

**Please Note:** *The following course outline was used when this course was offered last time. For the Fall of 2001 changes in the readings list as well in topics will be made as soon as the registration for this course is completed. At that time I will know how many students are in the course and how many readings are to be listed to accommodate each student.*

Department of Sociology

**77:713 Sociology of Developing Societies**

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**Selected Issues Facing Developing Societies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

This seminar is focussed on four key topics that pertain to developing nations which are primarily located in the southern hemisphere - population, poverty, hunger, and Canadian assistance programmes directed at these concerns. Specifically, the seminar is structured toward a critical examination of these issues taking into account that most of these issues have been formulated by the western intelligentsia and thus have become the basis for aid of various kinds. Theories in the sociology of development will be dealt with only for the benefit of those students who have either little or no background in this area.

Within the frame of the calendar description of the course, the main objectives of this seminar is to enable the students to appreciate selected theoretical and practical issues in the sociology of development. To be sure there are issues such as gender, environment, globalization etc. that are equally salient for this course. Nonetheless, population and poverty are at the core of most societies that are colloquially classified as the 'Third' or 'Fourth World.' It is through a basic understanding of these two problems we can appreciate such other areas as environment and gender.

In the **First Section**, we will consider **Three Major Theories of Development** : *Dependency, Modern World Systems, and Modernization*. While Dependency and Modern World Systems theories offer analyses of how most countries of the South were impoverished by five centuries of unrelenting colonialism and imperialism, Modernization theories locate underdevelopment in the culture and temperament of the peoples of the poor nations. And for this reason, modernization theories continue to exert their influence on the policies of those world organizations whose mandate is to assist the socio-economic development of the poor countries.

The **Second Section** is devoted to the issues of **Population and Development**. Some two hundred ago, Thomas Robert Malthus wrote *An Essay on the Principle of Population*. This work, which was written when the world was scarcely populated, assumed enormous significance and shaped modern development strategies. In this section, we will briefly look at the Malthusian legacy in the context of population policies that affect developing societies. Second, we will deal with the ***implications of the six billion population mark for development***, as seen by various international organizations. The third part of this section examines selected issues related to ***women, population and development***. Finally, the ***issues of population and hunger*** will be considered

The **Third Section**, the role Canada has chosen to play in developing countries in terms of aid will be investigated. In this regard, the notion of sustainable development will be the background because it is this paradigm that guides the Canadian International Development Agency, our major institution dedicated to the cause of developing nations.

### ***Course Organization/Evaluation***

1) The course will follow a seminar format. Each week, beginning the second week, two or three students will present discussions based on ***all*** readings, both required and recommended. Those readings marked by asterisk (\*) in the schedule below are required readings. It is to the advantage of students to discuss their approach to and/or analysis of the readings as well as the manner in which they wish to present their ideas ahead of time. I suggest, they do this at least a week before the scheduled date of presentation.

2) **TWO SHORT PAPERS**. Students are expected to write **two short papers** of no less than five pages. Each of these papers will include a critical overview of the readings assigned for **one week** . These papers may

be based on their class presentations. Each paper is worth **ten percent** of the course grade. **Note: EACH OF THESE PAPERS IS DUE AT THE END OF THE CLASS IN WHICH THE PRESENTATIONS ARE MADE.** *Late submissions will carry a penalty of a half-grade per day including the weekend.* Those who fail to present their discussions on the date scheduled will receive **0** grade unless they are ill [medical certificate is absolutely necessary]. The same rule applies to those who fail to submit their short papers as per schedule.

3) Those students who are not discussing the readings in class are required to read all the assignments and take part in the discussion. Failure to do so on a regular basis may result in getting no marks for discussion in the class (**20 percent of the course grade**).

4) **ONE BOOK-REVIEW/REVIEW ESSAY.** Each student is expected to select one of the books listed here and provide a critical assessment of the work in class, to be followed by a written review [10 pages]. Presentation of the review will be scheduled to fit the topic of the week. Approximately every second week there will be a discussion of a major book that pertains to the topic of discussion of that week and the week to follow. The oral and written review exercise is worth **30 percent of the course grade**. Of this, **discussion of the review in class carries 15 percent** and **written work carries 15 percent**. See the enclosed form for details.

