

## **Sociology 376/476: Sociology of Global Capitalism**

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TuTh 11AM – 12:20 PM, 555 Clark, room 00B03

Students will learn about sociological aspects of the world-historical rise of industrial capitalism as a social system. Specific questions addressed will include the following: (1) What were the social origins of the rise of industrial capitalism in Europe? (2) Why have attempts to implement capitalism failed in many developing countries? (3) What are the different forms that capitalism has taken across the world, and what explains these differences? Depending on student interest, we may spend time on other issues, such as transitions to capitalism in Eastern Europe and the recent financial crisis.

### **Required Books (available at Norris Bookstore; all other readings on Blackboard)**

Jack Goldstone, Why Europe?

John Rapley, Understanding Development

Peter Evans, Embedded Autonomy

Lee Rainwater and Timothy Smeeding, Poor Kids in a Rich Country

Gøsta Esping-Andersen, The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism

### **Course Requirements**

- Class Participation – discussion question on the readings on Blackboard by midnight the previous day; participation in discussion in class
- (Graduate students only) Two in-class presentations on recommended readings
- Three papers, each worth 1/3 of the final grade:
  - Paper 1: 3-4 pages, due **October 14**, 10 AM (over email)  
Which theory of the rise of industrial capitalism is most convincing, and why? What are the things we do not know about this issue, and what would be good topics for future research?
  - Paper 2: 4-6 pages, due **November 4**, 10 AM (over email)  
We learned one set of theories in part I of this course, and a different set of theories in part II. Relate the two sets of theories to each other: Which theories of the rise of industrial capitalism in Europe that we learned about in part I make sense of the persistent underdevelopment in some countries that we have examined in part II, and which are less helpful? And which theories of development from part II are useful for explaining the origins of industrial capitalism in Europe?
  - Paper 3: 5-8 pages, due **December 7**, 2 PM (over email)  
Can any of the theories from parts I and II of the course explain the different varieties of capitalism? And can any of the theories from the varieties of capitalism debate explain the origins of capitalism, or the persistence of underdevelopment? What might a unifying theory—one that would explain the origins of capitalism in Europe, persistent underdevelopment in some countries, and the different forms that capitalism takes, look like?—or are there reasons to think that such a theory is not possible or desirable?

## Course Schedule and Required Readings

*Tuesday, September 21*

Intro to course/intro to part 1, rise of industrial capitalism in Europe

*Thursday, September 23*

Robert Lucas, "The Industrial Revolution, Past and Future"

Gale Stokes, "The Fates of Human Societies"

*Tuesday, September 28*

Joseph M. Bryant, "The West and the Rest Revisited: Debating Capitalist Origins, European Colonialism and the Advent of Modernity"

Rosaire Langlois, "The Closing of the Sociological Mind?"

Jack Goldstone, Why Europe? (pp 1-33)

*Thursday, September 30*

Jack Goldstone, Why Europe? (pp 34-119)

*Tuesday, October 5*

Jack Goldstone, Why Europe? (pp 120-176)

Deirdre McCloskey, "Bourgeois Dignity and Liberty" plus ONE of the other draft chapters from her book

*Thursday, October 7*

Robert Allen, "The British Industrial Revolution in Global Perspective"

Ho-fung Hung, "Agricultural Revolution and Elite Reproduction in Qing China"

Jack Goldstone, "Gender, Work, and Culture"

*Tuesday, October 12*

Grad student presentations (no required reading)

(Possible books for grad student presentations: Giovanni Arrighi, The Long Twentieth Century; Andre Gunder Frank, ReOrient; David Landes, Wealth and Poverty of Nations; Kenneth Pomeranz, The Great Divergence; R. Bin Wong, China Transformed; Charles Perrow, Organizing America)

*Thursday, October 14*

**\*first paper due – over email by 10AM**

Intro to part II, development and underdevelopment (no required reading)

*Tuesday, October 19*

Anne Krueger, "Policy Lessons From Development Experience"

John Rapley, Understanding Development, pp 1-26

*Thursday, October 21*

John Rapley, Understanding Development, pp 27-181

*Tuesday, October 26*

Peter Evans, Embedded Autonomy, chs 1-3, 5-6

*Thursday, October 28*

Peter Evans, Embedded Autonomy, ch 10

Peter Evans and James E. Rauch, "Bureaucracy and Growth"

Vivek Chibber, "Bureaucratic Rationality and the Developmental State"

Michael Woolcock, "Social Capital and Economic Development"

*Tuesday, November 2*

Grad Student Presentations (no required reading)

(Possible books for grad student presentations: Immanuel Wallerstein, The Modern World System; W.W. Rostow, The Stages of Economic Growth; Atul Kohli, State-Directed Development; Ulf Himmelstrand, Kabiru Kinyanjui, E. K. Mburugu, African Perspectives on Development; Alexander Gerschenkron, Economic Backwardness in Historical Perspective; Samir Amin, Unequal Development; Walter Rodney, How Europe Underdeveloped Africa; Robert H. Bates, Markets and States in Tropical Africa; Alice Amsden, Asia's Next Giant; Meredith Woo-Cumings (ed) The Developmental State; James Mahoney, Colonialism and Post-Colonial Development)

*Thursday, November 4*

**\*second paper due over email by 10AM**

Intro to unit III of the course, different kinds of capitalism (no required reading)

*Tuesday, November 9*

Rainwater and Smeeding, Poor Kids in a Rich Country, chs. 1-3, 5, 8

David Brady, "Welfare State and Relative Poverty"

*Thursday, November 11*

Ann Orloff and Theda Skocpol, "Why Not Equal Protection?"

Jill Quadagno, "Welfare Capitalism and the Social Security Act of 1935"

Theda Skocpol and Edwin Amenta, "Did Capitalists Shape Social Security?"

Jill Quadagno, "Two Models of Welfare State Development"

*Tuesday, November 16*

Gøsta Esping Andersen, The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism, chs 1-3, 8-9

Walter Korpi and Joakim Palme, "The Paradox of Redistribution and Strategies of Equality"

*Thursday, November 18*

Peter Hall and David Soskice, "An Introduction to Varieties of Capitalism"

Walter Korpi, "Power Resources and Employer Centered Approaches"

Torben Iversen and David Soskice, "Distribution and Redistribution"

Andreas Nölke and Arjan Vliegenthart, "Enlarging the Varieties of Capitalism: The Emergence of Dependent Market Economies in East Central Europe"

*Tuesday, November 23 [last class for undergraduates]*

Grad student presentations (no required reading)

(Possible books for grad student presentations: Theda Skocpol, Protecting Soldiers and Mothers; Peter Baldwin, The Politics of Social Solidarity; Evelyne Huber and John Stephens, Development and Crisis of the Welfare State; Ann Shola Orloff, The Politics of Pensions; Francis Fox Piven and Richard Cloward, Regulating the Poor; Robert C. Lieberman, Shifting the Color Line; Paul Pierson, Dismantling the Welfare State?)

*Tuesday, November 30 & Thursday, December 2 [optional for undergraduates]*

Depending on student interest, we will either briefly discuss other substantive issues, or hold review sessions.

**\*Tuesday December 7: third paper due over email by 2 PM**