

# GEOG 314

## ADVANCED RESEARCH SEMINAR IN SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY

Thurs 2.00-4.45pm  
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This is an advanced reading/writing research seminar. The seminar has four primary purposes and forms:

1. **Writing:** the seminar will function as a writing seminar, by which I mean we will be reading each others writing, discussing it, commenting on it, and revising several drafts of pieces in preparation. These might be research proposals, papers for publication, or chapters.
2. **Reading:** every second week we will focus our discussion entirely on a particular key work in contemporary human geography.
3. **Research:** both the writing and research components of the seminar will, at all times, be directed towards developing research ideas, researchable questions, and research projects and proposals. The seminar is neither intended to provide thematic or regional coverage, nor to introduce students to research methods and approaches.
4. **Research Group:** the seminar's primarily goal is to create a group that engages with the research interests and practices of other members of the seminar.

### Weekly Activities and Topics

- 8.26 **Orientation:** Please meet to discuss 'survival skills in graduate school'. Senior graduate students to give advice to new students and answer their questions.
- 9.2 **Cultural and social turns in economic geography**  
\*Barnes and Sheppard:  
<http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/geogcomps/pdf/001gep.pdf>  
Chris Gibson. \*New economic geographies.  
<http://www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/staff/Chris.Gibson/newecgeog.pdf>
- 9.9 **Practicing economic geographies:**  
\*Ann Markusen Studying Regions by Studying Firms. *The Professional Geographer* 46, 4: November 1994  
\* Schoenberger, E. 1991. The corporate interview as a research method in economic geography. *The Professional Geographer* 43, 2:180-189.  
\*Henry Yeung. Practicing New Economic Geographies: A Methodological Examination. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. Vol. 93, 2003.  
<http://courses.nus.edu.sg/course/geoywc/publication/IBG.doc.pdf>

- 9.16 **Proposals:** Those planning to submit research proposals for funding in October-November, please circulate drafts to the group by 9/7.

**Towards a spatial turn in the social sciences?** (Download from SECONS

Discussion Forum: [http://www.giub.uni-bonn.de/grabher/extra/t\\_discussion.html](http://www.giub.uni-bonn.de/grabher/extra/t_discussion.html))

\*Jamie Peck (Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison): "Economic Sociologies in Space"

\*Bob Jessop (Sociology, Lancaster University) : "From Localities via the Spatial Turn to Spatio-Temporal Fixes: A Strategic-Relational Odyssey"

\*Gary Herrigel (Political Science, University of Chicago): "Space and Governance in New Old Economy Manufacturing Industries"

\*Jörg Sydow (Business Administration and Management Science, Freie Universität Berlin): "Towards a Spatial Turn in Organization Science? A Long Wait"

- 9.23 **No meeting**

- 9.30 **Curriculum vitae** (Circulate no later than 9/28)

**Worlds of Work.** \*Schoenberger, E. 1994. Corporate strategy and corporate strategists: Power, identity and knowledge within the firm. *Environment and Planning A*, 26:435-451.

\*Schoenberger, E. 1998. Discourse and practice in human geography. *Progress in Human Geography*. 22,1:1-14.

\* *A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities For All*. World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization. ILO. February 2004.

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/wcsdg/docs/report.pdf>

- 10.7 **Global Apparel, Commodity Chains, and Production Networks**

10.14 Fall Break: **Global Apparel, Commodity Chains, and Production Networks** Conference Friday and Saturday (Readings available by the end of September).

- 10.21 **Hernando De Soto** (Visiting Lecture)

\**The Mystery of Capital Chapter 1*: <http://www.ild.org.pe/tmoc/language.htm>

\**The Other Path Preface*: [http://www.ild.org.pe/top/pref\\_en01.htm](http://www.ild.org.pe/top/pref_en01.htm)

\**The Other Path Chapter 1*: <http://www.ild.org.pe/top/language.htm>

**Lecture** Tuesday October 26 7.30pm Hernando de Soto Hanes Art Center Auditorium (get there at 7pm).

Hernando de Soto is president of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Lima, Peru, a private, non-profit organization designed to assist developing nations and former Soviet nations in the transition to a modern market economy that "gives those who have been locked out of the system a stake in the economy." He is the author of two books about economic and political development: "The Other Path" and "The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else." This year Time magazine named him one of the 100 most powerful and influential people in the world.

Forbes magazine called him one of 15 innovators "who will reinvent your future" and The Economist said his Institute is one of the two most important think tanks in the world. [Presented by James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence with special thanks to the General Alumni Association].

- 10.28 **Debate:** Global and Local Challenges to Theory, Practice, and Teaching in Economic Geography. NSF Workshop on the Future of Economic Geography.  
<http://geog.uconn.edu/aag-econ/glaswksp.pdf>
- 11.4 **Debate:** Fuzzy Concepts, Scanty Evidence, and Policy Relevance in Critical Regional Studies.  
\*Ann Markusen 'Fuzzy Concepts, Scanty Evidence, Policy Distance: Rigour and Policy Relevance in Critical Regional Studies.' *Regional Studies* 2003, 37 (6/7), August-October, 701-717,  
\*Ray Hudson: "Fuzzy concepts and sloppy thinking: Reflections on recent developments in critical regional studies". *Regional Studies*, 2003, vol. 37, No. 6/7, pp. 741-746  
\*Jamie Peck: "Fuzzy old world: a response to Markusen. *Regional Studies*. 2003, vol. 37, No. 6/7, pp. 729-740  
\*Arnoud Lagendijk: "Towards conceptual quality in regional studies: the need for subtle critique - A response to Markusen". *Regional Studies*, 2003, vol. 37, No. 6/7, pp. 719-727  
\*Ann Markusen: "On Conceptualization, Evidence, and Impact - A Response to Hudson, Lagendijk and Peck". *Regional Studies*, 2003, vol. 37, No. 6/7, pp. 747-751
- 11.11 **Debate:** The social and cultural turns in economic geographies.  
\*Ash Amin and Nigel Thrift (200) What kind of economic theory for what kind of economic geography? *Antipode* 32(1): 4-9, and the responses in 2001: Peck and Wills, Barnes, Martin and Sunley, Overman, Plummer and Sheppard, Rodriguez-Pose, Samers, Sidaway, Yeung.
- 11.18 **Research Proposal Presentations**
- 11.25 **Thanksgiving break – no seminar**
- 12.2 **Manuscript Review and Journal Submissions**  
Note: Online Social Geography Journal  
<http://www.copernicus.org/site/COPERNICUS/sg/sg.html>