5). **TERM PAPER.** The term papers will have to be on one of the major topics discussed in this seminar. The details of the paper and other stipulations are to found in the enclosed form. Please read it carefully and return to me on or before the deadline indicated. **Term Paper is worth 30 percent of the course grade.**

### **Distribution of Course Work by Weight**

1. Two reviews of assigned readings, each @ 10% 20%
2. One review -essay, presentation (15%) & written (15%) 30%
3. Term Paper 30%
4. Participation in class discussion 20%

## ***Student Responsibility and Academic Dishonesty***

Students should acquaint themselves with the University Policy on "Plagiarism and Cheating" and "Examination Impersonation." For details see the section on "General Academic Regulations and Policy," on page 2, Section 3.5 in the **General Calender**

### **WEEK ONE**

#### **January 5 Introduction**

Background to the course and overview of the weekly topics. Assignment of presentations as per weekly schedule. For those students who did not take 77:369, Sociology of the Developing Societies, and 77:716, Globalization, the following articles may be useful as background information.

Information in File Folder, **77:713, Introduction.**

Henry Bernstein and Ben Crow, "Expansion of Europe." pp. 9-29.

Henry Bernstein, "Labour Regimes and Social Change under Colonialism." pp. 30-49 [both pieces are from Ben Crow & Mary Thorpe. et al., eds. *Survival and Change in the Third World*. 1988.]

Mike Mason, "The Third World from Western Perspectives." pp.1-42.

Mike Mason, "South Asia: India, Pakistan and Bangladesh." pp. 253-298 [both pieces are from, Mike Mason, *Development and Disorder: A History of the Third World since 1945*. 1997]

### **WEEK TWO SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON DEVELOPMENT**

#### **January 12**

[It is recommended that those who did not take 77:369 and 77:716 choose the following presentations]

## **Readings:**

### ***Dependencia School***

Blomstrom, Magnus and Bjorn Hettne

1984 "Background to the Dependency Approach," "The Latin American Dependency School," and "Criticism and Disintegration," in *Development Theory in Transition*. pp.27-96.\*

### ***Modernization Theories***

Haque, Shamsul M

1999 "Conservative Tradition of Development Theories of Development Theories," Chapter 4 in *Restructuring Development Theories and Policies*. pp.53-79

So, Alvin

1990 "The Modernization Perspective," in *Social Change and Development - Modernization, Dependency and World System Theories*. pp. 17-87.\*

### ***Modern World System Theory***

[Both pieces constitute one unit of Readings]

Daniel Chirot and Thomas D. Hall, "World System Theory." *Annual Review of Sociology*. Vol 8. pp. 81-106.\*

Immanuel Wallerstein, "Development: Lodestar or Illusion?." *Economic and Political Weekly*. \* Sept 24, 1988. pp. 2017-2023.

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**WEEK THREE**

January 19

Book Review,

Scott, Catherine

1995 *Gender and Development - Rethinking Modernization and Dependency Theory*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers. **HQ 1240 S38.\***

Haque, Shamsul M

1999 "Reformist Tradition of Development Theories," Chapter 5 in *Restructuring Development Theories and Policies*. pp.81-102\*

Haque, Shamsul M

1999 "Radical Tradition of Development Theories," Chapter 5 in *Restructuring Development Theories and Policies*. pp.103-127\*

Haque, Shamsul M

1999 "A Critique of Development Theories," Chapter 7 in *Restructuring Development Theories and Policies*. pp.129-159.

Hettne, Björn

1983 "The Development of Development Theory," *Acta Sociologica*. 26(3-4). pp. 247-266.

Ihonvbere, Julius

1992 "The Third World and the New World Order," pp.8-17.

