

# **SOCIAL SCIENCE 2460 9.0 CONTEMPORARY LATIN AMERICA**

## **Test 2 - Study Guide**

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### **RURAL LATIN AMERICA**

- Neoliberal free-market development (main features, outcomes)
- Structural adjustment
- neoliberalism & globalization (impact on rural Latin America)
- monocrop & cash-crop production
- changes in Latin American agriculture (main trends since mid-20<sup>th</sup> century)
- minifundia-latifundia system
- subsistence agriculture (main features)
- Industrial agriculture (main features, social & environmental impact)
- Tomatl corporate tomato (compare & contrast)
- Green revolution (main features, impact)
- technological package
- “Terminator technology”
- biopiracy
- Flavr Savr tomato
- Global Food Industry (main features & impact; implications for gender and/or labour relations)
- Global Food Industry (differences/similarities at production/consumption ends)
- Seeds as carriers of the genetic code of the society that produces them (explain)
- Commodification and alienation in modern agriculture
- Five moments (Barndt) (main features, impact of each moment)
- Three Phases (Barndt) (Identify, main features of each)
- Fordism/post-Fordism
- Flexibility or feminization of labour
- vertical & horizontal integration
- McDonaldization (define, main features, impact)
- McDonald’s cultural messages about race, gender, environment (explain)
- MacDonal’d’s as a symbol for economic & cultural integration (explain)
- Designer supermarkets (main features, place in Global Food Chain)
- George Weston Ltd. (history, main features)
- Greening of food industry (significance)
- Private-label development in food industry
- Resistance to global food industry (main experiences discussed in Barndt)
- Alternative local food initiatives in Mexico and in Canada

## **URBAN LATIN AMERICA**

- urbanization (main trends, main features of cities in Latin America)
- impact of history on present-day cities
- urban explosion (causes, data)
- push & pull factors in internal and international migration (define, explain)
- cities as social expressions of social relations based on power (explain, examples)
- urban primacy, urban bias, urban millennium
- street life in Latin American cities (main features, significance)
- urban environmental problems (identify)
- Kuznet's Environmental Curve (define, assess)
- Curitiba (main features of urban development, reasons for success, price of success)
- Environmental justice
- corporate-led environmental strategies
- terciarization, over-urbanization thesis, marginality syndrome
- marginality theory (main propositions, strengths & weaknesses)
- informal sector (define, main features, functional or dysfunctional for capitalism?, implications for marginality theory)
- cardboard collectors (identify, poor or marginal?, linkages with formal economy, role in sustainable development, implications for marginality theory)
- impact of globalization on cardboard collection

### **Videos:**

Students should be familiar with the main ideas and the specific illustrations presented in the following videos, and should be able to connect them with concepts and ideas from the course.

- *Fed Up!*
- *Playing with Poison*
- *Sustainable Urban Living: a South American Case Study*
- *Villa El Salvador*
- *Making Do*