

Geography 3600

SPACE, POWER & POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

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CLASS LOCATION	MCPHERSON LAB 2015	PROFESSOR MAT COLEMAN 1156 Derby Hall Email: coleman.373@osu.edu Office hours: Mon, Wed 4:00pm-5:00pm
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Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien chokes French language rights protestor Bill Clennett. Ottawa, Canada, Feb 15 1996.



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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Political geography is the study of power and space; that is, the study of how power relationships are at once spatial relationships, and how spaces are the product of relationships of power. GEOG 3600 introduces students to the space-power interrelationship by reviewing a suite of key theories and theoretical debates on power and space, touching on concepts such as space, place, territoriality, scale, power geometry, and states.

GEOG 3600 looks at the space-power relationship – and specifically the problem of state power – through a variety of real-world domestic and international examples which emphasize how the study of space requires dealing with the politics of race, class, gender, sexuality, and nationality.

By the end of the class, students will be familiar with major approaches to studying and analyzing power in human geography.

No background in Geography is expected or required in order to enroll in this course.

GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS & EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

GEOG 3600 fulfills GE requirements in **Social Science (2) Organizations and Politics:**

- 1. Students understand the theories and methods of social scientific inquiry as they are applied to the study of organizations and politics.**

In this class, we emphasize how particular political geographers, representative of particular epistemic periods of political geographic thought and theorization, make sense of the world via often highly contested methods, rules, and postulates about the social world.

- 2. Students understand the formation and durability of political, economic, and social organizing principles and their differences and similarities across contexts.**

In this class, we scrutinize the historical-geographical formation of political geographic theories as well as how particular political

geographic theories explain (or fail to explain) the exercise of power, inequality and social strife in the world. The class will tackle theories as well as case studies in a broadly comparative context. In the first instance, students will approach political geography as an embedded knowledge-making practice which reflects the particularities of both time and place. Differences between theories will be explained by looking to the very specific social, political, and economic circumstances conditioning their emergence and formalization. In the second instance, students will be exposed to political geography as an area of study which helps us to understand actually-existing social, political and economic differences and inequalities. In other words, students will be encouraged to think of theory not simply as an abstract exercise.

3. Students develop abilities to comprehend and assess the nature and values of organizations and polities and their importance in social problem solving and policy making.

In our case studies we examine to what extent particular governing organizations and institutions – in the cultural, economic and political spheres – can be dissected for their geographical assumptions about the spatial operation of power and authority.

COURSE WEBSITE

The course syllabus, announcements, readings, notes, exam review guides and other useful resources will be available at www.carmen.osu.edu. Log in using your OSU Internet User Name and Password and then select Geography 3600 from the list of courses for which you are currently enrolled. It is recommended that you regularly check the web site for updates and news. If you have problems logging in, you are responsible for contacting Carmen and gaining access to the class website.

TEXTBOOKS

I am not assigning a textbook for this class. Textbooks are too expensive for students. They're also typically not the most engaging things to read regularly.

Instead of a textbook, the class readings comprise peer-reviewed journal articles and/or book chapters. Some weeks have more readings than others, but on average students are responsible for slightly more than one reading per week. These are not easy readings. My expectation is that students complete the readings prior to coming to class. My expectation is also that students visit with the TA to review the readings if the material is unclear or if further references are desired.

I do reference the readings in lecture, and make explicit why I am getting you to read particular authors.

GRADING SCALE

A	93-100	C	73-76.9
A-	90-92.9	C-	70-72.9
B+	87-89.9	D+	67-69.9
B	83-86.9	D	60-66.9
B-	80-82.9	E	0-59.9
C+	77-79.9	EN	Too many absences to permit a passing grade

COURSE GRADE

Grade item	Details	Weight
Attendance	Per class	10%
Surprise quizzes (3)	In class, based on lecture material and readings	30%

Midterm examination	In class, regular location and time	30%
Final examination	Thursday December 14, 10:00am-11:45pm http://registrar.osu.edu/scheduling/SchedulingContent/AU17Finals.pdf	30%

OFFICE HOURS

You have access to a fantastic teaching assistants (TA) for this class – Laura Rivas. Ms. Rivas is a graduate student in the Department of Geography. Ms. Rivas will be offering 4 hours of office hours every week. I am expecting that you will visit your TA regularly for office hours, primarily to answer questions related to lectures and especially the readings.

