

Graduate Program in Sociology

Comprehensive Exam Reading List

Global Sociology

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Description:

Global Sociology is a relatively new field. Consequently, the scholarship that constitutes its “canon” is still in flux. Covering literature from sociology and allied fields, the readings on this comprehensive exam reading list range from some classic texts that adopt a global perspective – but predate the appellation “global sociology” – to recent scholarship that addresses issues of the Anthropocene and the Capitalocene. With attention to a historical sensibility, the list aims to provide students with the opportunity to be conversant in the breadth and depth of scholarship that can be designated as “global sociology.” **This list is a living document and will be revised regularly.**

Pedagogical objectives:

To prepare students to teach and conduct research in global sociology.

Instructions for students:

This reading list is designed to balance required readings with readings chosen by the student. In total, you should create a reading list that consists of the equivalent of 25 medium-sized books/125 articles (5 journal articles or chapters = 1 medium-sized book). 75% of the readings must come from this list; 25% of the readings are at your discretion and should be decided in consultation with your comprehensive exam committee. This list is heavy on books; as such, we encourage students to supplement the list with recent articles in the field of global sociology.

For your final list:

- 1) 75% of the readings – i.e., 18.75 medium-sized books (the equivalent of 94 articles) – must come from this list, selected in the following manner:
 - (a) The readings in bold are required for all students. This is the equivalent of 66 articles.
 - (b) In addition, students must select the equivalent at least 28 additional articles (or, approximately 3 books) from this list. These should be identified by the student in consultation with their comprehensive exam committee. Students may choose individual chapters from any of the books or edited collections on this reading list.
- 2) 25% of the readings – i.e., 6.25 medium-sized books (or, approximately 31 articles) – are at the discretion of the student and their committee. These additional readings can be selected from the list or be readings not on the list.

The readings on the list are divided into the following major categories:

1. Classic Texts/Early Challenges
2. Colonialism and Postcolonialism
3. World-Systems and Global Capitalism
4. Neoliberalism
5. Resistance and International Solidarity
6. Global Cultures and Networks
7. Global Institutions

1. Classic Texts/Early Challenges (Required Units = 11)

Amin, Samir. 2009 [1989]. *Eurocentrism*. New York: Monthly Review Press.

Braudel, Fernand and Wallerstein, Immanuel. (2009). History and the Social Sciences: The Longue Durée. *Review (Fernand Braudel Center)*, 32 (2), 171–203.

Frank, Andre Gunder. 1979. *Dependent Accumulation and Underdevelopment*. New York: Monthly Review Press.

Held, David, David Goldblatt, Anthony McGrew, and Jonathan Perraton. 1999. *Global Transformations: Politics, Economics and Culture*. Palo Alto, California: Stanford University Press.

Hirschman, Albert. 1968. The Political Economy of Import-Substituting Industrialization in Latin America. *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 92(1): 1–32.

McMichael, Philip. 1990. Incorporating Comparison within a World-Historical Perspective: An Alternative Comparative Method. *American Sociological Review*, 55 (3): 385–397.

McMichael, Philip and Heloise Weber. 2021 [2012]. *Development and Social Change: A Global Perspective*, 7th edition. Sage Publishing.

Mintz, Sidney. 1986. *Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History*. New York: Penguin.

Mohanty, Chandra Talpade. 1988. Under Western Eyes: Feminist Scholarship and Colonial Discourses. *Feminist Review*. (30) 61–88.

Moore, Wilbert E. 1966. Global Sociology: The World as a Singular System. *American Journal of Sociology*, 71 (5): 475–482.

Polanyi, Karl. 2001 [1944]. *The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*. Boston: Beacon Press.

Rodney, Walter. 2018 [1972]. *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*. Verso Press.

Rostow, W.W. 1959. The Stages of Economic Growth. *The Economic History Review*, 12 (1): 1-16.

Said, Edward. 2003 [1978]. *Orientalism*. New York: Vintage.

Sen, Amartya. 1999. *Development as Freedom*. New York, NY: Anchor.

Williams, Eric. 2021 [1944]. *Capitalism and Slavery*, 3rd ed. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press. (See also, Engerman & Solow eds., *British Capitalism and Caribbean Slavery*.)

