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Geography 660—RETHINKING ECONOMY

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- Requirements: Attendance; class participation; timely completion of weekly writing assignments and midterm exam.
- Readings: The readings for each week will be on reserve in the Tower Library. The xeroxed readings will also be available in individual packets that can be ordered on the first day of class. *Class and Its Others* edited by Gibson-Graham, Resnick and Wolff will be available at Food for Thought in Amherst.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Content. This course begins by looking critically at widespread and influential theories of “globalization” and “economic development” in which a naturalized capitalist economy structures the contours of social possibility. We will critically interrogate these literatures from a variety of perspectives—including those of poststructuralism, feminism, and postmodern political economy, as well as other perspectives that students bring to the class. During the second part of the course, we will explore the realm of economic possibility outside the narrow confines of mainstream globalization and development discourse.

Process. To promote informed discussion, students will submit a one or two page paper on the readings each week. Class discussions will be initiated by students chosen in advance. There will be a midterm essay but no final paper.

COURSE OUTLINE

Sept. 7 Introduction

Sept. 14 Globalization

Dirlik, A. 2000 "Globalization As the End and the Beginning of History: the Contradictory Implications of a New Paradigm." *Rethinking Marxism* 12 (4): 4-22

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 1996 "Querying Globalization." In *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It)*, Ch. 6. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

Greider, W. 1997 Ch. 1-3 in *One World, Ready or Not: The Manic Logic of Global Capitalism*, pp. 11-53. New York: Simon & Schuster.

Hardt, M. and Negri, A. 2000 *Empire*, pp. 325-50. Cambridge MA: Harvard University Press.

Salzinger, L. 1997 "From High Heels to Swathed Bodies: Gendered Meanings Under Production in Mexico's Export-Processing Industry." *Feminist Studies* 23 (3): 549-74.

Sept. 21 Development

Cullather, N. 2002 "Damming Afghanistan: modernization in a buffer state." *The Journal of American History* 89(2): 512-37.

Escobar, A. 1995 "The problematization of poverty: the tale of three worlds and development." In *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*, pp. 21-54. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2005. "Economy." In T. Bennett, L. Grossberg, and M. Morris (eds), *New Keywords: A Revised Vocabulary of Culture and Society*. Oxford and Malden MA: Blackwell Publishers.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 1996 "The economy, stupid! Industrial policy discourse and the body economic." In *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It)*, Ch. 5. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

Mitchell, T. 1995. "The object of development." In J. Crush (ed.), *Power of Development*, pp. 129-57. New York: Routledge.

Rankin, K. 2002 "Social capital, microfinance, and the politics of development." *Feminist Economics* 8(1): 1-24.

Sept. 28 Argentina

Chatterton, P. 2004 "Making Autonomous Geographies: Argentina's Popular Uprising and the 'Movimiento de Trabajadores Desocupados' (Unemployed Worker's Movement)." *Geoforum* (Article in press).

<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/geoforum>.

Dinerstein, A. 2003 "¡Que se Vayan Todos! Popular Insurrection and the Asambleas Barriales in Argentina." *Bulletin of Latin America* 22(2): 187-200.

Gaudin, A. 2004 "Occupying, Resisting, Producing." *Dollars and Sense* 252:29-33.

Powell, J. 2002 "Petty Capitalism, Perfecting Capitalism or Post-Capitalism? Lessons from the Argentinean Barter Experiments." *Review of International Political Economy* 9(4): 619-649.

Primavera, H. 2002 "Wealth, Money and Power: The Ephemeral 'Argentinean Miracle' of the Exchange Networks."

<http://www.attac.de/stuttgart/dokumente/finanzmaerkte/Argentinean%20Miracle.doc>.

Schoijet, M. 2005 "Theses on the December 2001 Rebellion and the Political Situation in Argentina." *Rethinking Marxism* 17(2): 319-330.

Solanet, M. 1994 "Privatization: The Long Road to Success in Argentina." *Business Forum* (Winter/Spring): 28-31.

Oct. 5 Feminist Economic Thought

J. Cameron and J.K. Gibson-Graham 2003 "Feminizing the economy: metaphors, strategies, politics" *Gender, Place and Culture* 10(2): 145-57.

