policy

Chang, Ha-Joon. (2009) Rethinking public policy in agriculture: lessons from history, distant and recent. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 36 (3) (July): 477-515.

Woods, M. (2006) Redefining the 'Rural Question': The New 'Politics of the Rural' and Social Policy. *Social Policy & Administration*, 40: 579-595.

Hickey, S. (2005) The Politics of Staying Poor: Exploring the Political Space for Poverty Reduction in Uganda *World Development* Vol. 33 No.6 pp. 995-1009.

Session 10 (Nov. 22): Agrarian Reform Debates

Kay, Cristóbal. (2002) —Why East Asia overtook Latin America: agrarian reform, industrialisation and development *Third World Quarterly* 23(6):1073-1102.

Deere, Carmen Diana, and Magdalena León (2001) —Who owns the land? Gender and land-titling programmes in Latin America. *Journal of Agrarian Change* 1(3): 440-467.

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Borras, Saturnino M. Jr. (2008) —La Vía Campesina and its Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform. *Journal of Agrarian Change* 8(2-3): 258-289.

Session 11 (Nov. 29): Policies for Growth and Poverty reduction

Deininger, K. (2003) Executive Summary in Land Policies for Growth and Poverty Reduction. World Bank Policy Research Report; Washington, DC: World Bank and Oxford University Press.
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Timmer, P. (2004) The Road to Pro-Poor Growth: The Indonesian Experience in Regional Perspective. *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies*. Vol. 40, no. 2, pp. 177-207.

Session 12 (Dec. 6): Role of private, non-governmental and international actors

Bebbington, Anthony. (2005) –Donor-NGO relations and representations of livelihood in Non-governmental aid chains. *World Development* 33 (6): 937-950.

Bebbington, Anthony. (1997) New States, New NGOs? Crisis and Transitions among Rural Development NGOs in the Andean Region. *World Development* Vol.25 No.11 pp 1755-1765

Fox, Jonathan. (1996) –How does civil society thicken? The political construction of social capital in rural Mexico. *World Development*, Vol. 24, No. 6, pp. 1089- 1103.

Sharp, John, (2006) Corporate social responsibility and development: An anthropological perspective. *Development Southern Africa*, Vol.23/2, pp.213-222.

Borras, Saturnino M. Jr. (2008) La Vía Campesina and its Global Campaign for Agrarian Reform. *Journal of Agrarian Change* 8(2-3): 258-289.

Session 13 (Dec. 13): Agrarian change, rural poverty, CSR and social policy programs in Turkey

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Keyder, Ç. and Yenal, Z. (2011) Agrarian Change under Globalization: Markets and Insecurity in Turkish Agriculture. *Journal of Agrarian Change* 11: 60-86. doi:10.1111/j.1471-0366.2010.00294.x

Şimşek, Zeynep, (2012) Mevsimlik Tarım İşçilerinin İhtiyaçlarının Belirlenmesi Araştırması: Nüfus/Tarım/ İşgücü Göçü/Yaşam Koşulları/Üreme Sağlığı. Ankara: United Nations Population Fund.

Kavak, Sinem, (2016) Syrian refugees in seasonal agricultural work: a case of adverse incorporation in Turkey. *New Perspectives on Turkey*, no. 54 33-53.