I also have posted office hours – 2 hours weekly. Please come and visit me, but also please make sure to visit your TA first for basic questions related to the lectures as well as readings.

Your TA will also be doing the grading for the class.

EXAMS

I will provide concise study guides for each exam. This will help you narrow and focus your study time on specific terms, debates, readings, and questions.

LATE PENALTIES

If you miss a quiz, the midterm exam or the final exam, and wish to write a make-up, you must have a doctor’s note demonstrating that you sought medical attention for an unavoidable reason which prohibited you from attending class. The note must include the doctor’s name and a telephone number where I can contact her/him.

The make-up quiz or exam must be written within one week (seven days) of the original quiz or exam. If you do not write the missed quiz or exam within the seven day period, you will receive a 0% grade for the quiz or exam.

If you do not complete the final exam prior to the grade-posting deadline (this may be sooner than a week after the final exam), and if you have a valid excuse for having missed the exam (see above), you will be awarded an “INC” grade which I will later change based on your final exam grade.

An absence related to either the midterm or final must be explained directly in person to me, and then communicated to me clearly via email.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PLAGIARISM

Academic integrity is essential to maintaining an environment that fosters excellence in teaching, research and other educational and scholarly activities. The Ohio State University and the Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM) expects that all students have read and understand the University’s *Code of Student Conduct*, and that all students will complete all academic and scholarly assignments with fairness and honesty. Students must recognize that failure to follow the rules and guidelines established in the University’s *Code of Student Conduct* and in this syllabus may constitute “Academic Misconduct.”

The Ohio State University’s *Code of Student Conduct* (Section 3335-23-04) (oaa.osu.edu/coam/home.html) defines academic misconduct as: “Any activity that tends to compromise the academic integrity of the University, or subvert the educational process.” Examples of academic misconduct include (but are not limited to) plagiarism, collusion (unauthorized collaboration), copying the work of another student and possession of unauthorized materials during an examination. Ignorance of the University’s *Code of Student*

Conduct is never considered an “excuse” for academic misconduct, so I recommend that you review the Code of Student Conduct and, specifically, the sections dealing with academic misconduct.

If I suspect that a student has committed academic misconduct in this course, **I am obligated by University Rules to report my suspicions to the COAM.** If COAM determines that you have violated the University's *Code of Student Conduct* (i.e., committed academic misconduct), the sanctions for the misconduct could include a failing grade in this course and suspension or dismissal. If you have any questions about this policy or what constitutes academic misconduct in this course, please contact me.

CLASS PROTOCOLS

This will be a rewarding and engaging class, but before we get started please read the following protocols which hold, without exception, for all enrolled students. These are designed to make your learning experience more enjoyable. I take teaching very seriously, and I would like you to take learning equally so.

- The **use of cell phones, smart phones and other mobile communication devices in class is disruptive to your colleagues' learning.** The use of these devices is prohibited during class. Please **turn off your cell phone ringer** before the class starts, and please refrain from messaging your friends while class is in session. If you use your mobile device in class, or if your cell rings in class, I will take your name, give you a 1st warning, and remind you of the class policy. **If you violate this policy a 2nd time, I will ask you to immediately leave the classroom for the remainder of the lecture period and meet with me in office hours to discuss your disruptive behavior and whether or not you should continue in the class.** There will be no exceptions to this rule.

