

Politics, Economy, Space

(Fall 2019, Political Science, LUMS)

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Credit Hours: 4

Lectures per week: 2

Lecture Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Course Description:

Why do some economic ideas become 'common-sense'? How do these ideas affect the places where we live and work? What are the politics of economic and spatial change?

This course provides some answers to these questions by analysing the rise of global capitalism over the 'long twentieth century'. The course is an introduction to spatial political economy (or geopolitical economy). Following the 'spatial turn' in social science, this approach has become an influential way of understanding social processes and economic changes. We look at these ideas being used across different historical periods to build an understanding of the approach as well as understand the production of contemporary issues. Our semester is divided into four sections: Industrial Revolution and Colonialism (1750-1947); Fordism and Development (1947-1973); Liberalisation and Structural Adjustment (1973-2001); Financialisation and Climate Change (2001+).

On completion, learners will be able to: critically analyse the ideas behind, and effects of, economic, political and spatial changes from the 19th to 21st century; understand and apply work in geography, history, sociology, anthropology and political science that documents, theorises and evaluates these changes; relate these ideas to contemporary issues and explain their implications. The course also emphasises training and skill-development in the areas of academic writing, critical reading, and independent research.

To develop your skills as independent researchers, you should become familiar with LUMS library catalogues and resources. However, all course readings are online. For access to journal articles copy the doi into sci-hub.tw. For books try b-ok.org, libgen.is, or en.bookfi.net.

The full course syllabus is available at <http://bit.ly/MB-PES-19b>

Course Prerequisites:

Available to Humanities and Social Sciences freshman and sophomore students only. Capped at 25.

Course Objectives:

The course introduces critical spatial political economy approaches from academic geography, history, political science and anthropology. The semester is structured to provide an overview major global changes during the 'long twentieth century'. The course offers a brief survey of influential ideas and processes in economy and politics. Topics include: free markets and fictitious commodities, economic nationalism and integration, industrial revolution, models of economic crisis, political economy of colonialism, production of social space, Fordism, state-led development, the history and political economy of the IMF and the World Bank, power of economic and development discourses, role of oil and currency exchange, post-Fordism and structural adjustment, neoliberalism, urbanisation, neo-imperialism, financialisation, climate change. The course also aims to develop skills in academic research, reading and writing which can be used in course essays. Each week will have a specific skill focus which we will work on in class; these are indicated in italics in the course outline.

Learning Outcomes:

After successfully completing this course you will be able to

- construct academic prose with appropriate objectives, structure, scholarship, analysis, and argument
- critically read academic work for argument, concepts and empirical data
- conduct independent desk research to academic standards, including locating relevant high quality material, summary, critique and appropriate citation
- describe major changes in the organisation of economy, politics and space over the last 250 years
- demonstrate the value of a spatial perspective on economic and political processes
- apply ideas from spatial political economy to new contexts and situations
- evaluate contemporary issues using course concepts and empirical knowledge

Grading Breakup and Policy:

Attendance: 5%

Three unexcused absences are permitted. For excused absences, only Registrar Office approved petitions will be entertained. There is a five-minute punctuality policy and attendance is marked before and after break.

Class and online forum participation: 10%

A forum on LMS will provide a parallel space for response to readings and class discussions. Cell phone and laptop use is not permitted in class.

Presentation and discussion questions: 5%

Each student will deliver one ten-minute presentation responding to a course reading and offering discussion questions for the class.

Presentation notes: 5%

Required the day before presentation.

Grading Breakup and Policy continued:

Essay 1 draft: 12%

1,000 word draft for feedback due beginning week 6 (title to be announced).

Essay 1 final: 8%

Revised version of Essay 1 draft incorporating feedback, due beginning week 8.

Essay 2 draft: 20%

1,500 word draft for feedback due beginning week 10 (title to be announced).

Essay 2 final: 10%

Revised version of Essay 2 draft incorporating feedback, due beginning week 12.

Essay 3: 25%

2,000 words (title to be announced).

Essays must critically engage with course materials. The supplementary readings are given to assist with essay writing and analysis. Essays should use Harvard (author-date) citations and bibliography. All papers will be screened for plagiarism and any issues will be dealt with through the Disciplinary Committee.

READING LIST

General resources on academic writing:

Becker, H.S., Richards, P., 2007. Writing for Social Scientists: How to Start and Finish Your Thesis, Book, or Article: Second Edition, Second edition. ed. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.

Graff, G., Birkenstein, C., 2009. They Say, I Say: The Moves That Matter in Academic Writing, Second edition. ed. W. W. Norton, New York.

Orwell, G., 1946. Politics and the English Language [WWW Document]. URL http://www.orwell.ru/library/essays/politics/english/e_polit (accessed 6.29.19).