Portes, Alejandro

1997 "Neoliberalism and the Sociology of Development: Emerging Trends and Unanticipated Facts," *Population and Development Review*. pp. 229-259.\*

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**WEEK FOUR**

**ISSUES IN POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

January 26

## ***The State of the World Population - data/implications***

### **Readings**

Bouvier, Leon and Janet Bertrand

1999 *World Population - Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Excerpts. pp. 9-74.\*

Bull, Hedley

1998 "Population and the Present World Structure," in Paul Demeney and Geoffrey McNicole, eds. *Population and Development*. pp.313-324.

Caldwell, John C

1983 "Direct Economic Costs and Benefits of Children," in Bulatao and Ronald D. Lee, eds, *Determinants of Fertility in Developing Countries*. pp.458-493\*

Eberstadt, Nicholas

1997 "World Population Implosion," *The Public Interest*. Fall. pp.3-22.\*

McNicoll, Geoffrey

1994 "Population and Institutional Change," *International Social Science Journal*. pp.307-315.

Population Bulletin

1999 *World Population Beyond Six Billion*. pp.1-44.



Szreter, Simon

1993 "The Idea of Demographic Transition and the Study of Fertility Change: A Critical Intellectual History," *Population and Development Review*. pp. 659-701.\*

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**WEEK FIVE**

February 2

*The Malthusian Legacy, Population Policies and Development*

**Readings**

Book Review

Ross, Eric

1999 *The Malthus Factor - Poverty, Politics and Population in Capitalist Development*. London: Zed Books.\* **HB 863 R67**

Caldwell, John C.

1998 "Malthus and the Less Developed World: The Pivotal Role of India," *Population and Development Review*. pp.675-696.\*

Foster, John Bellamy

1998 "Malthus' Essay on Population at Age 200 - A Marxian View," *Monthly Review*. December. pp.3-18.\*

Hodgson, Dennis and Susan C. Watkins

1997 "Feminists and Neo-Malthusians: Past and Present Alliances," *Population and Development Review*, pp. 469-523.\*

Longino, Charles F, Jr. and Dawn Leeds

1988 "Camels and Gnats: The Malthusian Fundamentalism Insurgency," *Society*. pp.8-10.

McNicol, Geoffrey

1998 "Malthus for the Twenty-First Century," *Population and Development Review*, " 24(2). pp.309-316

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## **WEEK SIX**

February 9

## ***Population Policies***

### **Readings**

#### Book Review

Brown, Lester R. and Hal Kane

1994 *Full House - Reassessing The Earth's Population Carrying Capacity*. New York: W. W. Norton.  
**HB 871 B738**

Birdsell, Nancy

1999 "Life is Unfair: Inequality in the World," *Developing World 99/00*. Annual Editions. Guilford, CT: Dushkin. pp.25-33.

Eberstadt, Nicholas

1995 "What is Population Policy?," *Society*. pp.26-29.

Eberstadt, Nicholas

1998 "Demography and International Relations," *The Washington Quarterly*. 21(2). pp-33-52.\*

Hartsman, Betsy

1994 "Old Maps and New Terrains," *Development*. No. 1. pp.19-23.

Livi-Bacci, M

1994 "Population Policies: A Comparative Perspective," *International Social Science Journal*. pp.317-330.\*

MacKellar, F. Landis,

1997 " Population and Fairness," *Population and Development Review*, Vol 23. pp.359-376.\*

McKintosh, C Allison and Jason L. Finkle

1995 "The Cairo Conference on Population and Development: A New Paradigm?," *Population and Development Review*. pp. 223-260.\*

UNFPA

1999 "Partnership and Empowerment," and "Finding the Resources." in *6 Billion*. pp.

Westoff, Charles

1995 "International Population Policy," *Society*. pp.11-15

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**FEBRUARY 16 NO SEMINAR MID-TERM BREAK**

## **WEEK SEVEN**

February 23

### ***Population Policies and Gender***

#### **Readings**

##### Book Review

Shiva, Vandana

1988 *Staying Alive - Women, Ecology and Development*. London: Zed Books.

Balakrishnan, Radhika

1999 "The Social Context of Sex Selection and the Politics of Abortion in India," through *Internet* access. pp.1-14.