- If you are using a laptop, tablet or another portable computing device to take notes my expectation is that you are using it for that purpose alone. Using your **portable devices** for other reasons (surfing, email, videos, social media) is a distraction for you and your peers. If I detect that you are using your tablet and/or laptop for non-class related activities, I will take your name, give you a 1st warning, and remind you of the class policy. **If you violate this policy a 2nd time, I will ask you to immediately leave the classroom for the remainder of the lecture period and meet with me in office hours to discuss your disruptive behavior and whether or not you should continue in the class.** There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- I **welcome your active participation during the lectures** in the form of questions regarding the material at hand. It is my responsibility to ensure that students' participation in class is orderly and respectful. **My core expectation is that students will, at all times and without any exceptions, act professionally and courteously in the classroom.** In particular, I am expecting that your engagement with me, and especially with your peers, is not hostile or derisory, and that you respect social difference. If your participation disrupts the class, or is not respectful to me or your peers, I will ask you to leave the classroom for the lecture period and to meet with me immediately afterwards to discuss whether or not you will continue to be enrolled in the class. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- I will post a condensed version of the **lecture slides** for each class at the end of every week. This does not mean that you

are safe to miss class. **I will present examples and details in class that will not appear on the lecture slides.** If you miss a class, it is highly recommended that you get a full set

of notes from one of your colleagues. The exams are designed explicitly for students who attend class regularly.

LECTURE AND READING SCHEDULE

TOPIC	DATE	READINGS
INTRODUCTION TO SYLLABUS	8.23.2017	Bring an electronic and/or print version of the syllabus to class
INTRODUCTION TO KEY CONCEPTS	8.25.2017	N/A
QUANTITATIVE POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY	8.28.2017	Barnes, Trevor. 2015. Desk killers: Walter Christaller, Central Place Theory and the Nazis. In <i>Geographies of Knowledge and Power</i> , edited by Peter Meusburger, Derek Gregory and Laura Suarsana. Rotterdam: Springer Netherlands, pp. 187-201.
CORES, PERIPHERIES, AND THE WORLD SYSTEMS APPROACH TO POWER AND SPACE	8.30.2017	N/A
MARXIST POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY	9.1.2017	N/A
LABOR DAY, NO CLASSES	9.4.2017	N/A
GEOGRAPHIES OF CAPITALIST CRISIS I	9.6.2017	Harvey, David. (1975). The geography of capitalist accumulation: a reconstruction of the Marxian theory. <i>Antipode</i> , Vol. 7(2), pp. 9-21.
GEOGRAPHIES OF CAPITALIST CRISIS II	9.8.2017	
REGULATION THEORY AND POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY	9.11.2017	N/A
UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT	9.13.2017	N/A

GENTRIFICATION I	9.15.2017	Smith, Neil. (1982). Gentrification and uneven development. <i>Economic Geography</i> . Vol. 58(2), pp. 139-155.
GENTRIFICATION II	9.18.2017	
PLACE AND LOCALITIES STUDIES	9.20.2017	Massey, Doreen. (1991). The political place of locality studies. <i>Environment and Planning A</i> , Vol. 23(2), pp. 267-281.
MAQUILADORA EXPORT ZONES	9.22.2017	Wright, Melissa. (2004). From protests to politics: sex work, women's worth, and Ciudad Juárez modernity. <i>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</i> , Vol. 94(2), pp. 369-386.
POSTSTRUCTURAL POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY – ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN FORM	9.25.2017	Gibson-Graham, Julie Katherine. (2003). An ethics of the local. <i>Rethinking Marxism</i> , Vol. 15(1), pp. 49-74.
POSTSTRUCTURAL POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY – DEBATES ABOUT KNOWLEDGE	9.27.2017	
SPACE	9.29.2017	N/A
POWER	10.2.2017	N/A
TERRITORY AND TERRITORIALITY	10.4.2017	N/A
TOPOGRAPHY VS TOPOLOGY	10.6.2017	Make a Mobius strip and bring it to class (http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Mobius-Strip)
MIDTERM EXAM	10.9.2017	In class, regular time and regular location
POWER 2.0: EFFECT	10.11.2017	Marston, Sallie. (2004). Space, culture, and uneven developments in political geography. <i>Political Geography</i> , Vol. 23(1), pp. 1-16.
AUTUMN BREAK	10.13.2017	NO CLASS
POWER 2.0: AFFECT	10.16.2017	Woodward, Keith & Bruzzone, Mario. (2015). Touching like a state. <i>Antipode</i> , Vol. 47(2), pp. 539-556.

