

MC GILL UNIVERSITY

Winter Term 2009

GEOG 508 - Resources, People and Power

Addresses how different groups of people struggle over natural resources and environmental change. Politics of conservation in resource-dependent local communities, struggles over resource access and character, questions of power, resistance, class, and gender, and to "nature" as a socially-constructed yet active player.

Fall

3 hours, Prerequisite: GEOG 408 or GEOG 410 or permission of instructor, 3.000 Credit Hours
Schedule Types: Lecture

POLI 522 - Seminar: Developing Areas

State-society relations in the developing world through historical, comparative, and analytical perspectives, focusing on: (1) theories and concepts of the state; (2) state capacity and incapacity; (3) state formation.

Prerequisite: At least one upper level course in the politics of developing areas Note: The area in the field of Comparative Politics is Developing Areas. Restriction: Open to graduate students, final year honours students, and other advanced undergraduates with permission of instructor; (Note: The field is Comparative Politics in Developing Areas.) 3.000 Credit Hours
Schedule Types: Seminar

POLI 647 - Development Political Economy

Incorporation of subordinate groups into national systems in the developing countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Specific topics include state formation, the emergence of civil society, modernization and dependency theories, alternative development models, democracy, authoritarianism, sustainable development and gender.

Note: The field is Comparative Politics in Developing Areas. 3.000 Credit Hours
Schedule Types: Lecture

SOCI 510 - Seminar in Social Stratification

Recent theoretical and empirical developments in social stratification and inequality. The study of social class, with attention to the anomalous findings on heterogeneity in labour markets and the labour process, status attainment processes, and the socio-political and industrial attitudes of the working class. Students will prepare quantitative analysis of Canadian survey material as well as critical qualitative reviews.

Prerequisites: SOCI 333 and SOCI 350 or equivalents. 3.000 Credit Hours
Schedule Types: Seminar

SOCI 550 - Developing Societies

Comparison of alternative explanations of underdevelopment: the impact of social stratification, relations of domination and subordination between countries, state interference with the market. Alternative strategies of change: revolution, structural adjustment, community development and cooperatives. Students will write and present a research paper, and participate extensively in class discussion.

3.000 Credit Hours
Schedule Types: Lecture