

World Peoples and Cultural Environments

Geography 4
July 3 – August 9
T, W, Th, 2-4:30
McCone Hall, Room 145

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Geography is not an immutable thing. It is made, it is remade every day; at each instant, it is modified by men's actions. Elisée Reclus

Course Description

Taking both a thematic and regional approach, in this course we will examine some broad patterns and processes related to the changing relationship between the natural world and collective human life. We will try to understand how such things as belief systems, colonialism, population movements, and urbanization have formed cultural environments and have contributed toward changing the face of the Earth and the organization of societies.

Grading

- Attendance: 10% of final grade
- Participation: 20%
- Six country summaries/newspaper analyses: 10%
- Six map quizzes: 10%
- Research project: 25% (proposal 5%, outline 5%, draft 5%, final paper 10%)
- Presentation: 5%
- Final exam: 20%

Texts: Course reader, available at Krishna Copy, 2595 Telegraph Avenue (one block south of Dwight Way, on east side of street); TEL (510) 549-0506.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

Week One (July 3-5): Nature, Culture, and Regions

- July 3
 - lecture: Geography and Globalization
- July 5
 - lecture: The Changing Global Environment
 - discussion: Raymond Williams' *Keywords* on Culture, Civilization, and Nature; *The Myth of the Continents*, pages 1-72

Week Two (July 10-12): Religion, with a focus on Islam; Regional focus: Southwest Asia and Northern Africa

- July 10

- **country summary** (Southwest Asia or Northern Africa)
- **due:** research project proposal
- **map quiz:** Southwest Asia and Northern Africa
- lecture: Northern Africa
- discussion: *No god but God*, chapters 1-3 (pp.3-74)
- July 11
 - lecture: Southwest Asia
 - discussion: *No god but God*, chapters 4-6 (pp. 75-170)
- July 12
 - **map quiz:** Europe and the Russian Domain
 - lecture: Southwest Asia, chapters 7-10 (pp. 171-266)
 - discussion: *No god but God*

Week Three (July 17-19): Colonialism and Imperialism; Regional focus: Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America

- July 17
 - **country summary** (Europe or the Russian Domain)
 - **map quiz:** Sub-Saharan Africa
 - lecture: Europe and the Russian Domain
- July 18
 - **country summary** (Sub-Saharan Africa)
 - lecture: Sub-Saharan Africa
 - film: *Darwin's Nightmare*
- July 19
 - **country summary** (Latin America or the Caribbean)
 - **map quiz:** Latin America and the Caribbean
 - lecture: Latin America and the Caribbean

Week Four (July 24-26): Energy and Population; Regional focus: South Asia and Central Asia

- July 24
 - **country summary** (South Asia or Central Asia)
 - **due:** research project outline
 - **map quiz:** South and Central Asia
 - lecture: South Asia
 - discussion: *India: A Mosaic* (pp. xv-106)
- July 25
 - film on India and population growth
- July 26
 - lecture: Central Asia
 - discussion: *India: A Mosaic* (pp. 227-273)

Week Five (July 31-August 2): Migration and Urbanization; Regional focus: East Asia and Southeast Asia

- July 31
 - **country summary** (East Asia or Southeast Asia)
 - **due:** draft research project

- **map quiz:** East and Southeast Asia
- lecture: Southeast Asia
- film: *Behind the Smile*
- August 1
 - lecture: East Asia
 - discussion: *China's Urban Transition* (pp.1-76)
- August 2
 - lecture: East Asia
 - film: *Red Capitalism*
 - discussion: *China's Urban Transition* (pp.77-129) and Mike Davis, *Planet of Slums*, Chapters 1 and 2

Week Six (August 7-9)

- August 7
 - presentations
- August 8
 - presentations
- August 9
 - **due:** research project
 - final exam