2. Colonialism and Postcolonialism (Required Units = 16)

Bhabra, Gurminder K. 2014. *Connected Sociologies*. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Current Sociology 2014. 62 (4) Special Issue edited by Gurminder Bhabra. Can select essays in consultation with your committee.

Boswell, Terry. 1989. Colonial Empires and the Capitalist World-Economy: A Time Series Analysis of Colonization, 1640–1960. *American Sociological Review* 54: 180-96.

Cesaire, Aime. *Discourse on Colonialism*, Joan Pinkham (trans) (New York: Monthly Review Press, 2000).

Coulthard, Glen. 2014. *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

da Silva, Denise Ferreira. 2007. *Toward a Global Idea of Race*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Dussell, Enrique. 1998. *Beyond Eurocentrism: The World-System and the Limits of Modernity*. In Fredric Jameson and Masao Miyoshi eds., *The Cultures of Globalization*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Escobar, Arturo. 1995. *Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Escobar, Arturo. 2015. Thinking-Feeling With the Earth: Territorial Struggles and the Ontological Dimensions of the Epistemologies of the South. *Revisita de*

Anthropologia Iberoamericana 11 (1): 11 – 36. Available online:
<<http://www.aibr.org/antropologia/netesp/numeros/1101/110102e.pdf>>

Gilroy, Paul. 1993. *The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness*. Harvard: Harvard University Press.

Go, Julian. 2013. For a Postcolonial Sociology. *Theory and Society*, 42 (1): 25–55.

James, C.L.R. 1989. *The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution*. New York: Vintage.

Masuzawa, T. 2005. *The Invention of World Religions: Or, How European Universalism was Preserved in the Language of Pluralism*. University of Chicago Press.

Mbembé, Achille. 2001. *On the Postcolony*. Oakland: University of California Press.

Quijano, Anibal. 2000. Coloniality of Power, Eurocentrism, and Latin America. *Nepantla: Views from the South*, 1 (3): 533–580.

Robinson, Cedric. 2020 [1983]. *Black Marxism: The Making of the Black Radical Tradition*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty. 2015. Can the Subaltern Speak? In *Marxism and the Interpretation of Culture*, edited by Lawrence Grossberg and Cary Nelson. Urbana: University of Illinois Press.

Taiwo, O. 2010. *How Colonialism Pre-empted Modernity in Africa*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

3. World-Systems and Global Capitalism (Required Units = 15)

Abu-Lughod, Janet L. *Before European Hegemony: The World System AD 1250-1350*. Oxford University Press, USA, 1989.

Amin, Samir. 1979. *Dependent Accumulation and Underdevelopment*. New York: Monthly Review Press.

Arrighi, Giovanni. 1990. “The Three Hegemonies of Historical Capitalism.” *Review* 13(3): 365-408.

Arrighi, Giovanni, Nicole Aschoff, and Ben Scully. 2010. “Accumulation by Dispossession and Its Limits: The Southern Africa Paradigm Revisited.” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 45: 410-438.

Arrighi, Giovanni, Beverly J. Silver and Benjamin D. Brewer. 2003. "Industrial Convergence and the Persistence of the North-south Divide." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 38(1): 3-31.

Bhattacharyya, Gargi. 2018. *Rethinking Racial Capitalism: Questions of Reproduction and Survival*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Bernstein, Henry. 1971. Modernization Theory and the Sociological Study of Development. *Journal of Development Studies* 7: 141–160.

Chase-Dunn, Christopher, Yukio Kawano, and Benjamin Brewer. 2000. Trade Globalization Since 1795: Waves of Integration in the World-System. *American Sociological Review* 65: 77-95.

Ching, Kwan Lee. 2017. *The Spectre of Global China: Politics, Labor, and Foreign Investment in Africa*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Frank, Andre Gunder. 1998. *ReOrient: Global Economy in the Asian Age*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Liu, Andrew. 2020. *Tea War: A History of Capitalism in China and India*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

Mies, Maria. 2022 [1986]. *Patriarchy and Accumulation on a World Scale: Women in the International Division of Labor*. Blackwell Publishing.