Harcourt, Wendy

1994 "Dangerous Liasons: Population and Development Dialogues," *Development*. No. 1. pp.10-13

Jejeebhoy, Shireen

1997 "Addressing Women's Reproductive Health Needs: Priorities for the Family Welfare Programme," *Economic and Political Weekly*. pp. 475-484.

Li, Jiali

1995 "China's One-Child Policy: How and How Well Has It Worked? A Case Study of Hebei Province, 1979-88," *Population and Development Review*. pp.563-585.

Mies, Maria

1993 "New Reproductive Technologies: Sexist and Racist Implications," in Maria Mies and Vandana Shiva, eds, *Ecofeminism*. pp.174-197.

Mies, Maria and Vandana Shiva

1993 "People or Population: Towards a New Ecology of Reproduction," in Maria Mies and Vandana Shiva, eds. *Ecofeminism*. pp.277-296.\*

Navsharan Singh

1997 "Of Victim Women and Surplus Peoples: Reproductive Technologies and the Representation of 'Third World' Women," *Studies in Political Economy*. Vol. 52.. pp. 155-173.\*

Sadik, Nafis

1997 "Women, Population and Sustainable Development in South Asia," *Journal of International Relations*. 51(1). pp.147-168.

Sen, Amartya

1990 "More Than 100 Million Women Are Missing," *The New York Review of Books*. pp.61-66.

UNFPA

1999 "The Hague Forum on Enhancing Gender Equality, Equity and Empowerment of Women." pp.1-6.

UNFPA

1999 "Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights." pp.

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## **WEEK EIGHT POVERTY AND HUNGER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

March 1

*Poverty in Developing Societies*

### **Readings**

#### Book Review

Chossudovsky, Michel

1998 "Global Poverty in the Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century," *Journal of International Affairs*. 52 (1). pp. 293-310.\*

Dent, Martin and Bill Peters

1998 "Poverty and Debt in the Third World - Confronting a Global Crisis," in *Conflict Studies*. pp.1-21\*

Harrison, Paul

1993 *Inside the Third World*. London: Penguin. **HC 59.7 H354\***

International Monetary Fund

1998 *The IMF and the Poor*. Washington, D. C. pp.1-25

Lipton, Michael

1997 "Poverty - Are There Holes in the Consensus?," *World Development*. pp. 1003-1007

Martinussen, John M

1997 "Poverty and Social Development," in *Society, State and Market - A Guide to Competing Theories of Development*. pp. 296-308.

UNDP

1997 "A Decade to Eradicate Poverty," pp.18-24.

Viewpoints

1995 Browne, Malcolm W, "Third World Overpopulation Causes Poverty," pp.17-25; George, Ivy, "First World Over-Consumption Causes Third World Poverty,". pp. 26-33.; Seabrook, Jeremy, "External Development Strategies Impoverish Third World Countries," pp.34-43 and; Salomon, Jean-Jacques and André Lebeau "Internal Conditions Perpetuate Third World Poverty," pp.43-51. All four pieces are from *The Third World - Opposing Viewpoints*.\*



Yunus, Muhammad

1998 "Empowerment of the Poor - Eliminating the Apartheid Practiced by Financial Institutions. *Developing World - Annual Editions 99/00*. pp.73-76.

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## **WEEK NINE**

March 8

***Hunger and Food Problems in Developing Countries - I***

### **Readings**

#### Book Review

Dyson, Tim

1996 *Population and Food - Global Trends and Future Prospects*. London: Routledge. **HD 9000.5 D97**

*Development - Journal of Society for International Development*

1996 Barraclough, Solon, "Food Security and Secure Access to Land by the Rural Poor," pp.22-27;  
Ritchie, Mark, "Control of Trade by Multinationals: Impact of the Uruguay Round of GATT on

Sustainable Food Security" pp. 40-44 ; Lang, Ti, "Food Security: does it conflict with globalization," pp. 45-50.;McLaughlin, Martin M, "Food Security in a Globalizing Economy," pp. 51-55.\*