OWL // Purdue Writing Lab. URL <https://owl.purdue.edu/> (accessed 6.29.19).

University of Leicester, n.d. Author-date (Harvard) [WWW Document]. URL <https://www2.le.ac.uk/library/help/referencing/author-date> (accessed 6.29.19).

Indicative reading

Elden, S., Cowan, D., 2013. Introduction to geopolitical economy issue. Society & Space.

Tickell, A., Sheppard, E., Peck, J., Barnes, T.J., 2007. Politics and Practice in Economic Geography. SAGE.

Lee, S.-O., Wainwright, J., Glassman, J., 2018. Geopolitical economy and the production of territory: The case of US–China geopolitical-economic competition in Asia. Environ Plan A 50, 416–436. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X17701727>

Glassman, J., 2018. Geopolitical economies of development and democratization in East Asia: Themes, concepts, and geographies. Environ Plan A 50, 407–415. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X17737170>

WEEK ONE: Outline of course and Introduction

Required reading

Marx, K., 1990. Capital: a critique of political economy. Penguin Books in association with New Left Review, London. Chapter 1, Sections 1 and 4.

Supplementary reading

Harvey 2018, *Marx's Refusal of the Labour Theory of Value*, <http://davidharvey.org/2018/03/marxs-refusal-of-the-labour-of-value-by-david-harvey/>

Cleaver, H., 2000. Reading Capital politically. AK Press, Edinburgh. Chapter 2

Swyngedouw, E., 2003. The Marxian Alternative: Historical-Geographical Materialism and the Political Economy of Capitalism, in: Sheppard, E., Barnes, T.J. (Eds.), A Companion to Economic Geography. Blackwell Publishing Ltd, Oxford, UK, pp. 41–59.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/9780470693445.ch18>

Skills: critical thinking

hooks, bell, 2009. Teaching Critical Thinking: Practical Wisdom. Routledge, New York. Chapter 1

SECTION ONE: Conceptual Foundations

WEEK TWO: Space and Political Economy

Required reading

Lefebvre, H., 2011. The production of space. Blackwell, Malden, Mass. Pp26-27, 30-33, 36-53

Harvey, D., 2001. Globalization and the “Spatial Fix.” *Geographische Revue* 2.

Supplementary reading

Foucault, M., 2007. Spaces of security: The example of the town. Lecture of 11th January 1978. *Political Geography* 26, 48–56. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2006.08.004>

Elden, S., 2007. There is a Politics of Space Because Space is Political: Henri Lefebvre and the Production of Space. *Radical Philosophy Review* 10, 101–116. <https://doi.org/10.5840/radphilrev20071022>

Harvey, D., 2003. The New Imperialism. Oxford University Press. Chapter 3

Smith, N., 2010. Uneven development: nature, capital, and the production of space. Verso, London. Pp102-111 (geography and social space); 111-123 (space as commodity); 123-126 (Lefebvre); 126-132 (Marx, Lenin, Luxemburg); 143-167 (on Marx and space); 167-205 (on Harvey)

Wrede, T., 2015. Introduction to Special Issue “Theorizing Space and Gender in the 21st Century.” *Rocky Mountain Review* 69, 10–17.

Gibson-Graham, J.K., 2006. The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It). University of Minnesota Press. Pp72-81

Skills: critical reading; writing process

SECTION TWO: 1750-1947 Industrial Revolution and Colonialism

WEEK THREE: Market Transformations

Required reading

- Stiglitz, J., 2001. Preface, in: *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*. Beacon Press, Boston, MA.
- Block, F., 2001. Introduction, in: *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*. Beacon Press, Boston, MA.
- Polanyi, K., 2001. *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*, 2 edition. ed. Beacon Press, Boston, MA. Chapters 6, 11

Supplementary reading

- Silver, B.J., Arrighi, G., 2003. Polanyi's "Double Movement": The Belle Epoque of British and U.S. Hegemony Compared. *Politics & Society* 31, 325–355.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0032329203252274>
- Hart, G., 2010. D/developments after the Meltdown. *Antipode* 41, 117–141.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-8330.2009.00719.x>
- Birla, R., 2009. *Stages of Capital: Law, Culture, and Market Governance in Late Colonial India*. Duke University Press Books, Durham. Introduction
- Buck-Morss, S., 1995. Envisioning Capital: Political Economy on Display. *Critical Inquiry* 21, 434–467.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/448759>

Skills: summary and literature reviews

WEEK FOUR: British Hegemony

Required reading

- Arrighi, G., 2010. *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power and the Origins of Our Times*, New and Updated Edition edition. ed. Verso, London ; New York. Pp28-58 (on British hegemony)
- Arrighi, G., 2004. Spatial and Other Fixes of Historical Capitalism. *Journal of World-Systems Research* 10, 527–539. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jwsr.2004.289>

