

HGO4604 – CURRICULUM AUTUMN 2017

Note: All titles are new, and the entire reading list from SGO4604 has been cut. Readings are ordered by seminar.

Introduction

Key readings:

Burgman, V. (2016) *Globalization and Labour in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Routledge. Chapter 1: Introduction. The Workers of the globalizing world, 1-14.

Theodore, N. (2016) Worlds of work: changing landscapes of production and the new geographies of opportunity. *Geography Compass*, 10: 179-189.

Concept seminar: LABOUR AGENCY

Key readings:

Coe, N. M., & Jordhus-Lier, D. C. (2011). Constrained agency? Re-evaluating the geographies of labour. *Progress in Human Geography*, 35(2), 211-233.

Herod, A. (2001). *Labor geographies: Workers and the landscapes of capitalism*. Guilford Press, New York, pp. 13-49.

Kiil, M. B., & Knutsen, H. M. (2016). Agency by exit: Swedish nurses and the “Not below 24,000” movement. *Geoforum*, 70, 105-114.

Additional readings:

Alberti, G. (2014) Mobility strategies, mobility differentials and transnational exit: the experiences of precarious migrants in London’s hospitality jobs. *Work, Employment and Society* 28(6): 865-881.

Carswell, G., & De Neve, G. (2013). Labouring for global markets: Conceptualising labour agency in global production networks. *Geoforum*, 44, 62-70.

Cumbers, A., Nativel, C., & Routledge, P. (2008). Labour agency and union positionalities in global production networks. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 8(3), 369-387.

Katz, C. (2004). *Growing up global: Economic restructuring and children's everyday lives*. University of Minnesota Press, pp. 239-260.

Lund-Thomsen, P. (2013). Labor agency in the football manufacturing industry of Sialkot, Pakistan. *Geoforum*, 44, 71-81.

Cumbers, A. (2015). “Understanding labour’s agency under globalization”. In Rainnie, A., Herod, A., & McGrath-Champ, S. (eds). *Putting Labour in its Place: Labour Process Analysis and Global Value Chains*, Palgrave MacMillan, London, pp. 135-151

Concept seminar: LABOUR REGIME

Key readings:

Jonas, A.C. (2009) Labour control regime, in *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography*, edited by A.E.G. Jonas, R. Kitchin, and N. Thrift. Amsterdam: Elsevier; 59-65.

Knutsen, H.M. & Hansson, E. (2010). Theoretical approaches to changing labour regimes in transition economies. In: Bergene, A.C, Endresen, S.B. & Knutsen, H.M. (eds). *Missing links in labour geography*. Farnham. Ashgate. 155-168.

Rainnie, A., McGrath-Champ, S. & Herod, A. (2010). "Making Space for Geography in Labour Process Theory". In: P. Thompson and C. Smith (eds). *Working Life: Renewing Labour Process Analysis*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 297–315.

Additional readings:

Burgmann, V. (2016) *Globalization and Labour in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Routledge. Chapt 2. Confronting post-Fordist production, 34-53

Coe, N. M., & Kelly, P. F. (2002). Languages of labour: representational strategies in Singapore's labour control regime. *Political Geography*, 21(3), 341-371.

Jonas, A. E. (1996). Local labour control regimes: uneven development and the social regulation of production. *Regional Studies*, 30(4), 323-338.

Nichols, T., Cham, S., Chou, W-C., Zhao, W, & Feng T. (2004) Factory regimes and the dismantling of labor in large manufacturing plants in China, South Korea and Taiwan. *Work, Employment Society* 18: 663-685.

Thompson, P. & Smith, C. (2010) *Working Life - Renewing Labour Process Analysis*. Basingstoke: Palgrave, Macmillan.

Thompson, P. (2010) The capitalist labour process - concepts and connections. *Capital and Class*, 34 (1): 7-14.

Concept seminar: POWER

Key readings:

Silver, B. J. (2003). *Forces of labor: workers' movements and globalization since 1870*. Cambridge University Press, 1-25.

von Holdt, K., & Webster, E. (2008). Organising on the periphery: new sources of power in the South African workplace. *Employee Relations*, 30(4), 333-354.

Wright, E. O. (2000). Working-class power, capitalist-class interests, and class compromise. *American Journal of Sociology*, 957-1002.

Additional readings:

Brookes, M. (2013). Varieties of Power in Transnational Labor Alliances An Analysis of Workers' Structural, Institutional, and Coalitional Power in the Global Economy. *Labor Studies Journal*, 38(3), 181-200.