Ehrlich, Paul, Anne Ehrlich, Gretchen C. Daily

1993 "Food Security, Population and Environment," *Population and Development Review*. pp.1-32\*

FAO

1999 *The State of Food Insecurity in the World*. pp. 1-35\*

Kronick, Charlie

1996 "Hunger and Global Agenda," *The World Today*. pp. 290-292

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## **WEEK TEN**

March 15

***Hunger and Food Problems in Developing Countries - II***

**Readings**

Book Review

Barndt, Deborah, ed

1999 *Women Working the NAFTA Food Chair - Women, Food and Globalization*. Toronto: Women's Issues Press. **HD 6073 N796**

Mittal, Anuradha and S. Ananth Krishnan

1997 "Politics of Hunger and Right to Food," *Economic and Political Weekly*. pp.201-204.

Bongaarts, John

1998 "Can the Growing Human Population Feed Itself?," in Paul Demeny and Geoffrey McNicoll, eds. *Population and Development*. pp.306-312.

Harris, Barbara

1995 "The Intrafamily Distribution of Hunger in South Asia," in Jean Drèze, Amartya Sen and Athar Hussain, *The Political Economy of Hunger*. pp. 223-297.\*

Pimentel, David, Xuewen Huang, Ana Cordova and Marcia Pimentel

1997 "Impact of Population Growth on Food Supplies and Environment," *Population and Environment*. September. pp.9-14.

Przeworski, Adam

1991 "Could We Feed Everyone? The Irrationality of Capitalism and the Infeasibility of Socialism," *Politics and Society*. pp. 1-38.\*

Sen, Amartya

1995 "Food, Economics and Entitlements," in Jean Drêze and Athar Hussain, *The Political Economy of Hunger*.\*

Shiva, Vandana

1996 "The Seeds of Our Future," *Development*. No. 4. pp.14-21.

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## **WEEK ELEVEN**

### **CANADA AND THE DEVELOPING SOCIETIES**

March 22

#### **Readings**

*Canada and Developing Countries*

Book Review

## South Commission

1990 *The Challenge to the South - The Report of the South Commission* . London: Oxford University Press\*

Neufeld, Mark

1995 "Hegemony and Foreign Policy Analysis: The Case of Canada as Middle Power," *Studies in Political Economy*. Vol. 47. Summer. pp.7-29\*

MacDonald, Laura

1995 "Unequal Partnerships: The Politics of Canada's Relations with the Third World," *Studies in Political Economy*. Vol. 47. Summer. pp.111-141\*.

Payne, Julian H

1992 "Economic Assistance to Support Democratization in Developing Countries: A Canadian Perspective," *Development*. No. 3. pp.12-16.

Tomlinson, Brian

1991 "Development in the 1990s: Critical Reflections on Canada's Economic Relations with the Third World," in James Swift and Brian Tomlinson, eds, *Conflicts of Interest*. pp.25-77.\*

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## WEEK TWELVE

March 29

### *CIDA and Development Assistance*

#### Readings

Burdette, Marcia

" Structural Adjustment and Canadian Aid Policy." in Cranford Pratt, ed. *Canadian International Development Assistance Policies: An Appraisal*. pp. 210-239. \*

Canadian International Development Agency

1997 *Our Commitment to Sustainable Development - The Strategy of the Canadian International Development Agency*. pp.26

Canadian International Development Agency

1995 *Sharing our Future*. pp.4

Charlton, Mark W

1994 "Continuity and Change in Canadian Food Aid," in C. Prat, ed. *Canadian International Development Assistance Policies*. pp.55-85\*

Department of External Affairs and International Trade

nd "International Assistance." [policy document accessed through internet] pp.6

Drummand, Ian and Terry Marsden

1999 "Sustainable Development : The Impasse and Beyond," in their book, *The Condition of Sustainability*. pp.7-236.\*

Rawkins, Phillip

1994 "An Institutional Analysis of CIDA,"in James Swift and Brian Tomlinson, eds, *Conflicts of Interest*. pp.156-185.\*

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## **WEEK THIRTEEN**

April 5

***Consulations/Overflow session***