POWER 2.0: OBJECT ONTOLOGY, POSTHUMANISM	10.18.2017	Sundberg, Juanita. (2011.) Diabolic Caminos in the desert and cat fights on the Río: A posthumanist political ecology of boundary enforcement in the United States–Mexico Borderlands. <i>Annals of the Association of American Geographers</i> , Vol. 101(2), pp. 318-336.
STATES AND STATE POWER	10.20.2017	N/A
COLONIALISM, SETTLER COLONIALISM	10.23.2017	D'Arcus, Bruce. (2003). Contested boundaries: native sovereignty and state power at Wounded Knee, 1973. <i>Political Geography</i> , Vol. 22(4), pp. 415-437.
NATIONS AND NATIONALISM	10.25.2017	
ELECTORAL GEOGRAPHY, REDISTRICTING AND RACE	10.27.2017	N/A
RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION	10.30.2017	See maps @ http://projects.propublica.org/graphics/city-maps and http://www.wired.com/2013/08/how-segregated-is-your-city-this-eye-opening-map-shows-you/
HOUSING AND CRISIS	11.1.2017	N/A
POLICE POWER AND BROKEN WINDOWS	11.3.2017	Mitchell, Katharyne. (2010). Ungoverned space: global security and the geopolitics of broken windows. <i>Political Geography</i> , Vol. 29(2), pp. 289-297.
INCARCERATION	11.6.2017	Gilmore, Ruthie. (1999.) Globalization and U.S. prison growth: from military Keynesianism to post-Keynesian militarism. <i>Race & Class</i> , Vol. 40(1), pp. 171-188.
DEPORTATION AND DETENTION	11.8.2017	N/A
VETERAN'S DAY	11.10.2017	NO CLASS
U.S.-MEXICO BORDER	11.13.2017	Madsen, Kenneth. (2011). Barriers of the U.S.-Mexico border as landscapes of domestic political compromise. <i>Cultural Geographies</i> , Vol. 18 (4), pp. 547-556.
SCALE	11.15.2017	N/A
POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES OF FORDISM	11.17.2017	Watch <i>Modern Times</i> starring Charlie Chaplin, @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLHVT0-GgM

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHIES OF POST-FORDISM	11.20.2017	N/A
THANKSGIVING	11.22.2017	NO CLASS
THANKSGIVING	11.24.2017	NO CLASS
SCALE AND SOCIAL REPRODUCTION	11.27.2017	Mitchell, Katharyne et al. (2003). Life's work: an introduction, review and critique. <i>Antipode</i> , Vol. 35(4), pp. 415-442.
FLAT ONTOLOGY DEBATE	11.29.2017	Marston, Sallie et al. (2005). Human geography without scale. <i>Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers</i> , Vol. 30 (4), pp.416-432.
CLASSICAL AND CRITICAL GEOPOLITICS	12.1.2017	N/A
FEMINIST GEOPOLITICS	12.4.2017	Hyndman, Jennifer. (2010). The question of 'the political' in critical geopolitics: Querying the 'child soldier' in the 'war on terror'. <i>Political Geography</i> , Vol. 29(2), pp. 247-255.
REVIEW CLASS	12.6.2017	N/A
FINAL EXAM 10:00AM-11:45AM IN CLASSROOM	12.14.2017	http://registrar.osu.edu/scheduling/SchedulingContent/AU17Finals.pdf