Supplementary reading

- Harvey, D., 1975. The Geography of Capitalist Accumulation: A Reconstruction of the Marxian Theory*. *Antipode* 7, 9–21. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-8330.1975.tb00616.x>
- Harvey, D., 2003. *The New Imperialism*. Oxford University Press. Pp42-49

Skills: rhetorical situation; structure, argument (classical)

WEEK FIVE: Colonial Space

Required reading

- Goswami, M., 2004. *Producing India: From Colonial Economy to National Space*, 1 edition. ed. University of Chicago Press, Chicago ; London. Chapter 1

Supplementary reading

- Glover, W., 2007. *Making Lahore Modern: Constructing and Imagining a Colonial City*. University of Minnesota Press. Chapter 2

- Mcclintock, A., 2013. Imperial Leather: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Colonial Contest. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9780203699546> Chapter 1
- Mills, S., 1996. Gender and Colonial Space. *Gender, Place & Culture* 3, 125–148. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09663699650021855>
- Mitchell, T., 2002. Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity. University of California Press, London, England. Chapter 3

Skills: argument (Toulmin); citation, bibliography, plagiarism (Zotero, Mendeley)

SECTION THREE: 1947-1973 Fordism and Developmentalism

WEEK SIX: Fordism

Required reading

- Warf, B., 2009. Fordism, in: Gregory, D., Johnston, R., Pratt, G., Watts, M., Whatmore, S. (Eds.), *The Dictionary of Human Geography*. Wiley-Blackwell, Malden, MA, pp. 260–261.
- Harvey, D., 1990. *The condition of postmodernity: an enquiry into the origins of cultural change*. Blackwell, Oxford [England]; Cambridge, Mass., USA. Pp125-140
- McMichael, P., 2012. *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*. Pine Forge Press. Pp42-54

Supplementary reading

- Arrighi, G., 2010. *The Long Twentieth Century: Money, Power and the Origins of Our Times*, New and Updated Edition edition. ed. Verso, London ; New York. Pp59-74 (on American hegemony)
- Brenner, N., 2004. *New State Spaces: Urban Governance and the Rescaling of Statehood*. OUP Oxford. pp114-171
- Lenin's Tomb, 2011. Gramsci on Americanism and Fordism. URL <http://www.leninology.co.uk/2011/02/gramsci-on-americanism-and-fordism.html>.
- Foucault, M., 2004. *Society Must be Defended: Lectures at the Collège de France, 1975-76*. Penguin Books. Chapter 11.

Skills: prose mechanics (structure, paragraphs, concision, variety)

WEEK SEVEN: International Financial Institutions

Required reading

- Peet, R., 2009. *Unholy Trinity: The IMF, World Bank and WTO*. Zed Books. Chapter 2
- Goldman, M., 2005. *Imperial Nature: The World Bank and Struggles for Social Justice in the Age of Globalization*. Yale University Press. Chapter 2
- McMichael, P., 2012. *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*. Pine Forge Press. Pp55-65

Supplementary reading

- Peet, R., 2009. *Unholy Trinity: The IMF, World Bank and WTO*. Zed Books. Chapter 1, Chapter 3, section 2; Chapter 4, sections 1-3

Skills: desk research (Scopus, Web of Science), summary and literature reviews

WEEK EIGHT: Developing Economy

Required reading

Mitchell, T., 1998. Fixing the Economy. *Cultural Studies* 12, 82–101.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/095023898335627>

Mitchell, T., 2002. *Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity*. University of California Press, London, England. Chapter 3

Supplementary reading

McMichael, P., 2012. *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*. Pine Forge Press. Pp67-79

Anwar, N., 2014. *Infrastructure Redux: Crisis, Progress in Industrial Pakistan & Beyond*. Springer. Pp24-54

Harvey, D., 2003. *The New Imperialism*. Oxford University Press. Pp50-61

Lipietz, A., 1982. Towards Global Fordism? *New Left Review* I.

Skills: persuasive writing, critical reading

SECTION FOUR: 1973-2001 Liberalisation and Structural Adjustment

WEEK NINE: Oil, Gold and Crisis

Required reading

Mitchell, T., 2009. Carbon democracy. *Economy and Society* 38, 399–432.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/03085140903020598>

Harvey, D., 2003. *The New Imperialism*. Oxford University Press. Pp49-74

Supplementary reading

Gibson-Graham, J.K., 2006. *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It)*. University of Minnesota Press. Chapter 7

Skills: tiny text (rhetoric, argument)

WEEK TEN: Structural Adjustment

Require reading

Peet, R., 2009. *Unholy Trinity: The IMF, World Bank and WTO*. Zed Books. Chapter 3, Section 3; Chapter 4, Section 4

McMichael, P., 2012. *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*. Pine Forge Press. Pp102-107; 110-123

Supplementary reading

Mohan, D.G., 2009. Structural Adjustment, in: *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*. p. 16.

