

## Geography 6960 Seminar in Theoretical Economic Geography

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**Course Description:** This course focuses on economic geography and urban/regional development theories, including economic geography perspectives, globalization, institutions, regional development, global cities, urban development, and planning.

### Require Contexts:

1. Clark, G. et al. 2000. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Available at the Bookstore.
2. Readings: Available from the Instructor.

### References:

Sheppard, E. and T.J. Barnes. 2000. *A Companion to Economic Geography*. Blackwell. On Reserve.

**Course Evaluation:** Your grade will be based on attendance, assignments (reading reflections, a mid-term literature review or research proposal) and the final project. Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date and are expected on time. Your final grade will be computed as follows: (1) Participation: 25%, (2) Assignments: 35%, (3) Final Project: 40%. This class uses letter grads.

### Course Outline & Readings:

#### Week 1/January 12

#### Introduction to the Course: On Economic Geography

1. Clark, G. et al. Economic geography. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 3-17.
2. Scott, A. Economic geography. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 18-44.
3. Krugman. Where in the world is the "New Economic Geography"? *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 49-60.

#### Week 2/January 19

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No Class

#### Week 3 /January 26

#### Perspectives and Approaches in Economic Geography

1. Plummer, P. The modeling tradition. *Companion to Economic Geography*, pp. 27-40.
2. Swyngedouw, E. The Marxian alternative. *Companion to Economic Geography*, pp. 41-59.
3. Thrift, N. & K. Olds. 1996. Reconfiguring the economic in economic geography. *Progress in Human Geography* 20 (3): 311-337.
4. Markusen, A. 1999. Fuzzy concepts, scanty evidence, policy distance. *Regional Studies* 33(9): 869-884.
5. Clark, G.L. 1998. Stylized facts and close dialogue: Methodology in economic geography. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 88(1): 73-87.
6. Yeung, HWC. 2003. Practicing new economic geographies. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 93(2): 442-462.
7. Duranton, G. & A. Rodriguez-Pose. When economists and geographers collide. *Environment and Planning A* 37: 1695-1705.

**Week 4/February 2                      Institutions, States and Economic Geography**

1. Storper, M. The resurgence of regional economies. *European Urban and Regional Studies* 2: 191-221.
2. Martin, R. Institutional approaches in economic geography. *Companion to Economic Geography*, pp. 77-94.
3. Amin, A. An institutional perspective on regional economic development. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 23: 365-78.
4. Samuels, W.J. 1995. The present state of institutional economics. *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 19: 569-90.
5. Scott, A. and M. Storper. 2003. Regions, globalization, development. *Regional Studies* 37(6/7): 579-593.
6. Lundvall, B. and P. Maskell. Nation states and economic development. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 353-72.
7. Yeung, H.W.C. and G.C.S. Lin. 2003. Theorizing economic geographies of Asia. *Economic Geography* 79(2): 107-128.

**Week 5/February 9                      Economic Geographies of Globalization**

1. Dicken, P. 2004. Geographers and 'globalization': (yet) another missed boat? *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 29 (1): 5-26.
2. Dicken, P. Places and flows. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 275-91
3. Shatz, H.J. The geography of international investment. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 125-45.
4. Schoenberger, E. 1988. Multinational corporations and the new international division of labor. *International Regional Science Review* 11(2): 105-19.
5. Storper, M. Globalization, localization, and trade. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 146-65.
6. Poon, J.P.H. and E.R. Thompson. 2003. Developmental and quiescent subsidiaries in the Asia Pacific. *Economic Geography* 79(2): 19-214.
7. Yang, C. 2007. Divergent hybrid capitalisms in China: Hong Kong and Taiwanese electronics clusters in Dongguan. *Economic Geography*. 83(4): 395-420.

**Week 6/February 16                      Presidents' Day Holiday: No Class**

**Week 7/February 23                      Regional Development, Growth, and Inequality**

1. Simon, D. 1990. The question of regions. In D. Simon (ed.) *Third World Regional Development*, 3-23. London: Paul Chapman.
2. Sunley, P. Urban and regional growth. *Companion to Economic Geography*, pp. 187-201.
3. Coe NM, Hess M, Yeung HWC, et al. 2004. 'Globalizing' regional development. *Transactions of the Institutes of British Geographers* 29(4): 468-484.
4. Lipshitz, G. 1992. Divergence versus Convergence in Regional Development. *Journal of Planning Literature* 7(2): 123-138.
5. Fan, C.C.. 1995. Of Belts and Ladders: State Policy and Uneven Regional Development in Post-Mao China. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 85(3): 421-449.
6. Wei, Y.H.D. 1999. Regional Inequality in China. *Progress in Human Geography* 23(1): 48-58.
7. Wei, Y.H.D. and C.C. Fan. 2000. Regional Inequality in China: A Case Study of Jiangsu Province.

