

# Human Geography of Global Issues

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**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the global perspectives, basic concepts and fundamental questions of geography. It focuses on the ways through which all places on Earth are interconnected and how the human use of Earth's surface varies over space. Major topics covered will be the human perception of earth space and the ways people give order to space; the growth and distribution of human population; the localization and spatial characteristics of patterns of settlement and land use; geopolitics and colonialism; environmental geography; the geography of economic development and modernization; principles of the analysis of spatial diffusion; spatial aspects of retail marketing; the geographic analysis of selected issues in industrialized societies such as gender issues, racism, poverty, human/environment interactions and development policies.

Week	Day	Topic	Assigned Readings
Jan 25	Friday	Introduction to the Course	“Human Geography” in the Dictionary of Human Geography
Jan 28	Monday	Case Study: Housing Segregation, Education and Policing in the US	The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates
	Wednesday		Cooper, R., & Bruenig, M. (2017). <i>Foreclosed: Destruction of black wealth during the Obama presidency</i> .  Video: The Short and Simple Story of the Credit Crisis By Jonathan Jarvis
	Friday		Suburban Strategies: The Volatile Center in Postwar American Politics by Mathew D. Lassiter  “House Rules” This American Life #515 <b>Guest Lecture: Maleenia Mohabir</b>
Feb 4	Monday		Legal Frameworks and the Response to the Housing Crisis <b>Guest Lecture: Jane Holzer</b>
	Wednesday		<i>The New Jim Crow</i> , selections Michelle Alexander  “The Driving Life and Death of Philando Castile”
	Friday		Our of class video: Frontline – Policing the Police by Jelani Cobb <b>In-class discussion of video, and wrap up of case study</b>
Feb 11	Monday	What is Geography? Fundamentals of the Discipline	“Geography” and “Geography, History of” from the Dictionary of Human Geography  Podcast: “Container” Episode #5 by Alexis Madrigal
	Wednesday	Methods: Quantitative Measures and Development	The Egyptian Labor Market Panel Survey: Introducing the 2012 Round by Ragui Assaad and Caroline Krafft
	Friday		Introduction to Geographical Data Visualization by Stephen Few  What’s that on the Map? Problem with Geo-Visualization by Joris Pekel <b>Guest Lecture: Ashley Nepp</b>
Feb 18	Monday	<b>Exam #1</b>	
	Wednesday	Colonialism and Global Capitalism	Giridharadas, A. (2018). But How is the World Changed? In <i>Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World</i> (pp. 13–34). New York, New York: Alfred A. Knopf.  Giridharadas, A. (2018). All that Works in the Modern World. In <i>Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World</i> (pp. 201–244). New York, New York: Alfred A. Knopf.
	Friday		Podcast: “Container” Episode #1 by Alexis Madrigal  One World Ready or Not by William Greider (1997) <b>Guest Lecture by Travis Greene</b>
Feb 25	Monday		Tickell, A., & Peck, J. (2002). Neoliberalizing Space. <i>Antipode</i> , 34(3), 380–404.

	Wednesday		Video out of class: Here's to Flint <b>In-class discussion of video and Tickell and Peck: Neoliberalism in everyday life</b>
	Friday		"The Commons" vs. "The commodity": alter-globalization, anti-privatization and human rights to water in the global south
March 4	Monday	The Art of Scientific Presentation	Video: Five Things You Can Do Right Now to Make Your Presentations a Little Bit Better – Scott St. George (Recommended)  Website: Peruse presentationzen.com
	Wednesday	Gender and Labor Migration	Assets in intrahousehold bargaining among workers in Colombia's cut-flower industry by Greta Friedemann-Sánchez (2006)
	Friday		The Crisis of Care, International Migration and Public Policy by Lourdes Benería (2008)
March 11	Monday		Beneria, Continued
	Wednesday		<b>In-class Film: Chain of Love by Keten van Liefde</b>
	Friday		<b>Discussion:</b> Gender, Labor and Migration
<b>Spring Break!!!</b>			
March 25	Monday	Methods: Qualitative data and interviews	Geographies on the Move: A Practical and Theoretical Approach to the Mobile Interview by Jessica Finlay and Jay Bowman
	Wednesday		In-class video and <b>discussion:</b> I'd Rather Stay
	Friday	Global Urbanization and the Politics of Infrastructure	Planet of Slums by Mike Davis – The Urban Climactic (Chap 1)
April 1	Monday		Why Informality is a Useful Analytical Category... by Assaad, Zhou and Razzaz
	Wednesday	<b>Exam #2</b>	
	Friday	<b>Final Presentation</b>	<b>Attendance Mandatory</b>
April 8	Monday		
	Wednesday		
	Friday	What Is Geography? Breadth of the Discipline	No class – Geography Honors Day
April 15	Monday		Green Space and German Life
	Wednesday		<b>Guest Lecture: Kelsey McDonald</b>
	Friday	Agriculture and Population Change in Minnesota	
			<b>Guest Lecture by David Lanegran</b>
April 22	Monday	Oil! Resources, Neo-Colonialism and Postwar Democracy	Video: The Prize by Daniel Yergin (1992) – Episode 2 & Podcast: Backstory – Black Gold (2015)
	Wednesday		America's Kingdom: Mythmaking on the Saudi Oil Frontier by Robert Vitalis (2009) – Chapters 5 & 6
	Friday		<b>Reading Discussion:</b> Carbon Democracy – Intro & Chap 1 by Timothy Mitchell (2013)
April 29	Monday		<b>Reading Discussion:</b> Carbon Democracy – Chap 2 by Timothy Mitchell
	Wednesday	<b>Final Presentation</b>	<b>Attendance Mandatory</b>
	Friday		
May 6	Monday		

# No Final Exam

Point Breakdown for Assignments	
50	Participation (lose 5 points for every class period missed, unless legitimate/excused absence)
50	Exam #1
50	Exam #2
75	Article Review
25	Final Presentation
30	Two Out of Class Lectures (15 points each)
<b>280</b>	<b>Total Points Possible</b>

**Course Materials:** Most of the readings and other materials for the course can be accessed through the course Moodle website, which can be found through <http://moodle.macalester.edu> We will review how to access this on the first day of class. Most reading will be posted directly to Moodle.

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to arrive on time to class and to attend all lectures. Attendance and participation in discussions will be a part of your grade. You must contact the instructor prior to class if you will be absent. Please familiarize yourself with what counts as a **legitimate absence** at the end of the syllabus in “Makeup Work for Legitimate Absences.”

**Late Work:** All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the day they are due and must be submitted electronically (unless indicated otherwise). Students are required to contact the instructor before class if the assignment will be late. **The assignment will be deducted 1 letter grade for each day it is late** unless the student has a legitimate absence (for more information see “Makeup Work for Legitimate Absences” at end of syllabus.) For example, an A paper would go to an A- the first day it was late, a B+ the second, etc. There will be no makeup for the midterm or final exams, unless there is a legitimate absence.