Reid-Musson, E. (2014). Historicizing precarity: A labour geography of 'transient' migrant workers in Ontario tobacco. *Geoforum*, 56, 161-171.

Selwyn, B. (2011). Beyond firm-centrism: Re-integrating labour and capitalism into global commodity chain analysis. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 247-271.

Concept seminar: FRAGMENTATION

Key readings:

Allen, J., & Henry, N. (1997). Ulrich Beck's risk society at work: labour and employment in the contract service industries. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 180-196.

Jordhus-Lier, D. C. (2016). Flexibilisierung als Fragmentierung: Der Kampf gegen Outsourcing im norwegischen Hotelsektor. In H. Holst and K. Dörre, *Fragmentierte Belegschaften - Leiharbeit, Informalität und Soloselbständigkeit in globaler Perspektive*. Campus. (English version on Fronter).

Reimer, S. (1999). "Getting by" in time and space: fragmented work in local authorities. *Economic Geography*, 75(2), 157-177.

Additional readings:

Jordhus-Lier, D. C. (2014). Fragmentation revisited: flexibility, differentiation and solidarity in hotels. In Jordhus-Lier, D. C. and A. Underthun (eds), *A hospitable world?: Organising work and workers in hotels and tourist resorts*, Routledge, pp. 39-51.

Reimer, Suzanne. "Working in a risk society." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 23.1 (1998): 116-127.

Tooke, J. (2000). Institutional power-geometries: enduring and shifting work relations in cleansing depots. *Geoforum*, 31(4), 567-574.

Weil, D. (2014). *The fissured workplace*. Harvard University Press, pp. 1-27.

McDowell, L., Batnitzky, A., & Dyer, S. (2007). Division, segmentation, and interpellation: The embodied labors of migrant workers in a greater London hotel. *Economic Geography*, 83(1), 1-25.

Kalleberg, A. L. (2003). Flexible firms and labor market segmentation effects of workplace restructuring on jobs and workers. *Work and occupations*, 30(2), 154-175.

Thematic seminar: Domestic work

3 groups orientate themselves in three different contexts of domestic work:

Readings on Southeast Asia:

Silvey, R. (2004). Transnational migration and the gender politics of scale: Indonesian domestic workers in Saudi. *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 25(2), 141-155.

Weix, G. G. (2000). Inside the home and outside the family: The domestic estrangement of Javanese servants. In K. M. Adams & S. Dickey (Eds.), *Home and hegemony: Domestic service and identity politics in South and Southeast Asia* (pp. 137-156). Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Prabawati and Jordhus-Lier (2017). Mobilities and moralities of domestic work in Indonesian cities. In Ward, K. et al. (eds), *Handbook on Spaces of Urban Politics*

Yeoh, B. S. A., Huang, S., & Gonzalez III, J. (1999). Migrant female domestic workers: Debating the economic, social and political impacts in Singapore. *International Migration Review*, 33(1), 114-136.

Readings on South Africa:

Ally, Shireen (2008) Domestic Worker Unionisation in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Demobilisation and Depoliticisation by the Democratic State. *Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies*, 35-1, 1-21

Fish, N. Jennifer (2006b) Engendering Democracy: Domestic Labour and Coalition-Building in South Africa. *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 32:1, 107-127.

Grossman, Jonathan (2011) Venturing Beyond: Domestic Work as Essential Public Service. *South African Review of Sociology*, 42:2, 134-141

Magwaza, Thenjiwe (2011) Effects of Domestic Workers Act in South Africa: A steep road to recognition. *Agenda: Empowering women for gender equity*, 22-78, 79-92.

Readings on North America:

Varghese, L. (2006). Constructing a Worker Identity Class, Experience, and Organizing in Workers' Awaaz. *Cultural Dynamics*, 18(2), 189-211.

Pratt, G. (1999). From registered nurse to registered nanny: Discursive geographies of Filipina domestic workers in Vancouver, B. C. *Economic Geography*, 75(3), 215-236.

England, K., & Stiell, B. (1997). "They think you're as stupid as your English is": constructing foreign domestic workers in Toronto. *Environment and Planning A*, 29(2), 195-215.

Rhee, N., & Zabin, C. (2009). Aggregating dispersed workers: Union organizing in the "care" industries. *Geoforum*, 40(6), 969-979.

Thematic seminar: Labour and the politics of consumption

Key readings:

Johns, R., & Vural, L. (2000). Class, geography, and the consumerist turn: UNITE and the Stop Sweatshops Campaign. *Environment and Planning A*, 32(7), 1193-1213.

Hartwick, E. R. (2000). Towards a geographical politics of consumption. *Environment and planning A*, 32(7), 1177-1192.

