GLOBALIZATION, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Wednesday 2:00-4:00pm
Chapin 101

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Course Materials:

The following books are available at the Food for Thought Bookshop in Amherst and have also been placed on reserve at the Frost Library:


These books are marked (P) on the syllabus. Readings marked (E) are on E-Reserve. If you would like to purchase a hardcopy of the PDF e-reserve readings, please fill out the online form: https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/womens_gender_studies/multilithorderform - by Monday, September 20th. Please note: you will be charged a fee for this service that is separate from the copyright fee for the course.

Course Assignments:

Regular attendance, doing the readings in advance and participating in the discussion are essential to the success of the seminar and to your own performance. Please notify me by email if you have to miss a class.

Every student will be expected to submit a comment on the CMS site by Tuesday afternoon preceding the Wednesday class when we will discuss the readings. Your comments will be graded.

Each student will be responsible for introducing the readings for one class, beginning on September 29th.

A 15 page research paper on one of the topics of the seminar will be due during exam week. You must submit a proposal and bibliography for your paper by October 20th.
PART 1: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND GLOBALIZATION

Wednesday, September 15:
Introduction


Wednesday, September 22:
Social Movements

Sidney Tarrow, Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics, pp. 1-67, 176-195, 196-210 (P)


Wednesday, September 29:
Modes of Protest: Within and Against Institutions

Film Clip: (2008) “Yes Madam, Sir” director, Megan Doneman (E)


Alejandro Bendana, “NGOs and Social Movements: A North/South Divide?” UNRISD: Civil Society and Social Movements Programme Paper Number 22, June 2006 (E)


Doug McAdam and Sidney Tarrow, “Ballots and Barricades: On the Reciprocal Relationship between Elections and Social Movements,” Perspectives on Politics, June 2010 Vol. 8/No.2 pp. 529-542 (E)

Wednesday, October 6:
Modes of Protest: Electronic Repertoires of Contention

Jeremy Brecher, Tim Costello and Brendan Smith, “Social Movements 2.0,” The Nation, Jan. 15,
2009 (E)

Fay Schlesinger, “Swivelchair activism: are students these days too cool for political protest, or are they simply finding new ways to do it?” The Guardian December 11, 2007 (E)


Wednesday, October 13:
Globalization

David Harvey chapter 3 “Working Men of All Countries, Unite!” & chapter 4 “Contemporary globalization” in (2000) Spaces of Hope, pp. 41-72 (E)


Wednesday, October 20:
Transnational Movements


PART II: VARIETIES OF MOVEMENTS

Wednesday, October 27:
Anti Globalization Movements

Film: (2000) “This is What Democracy Looks Like” dir. J. Freidberg, R. Rowley (streaming)


Wednesday, November 3:

**Human Rights**

Alex De Waal, “Human rights organizations and the political imagination: how the West and Africa have diverged” Journal of Human Rights, Vol. 2, No. 4 (December 2003), 475-494 (E)

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, chapter 3 “Human Rights Advocacy Networks in Latin America” in (1998) Activists Beyond Borders, pp. 79-120 (P)


Wednesday, November 10:

**Labor Movements**


Gay Seidman, Manufacturing Militance, chapters 1, 4, 5 and Conclusion (P)

Wednesday, November 17:

**Women’s Movements**

Movement in Pakistan: Challenges and Achievements” pp. 89-118 [Shaheed], chap. 6 “Polish Feminism Between the Local and the Global: A Task of Translation” pp. 193-228 [Matynia], chap. 9 “Seeking Rights from the Left: Gender and Sexuality in Latin America” pp. 285-313 [Friedman] (P)

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, chapter 5 “Transnational Networks on Violence against Women” in (1998) Activists Without Borders, pp. 165-198 (P)

Wednesday, December 1:

**Environmental Movements**


Wednesday, December 8:

**Religious Nationalist Movements**

Film: (1994) “Father, Son and Holy War” a film by Anand Patwardhan (streaming)

Amrita Basu, Violence and Democracy in India, unpublished manuscript. Chapters to be assigned.

Wednesday, December 15:

**Diasporic and Immigrant Movements**