Folbre, N. 2001 "The Milk of Human Kindness" and "Measuring Success." In *The Invisible Heart*, pp. 3-21, 53-80. New York: The New Press.

Ironmonger, D. 1996 "Counting Outputs, Capital Inputs and Caring Labor: Estimating Gross Household Product" *Feminist Economics* 2(3): 37-64.

Luxton, M. 1997 "The UN, Women, and Household Labour: Measuring and Valuing Unpaid Work." *Women's Studies International Forum* 20(3): 431-39.

Waring, M. "A Woman's Reckoning: An Introduction to the International Economic System" and "The Boundary of Conception: How the UNSNA Makes Women Invisible." In *If Women Counted: A New Feminist Economics*, pp. 14-45, 74-91. San Francisco: HarperCollins.

Oct. 12 NO CLASS MONDAY SCHEDULE

Oct. 19 Marxism and Class

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 1996 "Class and the politics of identity." In *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It)*, Ch. 3. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. and O'Neill, P. 2001 "Exploring a New Class Politics of the Enterprise." In J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff (eds.), *Re/Presenting Class: Essays in Postmodern Marxism*, pp. 56-81. Durham NC: Duke University Press.

Hotch, J. 2000 "Classing the self-employed: new possibilities of power and collectivity." In J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff (eds.), *Class and Its Others*, pp. 143-61. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Rio, C.M. 2000 "Doing the Dirty Work: Class and the Transformation of Paid Domestic Work by African American Women, 1863-1960." In J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff (eds.), *Class and Its Others*, pp. 23-47. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

van der Veen, M. 2000 "Beyond slavery and capitalism: producing class difference in the sex industry." In J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff (eds.), *Class and Its Others*, pp. 121-41. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Oct. 26 Diverse Economies

www.communityeconomies.org

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2006 "Constructing a language of economic diversity." In *A Postcapitalist Politics*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (forthcoming).

Gudeman, S. "Community, market and culture." In *The Anthropology of Economy*, pp. 1-24. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers.

Mingione, E. 1991 "Informalization and the variety of working activities." In *Fragmented Societies: A Sociology of Economic Life beyond the Market Paradigm*, pp. 73-98. Oxford: Basil Blackwell.

Williams, C.C. and J. Windebank 2003. "Alternative employment spaces." In A. Leyshon, R. Lee, and C.C. Williams (eds), *Alternative Economic Spaces*, pp. 128-50. London: Sage.

Williams, C.C. 2002 "A critical evaluation of the commodification thesis." *The Sociological Review*, pp. 525-42.

MIDTERM ESSAY QUESTIONS HANDED OUT

Nov. 2 Community Economies and the Politics of Research

Cameron, J. 2000 "Domesticating Class: Femininity, Heterosexuality, and Household Politics." In J.K. Gibson-Graham, S. Resnick, and R. Wolff (eds.), *Class and Its Others*, pp. 47-68. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Cameron, J. and K. Gibson. 2005 "Participatory action research in a poststructuralist vein." *Geoforum* 36: 315-31.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2006 "The Community Economy." In *A Postcapitalist Politics*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (forthcoming).

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2000 "Poststructural Interventions." In E. Sheppard and T. J. Barnes (eds.), *A Companion to Economic Geography*, pp. 95-111. Oxford: Blackwell.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 1994 "'Stuffed If I Know!' Reflections on Post-modern Feminist Social Research." *Gender, Place and Culture* 1 (2): 205-224.

Graham, J., S. Healy, and K. Byrne 2002 "Constructing the community economy: civic professionalism and the politics of sustainable regions," *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 8(1): 49-60.

Nov. 7 MIDTERM DUE BEFORE 5 PM

Nov. 9 Cooperatives

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2003 "Enabling ethical economies: cooperativism and class." *Critical Sociology* 29(2): 1-39.

Franke, R. W. 2003 "The Mararikulam Experiment: Women Owned Cooperatives in Kerala, India." *GEO* (May-June): 8-11.

Lincoln, A. 2003 "Alternative Work Spaces." In A. Leyshon, R. Lee, and C.C. Williams (eds), *Alternative Economic Spaces*, pp. 107-127. London: Sage.

Mutersbaugh, T. 2002 "Building Co-ops, Constructing Cooperation: Spatial Strategies and Development Politics in a Mexican Village" *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 92, 4: 756-76.

