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Geography 792G—COMMUNITY/ECONOMY

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Requirements: Attendance; class participation; timely completion of weekly writing assignments. In addition, students will be asked to write a 10 page essay exploring one of the themes of the course or relating the material in the course to their own thesis or dissertation projects.

Readings: Xroxed readings will be available in individual packets which can be ordered on the first day of class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Content. We will explore the following themes as well as others that emerge through our readings and discussion: individual and community; community and identity; community and commonality; class and community; community and totality; community and othering; community and memory; community and locality; openness of community vs. holism and closure; community business corporations.

Process. To promote informed discussion, students will submit a weekly 1-2 page paper. Class discussions will be led by students chosen in advance. We will evaluate our process and progress on a regular basis and will redirect our energies as necessary.

COURSE OUTLINE

I COMMUNAL CONCERNS

Jan. 27 Introduction

Feb. 3 Community in Draft

R. Forest, "Rethinking the space of economy: beyond the household, enterprise and state," paper presented at the workshop on Rethinking Economy, The Australian National University, Canberra, August 1999.

K. Gibson, "Community at Loose Ends and Landscapes of Economic Diversity: Rethinking Community Economic Development?" paper presented at the Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, University of Sydney, September 1999.

Y. Madra, "Exploitation, the economics of impossibility, and communism," unpublished paper, Dept. of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1999.

Community Economies Website <http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/projects/cep>

Feb. 10 Jean-Luc Nancy's Critique of "Community"

T. May, Ch. 1, *Reconsidering Difference*, pp. 21-75. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997. ©

J-L. Nancy, Chs. 1-2, *The Inoperative Community*, pp. 1-70. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1991. ©

Feb. 17 Communities, Open and Closed: Responses to Nancy

J. Boyarin, Ch. 3, *Thinking in Jewish*, pp. 63-86. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996. ©

J. MacCannell, "Fascism and the Voice of Conscience" in J. Copjec (ed.), *Radical Evil*, pp. 46-73. London: Verso, 1996. ©

G. Van Den Abbeele, "Introduction" in Miami Theory Collective (ed.), *Community at Loose Ends*, pp. ix-xxvi. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1991.

II COMMUNITY AND NATIONALISM

Feb. 24 Imagined Communities....

B. Anderson, Chs. 1-3, *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origins and Spread of Nationalism*, pp. 1-46. London: Verso, 1983. ©

F. Coronil, Chs. 2&4, *The Magical State: Nature, Money and Modernity in Venezuela*, pp. 67-120, 166-200. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997. ©

G. Smith and P. Jackson, "Narrating the Nation: the 'Imagined Community' of Ukrainians in Bradford," *Journal of Historical Geography* 25,3 (1999): 367-387.

Mar. 2 ...And Others

J. Boyarin, Ch. 4, *Palestine and Jewish History*, pp. 194-206. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1996.

D. Fuss, "Interior Colonies: Frantz Fanon and the Politics of Identification" in N. Gibson (ed.), *Rethinking Fanon: the Continuing Dialogue*, pp. 294-328. New York: Humanity Books, 1999. ©

A. Lingis, "Carrion Body, Carrion Utterance" and "Community in Death," *The Community of Those who Have Nothing in Common*, pp. 135-179. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994.

J-L. Nancy, "Cut Throat Sun" in A. Arteaga (ed.), *In Another Tongue: Nation and Ethnicity in the Linguistic Borderlands*, pp. 113-123. Durham: Duke University Press, 1994.

M. Wetherell and J. Potter, Chs. 4-5, *Mapping the Language of Racism: Discourse and the Legitimation of Exploitation*, pp. 88-148. New York: Columbia University Press, 1992. ©

III COMMUNITY AND POLITICS

Mar. 9 Intentional Communities

M. Breitbart, "Spanish Anarchism: An Introductory Essay," *Antipode* 10-11/3-1 (1979): 60-70.

M. Breitbart, "Anarchist Decentralism in Rural Spain 1936-1939: The Integration of Community and Environment," *Antipode* 10-11/3-1 (1979): 83-98.

M. Breitbart, *Theory and Practice of Anarchist Decentralism in Rural Spain 1936-1939: The Integration of Community and Environment*, pp. 430-435. Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, Worcester Massachusetts, 1978.

A. Butcher, "Community in the 1990s" in *Directory of Intentional Communities*, pp. 3637-39. Routledge, MO. Communities Publications Cooperative, 1991.

P. Hirst, Chs. 2 & 3, *Associative Democracy: New Forms of Economic and Social Governance*, pp. 15-73. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1994.

