

GLOBALIZATION, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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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:

Margaret E. **Keck** and Kathryn **Sikkink** (1998) *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*, Cornell University Press

Sidney **Tarrow** (1998) *Power in Movement: Social Movements and Contentious Politics*, 2nd ed., Cambridge University Press

Gay W. **Seidman** (1994) *Manufacturing Militance: Worker's Movements in Brazil and South Africa, 1970-1985*, University of California Press

Amrita **Basu** Ed., (2010) *Women's Movements in the Global Era: The Power of Local Feminisms*, Westview Press

Mark **Kesselman** Ed., (2006) *The Politics of Globalization: A Reader*, Houghton Mifflin

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

Film: in class screening of (2002) “A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict”/ written, produced and directed by Steve York

Doug McAdam, Sidney Tarrow & Charles Tilly, “To Map Contentious Politics” in *Mobilization: An International Journal* 1 (1) 1996: 17-34 (E)

Wednesday, September 22:

Social Movements

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

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders* chapter 1 “Transnational Advocacy Networks in International Politics: Introduction” & chapter 6 “Conclusions: Advocacy Networks and International Society,” pp. 1-38, 199-217 (P)

Wednesday, September 29:

Modes of Protest: Within and Against Institutions

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

James C. Scott, chapter 2 “Normal Exploitation, Normal Resistance” in (1985) *Weapons of the Weak: Everyday Forms of Peasant Resistance*, pp. 28-47 (E)

Frances Fox Piven & Richard A. Cloward, chapter 1 “The Structuring of Protest” in (1997) *Poor People’s Movements: Why they Succeed, How They Fail*, pp. 1-40 (E)

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

David S. Meyer & Sidney Tarrow, chapter 1, “A Movement Society: Contentious Politics for a New Century,” and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein, chapter 9 “Stepsisters: Feminist Movement Activism in Different Institutional Spaces” in (1998) David S. Meyer & Sidney Tarrow eds., *The Social Movement Society: Contentious Politics for a New Century* pp. 1-28 & 195-216 (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)

Todd Schroer, “Technical Advances in Communication: The Example of White Racist ‘Love Groups’ and ‘White Civil Rights Organizations’” in (2008) Reger et al eds., *Identity Work in Social Movements*, pp. 77-99 (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)

Mark Kesselman, chapter 1, “Globalization as Contested Terrain,” chapter 2.3 Amartya Sen, “How to Judge Globalism,” chapter 3.1 & 3.2 Thomas L. Friedman, “The Lexus and the Olive Tree” and “The World is Flat,” and chapter 6.3 Saskia Sassen, “The State and Globalization,” in (2007) Mark Kesselman ed., *The Politics Of Globalization: A Reader*, pp. 1-13, 28-36, 59-74, 228-243 (P)

Wednesday, October 20:

Transnational Movements

Srilatha Batliwala, “Grassroots Movements as Transnational Actors: Implications for Global Civil Society” *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations* Vol. 13, No. 4, December 2002 pp. 393-408 (E)

Arjun Appadurai, chapter 6 “Grass Roots Globalization in the Era of Ideocide” in (2006) *Fear of Small Numbers: An Essay on the Geography of Anger* pp. 115-137 (E)

Sidney Tarrow, chapter. 13 “From Lumping to Splitting: Specifying Globalization and Resistance” in (2002) *Globalization and Resistance: Transnational Dimensions of Social Movements*, eds. Jackie Smith & Hank Johnston, pp. 229-249 (E)

Mark Juergensmeyer, chapter 9.5 “The Global Dimensions of Religious Terrorism,” in (2007) Kesselman ed., *The Politics of Globalization: A Reader* pp. 407-421 (P)

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)

Naomi Klein, chapter 9.2 “No Logo: Taking Aim at the Brand Bullies” and chapter 9.4 Notes from Nowhere eds. “The Ecology of the Movements,” in (2007) Kesselman ed., *The Politics of Globalization: A Reader* pp. 379-390, 396-406 (P)

Jackie Smith, chapter 12 “Globalizing Resistance: The Battle of Seattle and the Future of Social Movements” in (2002) *Globalization and Resistance: Transnational Dimensions of Social Movements*, Jackie Smith & Hank Johnston eds., pp. 207-227 (E)

Rupal Oza, “Showcasing India: Gender, Geography and Globalization,” *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* vol. 26, no. 4 summer 2001 pp. 1067-1095 (E)

Peter Evans, “Fighting Marginalization with Transnational Networks: Counter-Hegemonic Globalization,” *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 29, No. 1, Utopian Visions: Engaged Sociologies for the 21st Century (Jan., 2000), 230-241 (E)

Ethel Brooks, chapter 6 “Transnational Campaigns Against Child Labor: The Garment Industry in Bangladesh” in (2005) *Coalitions across Borders: Transnational Protest and the Neoliberal Order*, Joe Bandy & Jackie Smith eds., pp. 121-139 (E)

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)

Richard A. Falk, chapter 6 “The Quest for Human Rights” in (1999) *Predatory Globalization: A Critique*, pp. 92-110 (E)

Thomas Risse, chapter 7 “The Power of Norms versus the Norms of Power: Transnational Civil Society and Human Rights,” in (2000) Ann M. Florini ed., *The Third Force: The Rise of Transnational Civil Society* pp. 177-209 (E)

Sally Engle Merry, (2006) “Transnational Human Rights and Local Activism: Mapping the Middle” *American Anthropologist* Vol. 108, Issue 1, pp. 38-51 (E)

Wednesday, November 10:

Labor Movements

Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, chapter 2.1 “The Manifesto of the Communist Party (excerpts),” in (2007) Kesselman ed., *The Politics of Globalization: A Reader* pp. 16-20 (P)

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

Wednesday, November 17:

Women’s Movements

Amrita Basu ed., (2010) *Women’s Movements in the Global Era*, “Introduction” pp. 1-28 [Basu], chap. 1 “South African Feminisms-A Coming of Age?” pp. 29-55 [Salo], chap. 3 “The Women’s

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

Ramachandra Guha, Chapter 7 “Chipko: Social History of an ‘Environmental’ Movement,” Chapter 8 “Peasants and ‘History’,” & “Epilogue (1998) The After-lives of Chipko” in (2000) *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya*, expanded edition, pp. 152-210 (E)

Sanjeev Khagram, chapter 10 “Restructuring the Global Politics of Development: The Case of India’s Narmada Valley Dams,” in Sanjeev Khagram, James V. Riker & Kathryn Sikkink eds., (2002) *Restructuring World Politics: Transnational Social Movements, Networks, and Norms*, pp. 206-230 (E)

Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, chapter 4 “Environmental Advocacy Networks” in (1998) *Activists Beyond Borders*, pp. 121-163 (P)

Paul Wapner, chapter 10.1 “Horizontal Politics: Transnational Environmental Activism and Global Cultural Change,” in (2007) Kesselman ed., *The Politics of Globalization: A Reader*, pp. 425-438 (P)

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

Peter van der Veer, “Transnational religion: Hindu and Muslim movements,” *Global Networks* 2, 2 (2002) 95-109 (E)

Arvind Rajagopal, “Transnational Networks and Hindu Nationalism” *Bulletin Of Concerned Asian Scholars* Vol. 29, No. 3 (1997) pp. 45-58 (E)

Stanley J. Tambiah, “Transnational Movements, Diaspora, and Multiple Modernities,” *Daedalus*, Winter 2000 V. 129 I. 1 pp. 163 (E)