



## **COURSE SCHEDULE**

Readings are due on the Tuesday under which they are listed.

Thursday, September 2, 2010

### **What is a Social Institution?**

Tues/Thurs, September 7 and 9, 2010

### **Social Institution: Economy**

#### **How Does Capitalism Shape Social Life?**

Readings:

1. Karl Marx: "Estranged Labour" from *Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*

<http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1844/manuscripts/preface.htm>

2. Leslie Chang. *Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China*. 2008. Pages 3-16 and 98-119.
3. Susan Shirk. *China: Fragile Superpower*. 2008. Pages 13-34 and 255-269.

Tues/Thurs, September 14 and 16, 2010

### **Social Institution: Economy**

#### **How Does Capitalism Shape Social Life in a Post-Industrial Society?**

Readings:

1. Charles Fishman. *The Wal-Mart Effect*. 2006. Pages 1-22.
2. Brad Seligman. "Patriarchy at the Checkout Counter: The *Dukes v Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, Class Action Law Suit" chapter 10 in *Wal-Mart: the Face of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Capitalism*. 2006.
3. Ellen Rosen. "How to Squeeze More out of a Penny" chapter 11 in *Wal-Mart: the Face of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Capitalism*. 2006.
4. Film: Frontline "Is Wal-Mart good for America?"

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/walmart/>

Tues/Thurs, September 21 and 22, 2010

### **Social Institution: Health Care**

#### **Who is Responsible for Protecting a Society's Members from Illness?**

1. Susan S. Sered and Rushika Fernandopulle. *Uninsured in America*. 2005. Pages xv-xxiii and 1-20.
2. Film: "Frontline: Sick around America" PBS Home Video 2009

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundamerica/view/>

3. Film: "Frontline: "Sick around the World" PBS Home Video 2007

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/sickaroundtheworld/view/>

Tues/Thurs, September 28 and 30, 2010

**Social Institution: Mass Media**

**What Function Do Mass Media Perform for the Good of Society?**

Readings:

1. Karen Sternheimer. *It's not the Media: The Truth about Pop Culture's Influence on Children*. 2003. Pages 61-83 and 169-192.
2. Josée Johnston and Judith Taylor. "Feminist Consumerism and Fat Activists: A Comparative Study of Grassroots Activism and the Dove Real Beauty Campaign" in *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. 2008.

Tues/Thurs, October 5 and 7, 2010

**Social Institution: News Media**

**How does News Affect Social Life? and Does Fair News Reporting Exist?**

Readings:

1. Todd Gitlin. *The Whole World is Watching: Mass Media in the Making and Unmaking of the New Left*. 2003. Pages 1-13 and 32-60.
2. Film: "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism" documentary by Robert Greenwald. 2004.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, ESSAY #1 DUE**

Tues/Thurs, October 12 and 14, 2010

**Social Institutions Overlap: Health, Government, and Media**

**Who is Responsible for Society Members' Health?**

Readings:

1. Burkhard Bilger. "Hearth Surgery: The Quest for a Stove that Can Save the World" in *The New Yorker*. 2009.
2. Marilyn Wann. "Fat Studies: an Invitation to Revolution". 2009.
3. Deb Burgard. "What is Health at Every Size?" 2009.
4. Linda Bacon. "We're Victims of Food Politics" 2008.

Tues/Thurs, October 19 and 21, 2010

**Social Institution: Food Industry**

**Are Government, Education, and Capitalism all in Cahoots for Social Ill?**

1. Film: *Food, Inc.* by Robert Kenner. 2008.
2. Janet Poppendieck. *Free for All: Fixing School Food in America*. 2010. Pages 84-100, 161-165 and 222-233.
3. Film: *Tapped* (on the bottled water industry). By Stephanie Soechtig. 2009.

Tues/Thurs, October 26 and 28, 2010

**Social Institution: Government**

**How Do New Regimes Take Power?**

1. Khamboly Dy. *A History of Democratic Kampuchea (1975-1979)*. (Khmer Rouge in Cambodia).
2. Dee Brown. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: an Indian History of the American West*. Chapters 2 and 8)

Tues/Thurs, November 2 and 4, 2010

**Social Institution: Government**

**How to Handle Citizenship and Unwanted Populations?**

Readings:

1. U.S. Supreme Court Cases: *Ozawa v. United States* (1922) <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/cgi-bin/getcase.pl?court=us&vol=260&invol=178> and *United States v. Thind* (1923) <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/cgi-bin/getcase.pl?court=us&vol=261&invol=204>
2. Wayne Cornelius. "Ambivalent Reception: Mass Public Responses to the "New" Latino Immigration to the United States"
3. Hagan and Rodriguez. Resurrecting Exclusion: The Effects of 1996 U.S. Immigration Reform on Communities and Families in Texas, El Salvador, and Mexico."

Tues/Thurs, November 9 and 11, 2010

**Social Institutions Overlap: Education and Government**

**Must Society Provide Education to Unwanted Populations?**

Readings:

1. Mary Crow Dog. *Lakota Woman*. 1990. Pages 1-15 and "Civilize Them with a Stick" 28-41.
2. Film: *Rabbit-Proof Fence*. Phillip Noyce, director (Australia)
3. U.S. Supreme Court Case: *Plyler v. Doe* <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/cgi-bin/getcase.pl?court=us&vol=457&invol=202>

Tues/Thurs/Tues, November 16, 18, and 23 2010

**How to Regulate Trans-national Love, Sex, and Human Trafficking?**

Readings:

1. Film: *Excluded: Immigration Struggles of a Gay Bi-National Couple*. Lisa Nunn, director. 2010. [www.excludedthemovie.com](http://www.excludedthemovie.com)
2. Ericka Johnson. *Dreaming of a Mail-Order Husband: Russian-American Internet Romance*. 2007. Pages 7-21 and 88-106.
3. Denise Brennan. *What's Love Got to Do with It?: Transnational Desires and Sex Tourism in the Dominican Republic*. 2004. Pages 1-16 and 21-31.

**Tuesday, November 23, 2010 ESSAY #2 DUE**

Tues/Thurs, November 30 and December 2, 2010

**Social Institution: Marriage (with Government and Economy)**

**Who Defines the Rights and Obligations of Marriage?**

1. Mary Blair-Loy. *Competing Devotions: Career and Family Among Women Executives*. 2003. Pages 1-15.
2. Stephanie Coontz. *Marriage, a History: From Obedience to Intimacy, or How Love Conquered Marriage*. 2005. Pages 1-12 and 34-49.
3. Nancy Cott. *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation*. 2000. Pages 24-55.

Tues/Thurs, December 7 and 9, 2010

**Social Institution: Religion**

**How Does Religion Affect Social Life?**

1. Max Weber: *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*. (excerpt)
2. Emile Durkheim: *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*. Book I, Ch. 1, Section III and IV and Book II, Ch. 7, Section IV.
3. Leonard Crow Dog. *Crow Dog: Four Generations of Sioux Medicine Men*. 1995. Pages 91-113.

**Final Exam: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 5-7pm.**