Patel, Raj, and Jason W. Moore. 2017. *A History of the World in Seven Cheap Things: A Guide to Capitalism, Nature, and the Future of the Planet*. Oakland: University of California Press.

Piketty, Thomas. 2014. *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*. Boston: Harvard University Press.

Robinson, W. I. 2011. Globalization and the Sociology of Immanuel Wallerstein: A Critical Appraisal. *International Sociology*, 26(6), 723-745.

Wallerstein, Immanuel. 2004. *World-Systems Analysis: An Introduction*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

4. Neoliberalism (Required Units = 7)

Ascher, I. 2016. *Portfolio Society: On the Capitalist Mode of Prediction*. Boston: MIT Press.

Cowen, D. 2014. *The Deadly Life of Logistics: Mapping Violence in Global Trade*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Davis, Mike. 2007. *Planet of Slums*. London: Verso.

Esteva, Gustavo. 1992. Development. In Wolfgang Sachs, ed., *The Development Dictionary: A Guide to Knowledge as Power*. 6–25 London: ZED Books.

Foster, John Bellamy, Brett Clark, and Richard York. 2011. *The Ecological Rift: Capitalism's War on the Earth*. New York: New York University Press.

Harvey, David. 2005. *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Harvey, David. 2003. Accumulation by Dispossession. In *The New Imperialism*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 137-82.

Malm, Andreas. 2016. *Fossil Capital: The Rise of Steam Power and the Roots of Global Warming*. Verso Press.

Mensah, Joseph., ed. 2008. *Neoliberalism and Globalization in Africa: Contestations from the Embattled Continent*. Springer.

Milanovic, Branko. 2016. *Global Inequality: A New Approach for the Age of Globalization*. Boston: Belknap Press.

Moore, Jason. 2015. *Capitalism in the Web of Life: Ecology and the Accumulation of Capital*. Verso Press.

Moore, Jason. 2016. *Anthropocene or Capitalocene? Nature, History, and the Crisis of Capitalism*. PM Press/Kairos.

Parreñas, R. 2015. *Servants of Globalization: Migration and Domestic Work*. Stanford University Press.

Parreñas, Rhacel Salazar. 2001. Migrant Filipina Domestic Workers and the International Division of Reproductive Labor. *Gender & Society* 14 (4): 560–580.

Sassen, Saskia. 2001. *The Global City: New York, London and Tokyo*, 2nd edition. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Sassen, Saskia. 1998. *Globalization and its Discontents: Essays on the New Mobility of People and Money*. New York: New Press.

5. Resistance and International Solidarity (Required Units = 5)

Çubukçu, A. 2017. Thinking against Humanity. *London Review of International Law*, 5(2), 251-267.

Kurasawa, F. 2004. A Cosmopolitanism from Below: Alternative Globalization and the Creation of a Solidarity Without Bounds. *European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie*, 45(2), 233-255.

Keck, M. E., & Sikkink, K. 1998. *Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks in International Politics*. Cornell University Press.

Olzak, Susan. 2006. *The Global Dynamics of Racial and Ethnic Mobilization*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

Prasad, Vijay. 2022 [2007]. *The Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World*. New York: The New Press.

Rediker M, Linebaugh P. 2000. *The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic*. Boston: Beacon.

Silver, Beverly J. 2003. *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization Since 1870*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

6. Global Cultures and Networks (Required units = 7)

Appadurai, Arjun. 1996. *Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. **(Chapter titled "Disjuncture and Difference in the Global Cultural Economy" is required)**

Appadurai, A. 2006. *Fear of Small Numbers: An Essay on the Geography of Anger*. Duke University Press.

Beck, Ulrich. 1995. *Ecological Politics in an Age of Risk*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Beck, Ulrich. 1996. *The Reinvention of Politics: Rethinking Modernity in the Global Social Order*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Beck, Ulrich. 1992. *Risk Society: Towards a New Modernity*. Translated by Mark Ritter. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Beck, Ulrich. 1999. *What Is Globalization?* Cambridge: Polity Press.

Beck, Ulrich and Ciaran Cronin. 2014. *Cosmopolitan Vision*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Brown, Garrett W. and David Held. 2010. *The Cosmopolitanism Reader*. Polity Press.