J. Issac and I. Altman, "Interpersonal Processes in Nineteenth Century Utopian Communities: Shakers and Oneida Perfectionists," *Utopian Studies* 9,1 (1998): 24-50.

R. Mathews, Chs. 1, 10 & 11, *Jobs of Our Own: Building a Stake-holder Society*, pp. 2-19, 198-247. Sydney: Pluto Press and Comerford and Miller, 1999.

Mar. 16 SPRING VACATION

Mar. 23 Socialism vs. Salvation

"Major Barbara" (video, shown in class)

Mar. 30 Communitarian Critiques of Liberalism

E. Laclau, "Community and its Paradoxes: Richard Rorty's 'Liberal Utopia'" in Miami Theory Collective (ed.), *Community at Loose Ends*, pp. 83-98. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1991.

G. Esteva and M.S. Prakash, Ch. 4, *Grassroots Postmodernism: Remaking the Soil of Culture*, pp. 110-151. London: Zed Books, 1998.

S. Mulhal and A. Swift, Introduction and Chapters 1, 3 & 7, *Liberals & Communitarians*, pp. 1-25, 101-126, 232-248. Oxford: Blackwell, 1992.

D. Smith, "Geography, Community and Morality," *Environment and Planning A* 31 (1999):19-35.

Apr. 6 Guest Speaker

Apr. 13 PostCommunity

G. Agamben, Chs. 11,15,18-19 and Translator's notes, *The Coming Community*, pp. 43-46,62-64,78-86. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1993.

A. Callari and D. Ruccio, "Socialism, Community and Democracy," paper presented at "Manifeste du Parti Communiste: 150 Ans Apres," Paris, May 1998.

R. Kelley, Introduction and Ch. 1, *Yo' Mama's DisFunktional: Fighting the Culture Wars in Urban America*, pp. 1-42. Boston: Beacon Press, 1997. ©

C. Mouffe, "Democratic Citizenship and the Political Community" in Miami Theory Collective (ed.), *Community at Loose Ends*, pp. 70-82. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1991.

Apr. 20 NO CLASS/MONDAY SCHEDULE FOLLOWED

IV COMMUNITY SPACES, LOCATIONS OF TRANSFORMATION

Apr 27 Community and Economy

K. Gibson and J. Cameron, "Transforming Communities," unpublished paper, The Australian National University, December 1999.

S. Gudeman and A. Rivera, "Sustaining Community, Resisting the Market: Guatemalan Perspectives" in J.F. Richards (ed.), *Land, Property and the Environment*, pp. 86-118. Oakland: ICS Press, 1998.

K. St. Martin, "Making Space for Community Resource Management in Fisheries." Paper submitted to the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, December, 1999. ©

T. Peterson, Ch. 5, *Sharing the Earth: The Rhetoric of Sustainable Development*, pp. 86-115. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1997.

May 4 Community and Economy, continued...

T. Berman, "The Community as Worksite: American Indian Women's Artistic Production" in A. Kingsolver (ed.), *More than Class: Studying Power in U.S. Workplaces*, pp. 73-96. New York: State University of New York Press, 1996.

J. Freie, Ch. 5, *Counterfeit Community: The Exploitation of Our Longings for Connectedness*, pp. 77-99. Lanham MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 1998.

R. Kelley, Ch. 2, *Yo' Mama's DisFunktional: Fighting the Culture Wars in Urban America*, pp. 43-78. Boston: Beacon Press, 1997.

R. D. Putnam, "The Strange Disappearance of Civic America," *The American Prospect*, Winter (1996): 34-48.

P. Wilson, "Building Social Capital: A Learning Agenda for the Twenty-first Century," *Urban Studies* 34,5/6 (1997): 745-760.

May 11 Localism Reconsidered

J. DeFilippis, "Alternatives to the "New Urban Politics": Finding Locality and Autonomy in Local Economic Development," *Political Geography* 18 (1999): 973-990.

G. Esteva and M.S. Prakash, Ch. 2, *Grassroots Postmodernism: Remaking the Soil of Culture*, pp. 19-49. London: Zed Books, 1998.

L. Lippard, Introduction & Ch. 3, *The Lure of the Local: Sense of Place in a Multicentered Society*, pp. 4-20 & 285-292. New York: New Press, 1997.

S. Perry and M. Lewis, *Reinventing the Local Economy*, pp. 1-16. Vernon BC: Centre for Community Enterprise, 1994.

E. Schumacher, Chs. 4 & 5, *Small is Beautiful: Economics as if People Mattered*, pp. 44-62. London: Abacus, 1974.