Mitchell, T., 2002. *Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity*. University of California Press, London, England. Chapter 7 (if you didn't read it in week 8)

Skills: counter-argument

WEEK ELEVEN: Neoliberalism

Required reading

Harvey, D., 2005. A Brief History of Neoliberalism. Oxford University Press. Chapters 1 and 4

Supplementary reading

Foucault, M., 2010. The birth of biopolitics: lectures at the Collège de France, 1978-1979. Picador, New York. Pp117-121; 145-150

McMichael, P., 2012. Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective. Pine Forge Press. Pp123-136 [skim 137-145]

Mitchell, T., 2002. Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity. University of California Press, London, England. Chapter 8

Harvey, D., 2003. The New Imperialism. Oxford University Press. Pp62-74

Harvey, D., 1990. The condition of postmodernity: an enquiry into the origins of cultural change. Blackwell, Oxford [England]; Cambridge, Mass., USA. Pp141-172

Aglietta, M., 1982. World Capitalism in the Eighties. New Left Review I.

Skills: Toulmin analysis

SECTION FIVE: 2001+ Imperialism (again), Financialisation and Climate Change

WEEK TWELVE: Colonial Present

Required reading

Gregory, D., 2004. The Colonial Present: Afghanistan, Palestine, Iraq, 1 edition. ed. Wiley-Blackwell, Malden, MA. Chapter 1

Harvey, D., 2003. The New Imperialism. Oxford University Press. Pp 137-161 (abd); 190-212 (9/11)

Supplementary reading

Mustafa, D., Anwar, N., Sawas, A., 2019. Gender, global terror, and everyday violence in urban Pakistan. Political Geography 69, 54–64. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2018.12.002>

Weizman, E., 2006. Walking through walls: Soldiers as architects in the Israel-Palestine conflict. Radical Philosophy.

Weizman, E., 2004. Strategic Points, Flexible Lines, Tense Surfaces, Political Volumes: Ariel Sharon and the Geometry of Occupation. Philosophical Forum 35, 221–244.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.0031-806X.2004.00171.x>

Skills: topic as required

WEEK THIRTEEN: Financialisation

Required reading

Peet, R., 2009. Unholy Trinity: The IMF, World Bank and WTO. Zed Books. Chapter 6

French, S., Leyshon, A., Wainwright, T., 2011. Financializing space, spacing financialization. Progress in Human Geography 35, 798–819. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132510396749>

Supplementary reading

Harvey, D., 2003. The New Imperialism. Oxford University Press. Pp183-190

Hall, S., 2011. Geographies of money and finance I: Cultural economy, politics and place. Progress in Human Geography 35, 234–245. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132510370277>

- Hall, S., 2013. Geographies of money and finance III: Financial circuits and the 'real economy.' *Progress in Human Geography* 37, 285–292. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132512443488>
- Christophers, B., 2012. Anaemic Geographies of Financialisation. *New Political Economy* 17, 271–291. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13563467.2011.574211>

Skills: topic as required

WEEK FOURTEEN: Climate Change

Required reading

- McCarthy, J., 2015. A socioecological fix to capitalist crisis and climate change? The possibilities and limits of renewable energy. *Environ Plan A* 47, 2485–2502. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X15602491>
- Siddiqi, A., 2014. Climatic Disasters and Radical Politics in Southern Pakistan: The Non-linear Connection. *Geopolitics* 19, 885–910. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2014.920328>
- Anwar, N.H., 2017. Cities, climate change and Pakistan's extended urbanisation. *Dawn*.

Supplementary reading

- Moore, J.W., 2000. Environmental Crises and the Metabolic Rift in World-Historical Perspective. *Organization & Environment* 13, 123–157. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1086026600132001>
- Walenta, J., 2018. The Limits to Private-sector Climate Change Action: The Geographies of Corporate Climate Governance. *Economic Geography* 94, 461–484. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00130095.2018.1474078>
- Knox-hayes, J., Hayes, J., 2014. Technocratic norms, political culture and climate change governance. *Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography* 96, 261–276. <https://doi.org/10.1111/geob.12050>
- Foster, J.B., 1999. Marx's Theory of Metabolic Rift: Classical Foundations for Environmental Sociology. *American Journal of Sociology* 105, 366–405. <https://doi.org/10.1086/210315>