Additional readings:

Clarke, N., Barnett, C., Cloke, P., & Malpass, A. (2007). Globalising the consumer: Doing politics in an ethical register. *Political Geography*, 26(3), 231-249.

Clarke, N. (2008). From ethical consumerism to political consumption. *Geography Compass*, 2(6), 1870-1884.

Thematic seminar: Informal labour

Key readings:

Chapter from Standings "The Precariat", Chapters 1-2

Lambert, R & Herod, A. (2016) Neoliberalism, precarious work and remaking the geography of global capitalism. *Neoliberal capitalism and precarious work. Ethnographies of accommodation and resistance*. Elgar: Cheltenham. Chapt. 1, 1-35

Lindell, I. (2010). Informality and collective organising: identities, alliances and transnational activism in Africa. *Third World Quarterly* 31(2): 207-222. (16 pages)

Lloyd-Evans, S. (2008). Geographies of the contemporary informal sector in the global south: gender, employment relationships and social protection. *Geography Compass* 2(6): 1885-1906. (22 pages)

Additional readings:

Gallin, D. (2001). Propositions on trade unions and informal employment in times of globalisation. *Antipode* 33(3): 531-549. (19 pages)

Joynt, K. & Webster, E. (2016) The growth and organization of a precariat: working in the clothing industry in Johannesburg's inner city In: Lambert, R. & Herod, A. eds. *Neoliberal capitalism and precarious work. Ethnographies of accommodation and resistance*. Elgar: Cheltenham. Chapt. 2, 43-72.

Kesteltoot, C., & Meert, H. (1999). Informal spaces: the geography of informal economic activities in Brussels. *International journal of urban and regional research*, 23(2), 232-251.

Millstein, M., and Jordhus-Lier, D. (2012). Making communities work? Casual labour practices and local civil society dynamics in Delft, Cape Town. *Journal of Southern African Studies* 38(1): 183-201. (19 pages)

Thematic seminar: Labour market intermediaries

Key readings:

Vosko, L.F. (2009) Less than adequate: regulating temporary agency work in the EU in the face of an internal market in services. Special Issue: Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society, 2(3), 395-411.

Benner, C. (2003). Labour flexibility and regional development: the role of labour market intermediaries. *Regional Studies*, 37(6-7), 621-633. (12 pages)

Additional readings:

Theron, J. (2005). Intermediary or Employer-Labour Brokers and the Triangular Employment Relationship. *Industrial Labour Journal*, 26. (32 pages)

Enright, B. (2013). (Re) considering new agents: a review of labour market intermediaries within labour geography. *Geography Compass*, 7(4), 287-299.

Jordhus-Lier, D., Coe, N. M., & Bråten, S. T. (2015). Contested growth: the development of Norway's temporary staffing industry. *Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography*, 97(1), 113-130.

Heery, E. (2004). The trade union response to agency labour in Britain. *Industrial Relations Journal*, 35(5), 434-450.

Coe, N. M., Johns, J., & Ward, K. (2009). Agents of casualization? The temporary staffing industry and labour market restructuring in Australia. *Journal of Economic Geography*, 9(1), 55-84.

Thematic seminar: Digitalization of work

Key readings:

McRobbie, A. (2002). Clubs to companies: Notes on the decline of political culture in speeded up creative worlds. *Cultural studies*, 16(4), 516-531.

Dyer-Witheford, N. (2015). *Cyber-proletariat: Global labour in the digital vortex*. Between the Lines. Chapter 1.

James, A. and B. Vira (2010). "'Unionising' the new spaces of the new economy? Alternative labour organising in India's IT Enabled Services–Business Process Outsourcing industry." *Geoforum* 41(3): 364-376.

Additional readings:

Graham, M., Straumann, R. K., & Hogan, B. (2015). Digital divisions of labor and informational magnetism: Mapping participation in Wikipedia. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 105(6), 1158-1178.

Schor, J. B., Fitzmaurice, C., Carfagna, L. B., & Attwood-Charles, W. (2016). Paradoxes of openness and distinction in the sharing economy. *Poetics*, 54, 66-81.

(Schor and Attwood-Charles probably have an article called "The Sharing Economy: labor, inequality and sociability on for-profit platforms" in *Sociology Compass* by the time we start SGO4604)

Video by Mark Graham: <https://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/video/digital-labour-and-development-new-knowledge-economies-or-digital-sweatshops/>

Webster, J., & Randle, K. (2016). Positioning Virtual Workers Within Space, Time, and Social Dynamics. In *Virtual Workers and the Global Labour Market* (pp. 3-34). Palgrave Macmillan UK.