

SOSC 2460 9.0 - CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICA

FIRST ESSAY ASSIGNMENT

Due Date: November 15, 2006 (in lecture)
Weight: 15%
Length: 2,000-2,500 words (8-10 typed double-spaced pages)

TOPICS (choose one):

1. Barndt analyses the profound local social changes resulting from the modernization of Latin American agriculture and its integration into a global food system. What is her main assessment of these changes? Do you agree or disagree with her argument? Why?
2. Barndt shows the growing interconnection between the food production and food consumption, arguing that changes at the level of production were accompanied by parallel changes at the consumption end affecting women in very specific ways. What is her argument? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ The essay must be analytical rather than descriptive and must be organized around a clear argument (thesis statement) addressing the essay question.
- ◆ The essay must draw primarily on course materials, using examples from class readings to illustrate the arguments. In addition, a minimum of **two** relevant academic sources (not in course bibliography) must be used. It must include proper academic references and bibliography. Use of quotations must be kept to a minimum.
- ◆ The essay must be clearly organized and should contain an introduction, a thesis statement (**in bold**), a main body, and a concluding paragraph. Each paragraph must be clearly structured around a topic sentence (**in bold**).
- ◆ Students are required to complete the online "Academic Integrity Quiz" and submit with their assignment a printed copy of the results page indicating that they completed the quiz. Please note that essays without the results page will not be graded. For more information about the Academic Integrity Quiz go to http://www.yorku.ca/tutorial/academic_integrity/testinstructions.html

PENALTIES FOR LATE ASSIGNMENTS:

Papers submitted late will receive a penalty deduction of **2 points** per day late. No essays will be accepted after one week (no exceptions). Penalties may be waived under exceptional circumstances by contacting the TA one week before the due date. Late assignments must be brought during office hours to 216 Founders College and must be dated and stamped by the secretary. Essays must be submitted to the TA in person. Essays delivered under the office door, through fax machine or email will **NOT** be accepted. Students must keep a copy of the final version of their essay so that in the event that it is misplaced they can provide a copy on short notice.