Rohter, L. 2003 "Workers in Argentina Take Over Abandoned Factories." *New York Times*, July 8.

Nov. 16 Alternative Trade and the Gift Economy

Godbout, J. T. 1998 "Introduction: Does the Gift Still Exist?" "Three Forms of Social Bonding," and "Interpersonal Ties." In *The World of the Gift*, pp. 3-50. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press.

Gudeman, S. n.d. "Postmodern Gifts." Draft book chapter, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Minnesota.

Lee, R., A. Leyshon, T. Aldridge, J. Tooke, C. Williams, N. Thrift. 2004 "Making geographies and histories? Constructing local circuits of value." *Society and Space* 22: 595-617.

Maurer, B. 2003 "Uncanny exchanges: the possibilities and failures of 'making change' with alternative monetary forms." *Society and Space* 21: 317-40.

Williams, C.C., T. Aldridge and J. Tooke 2003. "Alternative exchange spaces." In A. Leyshon, R. Lee, and C.C. Williams (eds), *Alternative Economic Spaces*, pp. 151-67. London: Sage.

Nov. 23 Sustainable Economies

Barkin, D. 2004 "Sustainable regional resource management: a strategy to create new beneficiaries from world trade." *Agricultura, Sociedad y Desarrollo* (forthcoming).

De Angelis, M. 2003 "Reflections on alternatives, commons and communities." *The Commoner* no. 6 (Winter) <http://thecommoner.org>

Peterson, T. R. 1997 "Envisioning sustainable development." In *Sharing the Earth: The Rhetoric of Sustainable Development*, pp. 171-85.

Schumacher, E.F. 1973 "The proper use of land." In *Small Is Beautiful*, pp. 108-24. New York: Harper & Row.

St. Martin, K. 2001 "Making Space for Community Resource Management in Fisheries," *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 91(1): 122-42.

Williams, T., Imbroscio, D. and Alperovitz, G. 2003 "Community Land Trusts and Community Agriculture." In *Making a Place for Community*, pp. 249-62.

Nov. 30 Household Economies

Cameron, J. 1996/7 "Throwing a Dishcloth into the Works: Troubling Theories of Domestic Labor." *Rethinking Marxism* 9 (2): 24-44.

Gibson, K., Law, L. and McKay, D. 2001. "Beyond heroes and victims: Filipina contract migrants, economic activism, and class transformations." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 3(3): 365-386.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 1996 "Hewers of cake and drawers of tea." In *The End of Capitalism (As We Knew It)*, Ch. 9. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

Pavlovskaya, M. 2004 "Other transitions: multiple economies of Moscow households in the 1990s." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 94(2): 329-51.

Dec. 7 Subjects of Economy

Byrne, K. and S. Healy 2006 "Cooperative subjects: toward a post-fantasmatic enjoyment of the economy." *Rethinking Marxism* 18(2) (forthcoming).

Community Economies Collective 2001 "Imagining and Enacting Noncapitalist Futures," *Socialist Review* Vol. 28, Nos. 3+4: 93-135.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2006 "Cultivating subjects for a community economy." In *A Postcapitalist Politics*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (forthcoming).

Glasser, R. and J. Brecher 2002 *We Are the Roots: The Organizational Culture of a Home Care Cooperative*, pp. 15-85. Davis, CA: Center for Cooperatives, University of California.

Solnit, R. 2004 "Hope at Midnight." Unpublished manuscript.

Dec. 14 Building Community Economies

Alperovitz, G. 2005 "The Democratization of Wealth." In *America Beyond Capitalism*, pp. 79-122. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

Blair, Tony. 1998. *The Third Way: New Politics for the New Century*. London: The Fabian Society, Pamphlet 588.

Gibson-Graham, J.K. 2006 "Building community economies." In *A Postcapitalist Politics*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press (forthcoming).

Johanisova, N. 2005 *Living in the Cracks: A Look at Rural Social Enterprises in Britain and the Czech Republic*. Dublin: Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability (FEASTA).

Kretzmann, J.P. and McKnight, J.L. 1993 *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Towards Finding and Mobilizing a Community's Assets*, pp. 1-11, 13-27, 275-310, 355-73. Chicago: ACTA Publications.