Canclini, Néstor García. 2014. *Imagined Globalization*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Castells, Manuel. 1996. *The Rise of the Network Society, The Information Age: Economy, Society and Culture* Vol. I. Cambridge, Massachusetts; Oxford, UK: Blackwell.

Castells, Manuel 1997. *The Power of Identity, The Information Age: Economy, Society and Culture* Vol. II. Cambridge, Massachusetts; Oxford, UK: Blackwell.

Castells, M. 2007. Communication, Power and Counter-power in the Network Society. *International Journal of Communication* 1 (1): 238–266

Castells, Manuel. 1998. *End of Millennium, The Information Age, Economy, Society, and Culture* Vol III. Cambridge, Massachusetts; Oxford, UK: Blackwell.

Featherstone, Mike, Scott Lash and Roland Robertson. 1995. *Global Modernities*. London, UK: Sage Publications.

Graeber, David and David Wengrow. 2021. *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity*. Penguin UK.

Inglehart, Ronald, and Wayne E. Baker. 2000. Modernization, Cultural Change, and the Persistence of Traditional Values. *American Sociological Review* 65: 19-51.

Mensah, Joseph. 2008. Cultural Dimensions of Globalization in Africa: A Dialectical Interpenetration of the Local and the Global. In *Neoliberalism and Globalization in Africa: Contestations From the Embattled Continent*, edited by J. Mensah. 33-54. Palgrave McMillan

Paur, Jasbir. 2017 [2007]. *Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Paur, Jasbir. 2017. *Right to Maim: Debility, Capacity, Disability*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Pieterse, Jan Nederveen. 1996. Globalization and Culture: Three Paradigms. *Economic and Political Weekly*, 31 (23): 1389–1393

Salazar, N.B., 2012. Tourism Imaginaries: A Conceptual Approach. *Annals of Tourism Research*, 39(2), pp.863-882.

Sheller, M., 2018. *Mobility Justice: The Politics of Movement in an Age of Extremes*. Verso Books.

Tsing, Anna. 2005. *Friction: An Ethnography of Global Connection*. Princeton University Press.

Tsing, Anna. 2021. *The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

7. Global Institutions (Required Units = 6)

Appiah, K. A. 2007. Global Citizenship, In *Fordham Law Review*, Vol.75 (5) article 3, pp.2375-2391 Available online from <http://ir.lawnet.fordham.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4256&context=flr>

Enloe, Cynthia. 2000. *Bananas, Beaches, and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Relations*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Evans, Peter. 1995. *Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Kaldor, M. 2020. Global Civil Society: An Answer to War. In *The New Social Theory Reader*, 252–259. Routledge.

Koomen, J. 2013. “Without These Women, the Tribunal Cannot Do Anything”: The Politics of Witness Testimony on Sexual Violence at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. *Signs*, 38 (2), 253-277

Krucken, Georg and Gili Drori. 2009. *World Society: The Writings of John W. Meyer*. Oxford University Press. **Chapter 2, Reflections: Institutional Theory and World Society, is required.**

Milanovic, Branko. 2016. *Global Inequality: A New Approach for the Age of Globalization*. Boston: Belknap Press.

Mongia, Radhika. 2007. Historicizing State Sovereignty: Inequality and the Form of Equivalence. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 49 (2): 384 – 411.

Przeworski, Adam, Michael Alvarez, Jose A. Cheibub, and Fernando Limongi. 2000. *Democracy and Development: Political Institutions and Material Well-Being in the World, 1950-1990*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Sassen, Saskia. 2007. *A Sociology of Globalization*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Sassen, Saskia. 2008. *Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Sassen, Saskia. 1996. *Losing Control? Sovereignty in An Age of Globalization*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Rai, Shirin M. 2013. *Gender and the Political Economy of Development: From Nationalism to Globalization*. John Wiley & Sons.

Shachar, A. 2009. *The Birthright Lottery: Citizenship and Global Inequality*. Harvard University Press.

Sharma, Nandita. 2020. *Home Rule: National Sovereignty and the Separation of Natives and Migrants*. Durham: Duke University Press.

Sjoberg, G., Gill, E. A., & Williams, N. 2001. A Sociology of Human Rights. *Social Problems*, 48(1), 11-47.