*Professional Geographer* 52: 455–469.

**Week 8/March 2                      Agglomeration, Network, and Industrial Districts**

1. Asheim, B.T. Industrial districts. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 413-31.
2. Amin, A. and N. Thrift. 1992. Neo-Marshallian nodes in global networks. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 16(4): 571-587.
3. Markusen, A. 1996. Sticky places in slippery space. *Economic Geography* 72(3): 293-313.
4. Whitford, J. 2001. The decline of a model? *Economy and Society* 30: 38-65.
5. Hadjimichalis, C. 2006. The end of Third Italy as we knew it? *Antipode* 38: 82-106.
6. Dunford, M. 2006. Industrial districts, magic circles, and the restructuring of the Italian textiles and clothing chain. *Economic Geography* 82:27-59.
7. Wei, Y.H.D., W.M. Li, and C.B. Wang. 2007. Restructuring industrial districts, scaling up regional development: A study of the Wenzhou model, China. *Economic Geography* 83(4): 421–444.

**Week 9/March 9                      New Economic Geography and Geographical Economics**

1. Glaeser, E.L. The new economics of urban and regional growth. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 83-98.
2. Hanson, G.H. Firms, workers, and the geographic concentration of economic activity. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 477-95.
3. Barro, R.J. and X. Sala-i-Martin. 1991. Convergence across states and regions. *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* 1: 107-82.
4. Mellinger, A.D. Climate, coastal proximity, and development. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 169-94.
5. Porter, M.E. Locations, clusters, and company strategy. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 253-74.
6. Martin, R. and P. Sunley. 1998. Slow convergence? The new endogenous growth theory and regional development. *Economic Geography* 74(3): 201-227.
7. He, C.F., Y.H.D. Wei and X.Z. Xie. 2008. Globalization, Institutional Change, and Industrial Location. *Regional Studies* 42(7): 923-945.

**Week 10/March 16                      Spring Break – No Class**

**Week 11/March 23                      Innovation, Creativity and Technology (AAG)**

1. R. Sternberg. 1996. Regional growth theories and high-tech regions. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 20(3): 518-38.
2. Feldman, M.P. Location and innovation. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 373-95.
3. Gertler, M. 2001. Best practices? *Journal of Economic Geography* 1(1): 5-2
4. Bathelt, H., A. Malmberg, and P. Maskell. 2004. Clusters and knowledge: local buzz, global pipelines and the process of knowledge creation. *Progress in Human Geography* 28(1): 31-56.

**Week 12/March 30                      Globalization, Cities, and Regions**

1. Friedmann, J. (1986). The world city hypothesis. *Development and Change* 17, 69-83.
2. Sassen, S. 2002. Locating cities on global circuits. *Environment and Urbanization* 14(1): 13-30.

3. Beaverstock, J.V., R.G. Smith, P.J. Taylor. 2000. World-City Network: A New Metageography? *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 90(1): 123-134.
4. Alderson, Arthur S. and Jason Beckfield. 2004. Power and Position in the World City System. *American Journal of Sociology* 109:811-851.
5. Hill, R.C. & Kim, J. (2000). Global cities and developmental states: New York, Tokyo, and Seoul. *Urban Studies* 37(12): 2167-2195.
6. Olds K, Yeung HWC. 2004. Pathways to global city formation. *Review of International Political Economy* 11(3): 489-521.
7. Yusuf, S. & Wu, W. (2002). Pathways to a world city: Shanghai rising in an era of globalisation. *Urban Studies* 39(7), 1213-1240.

**Week 13/April 6                      Urban Development and Governance**

1. Glasmeier, A.K. Economic geography in practice. *The Oxford Handbook of Economic Geography*, pp. 559-579.
2. Storper, M. and M. Manville. 2006. Behaviour, preferences and pitieis. *Urban Studies* 43(8): 1247–1274.
2. Grant, R. and J. Nijman. 2002. Globalization and the corporate geography of cities in the less-developed world. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 92: 320-40.
3. G.K. Ingram. 1998. Patterns of metropolitan development. *Urban Studies* 35(7): 1019-35.
4. Bovaird, T. 1993. Analysing urban economic development. *Urban Studies* 30(4/5): 631-58.
5. Short, J. 2007. Megalopolis 50 Years on. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 31(2): 344–67.
7. Lin, G.C.S. and Y.H.D. Wei. 2002. China's restless urban landscapes 1: new challenges for theoretical reconstruction. *Environment and Planning A* 34(9): 1535-1544.

**Week 14/April 13                      Urban Spaces**

1. Jessop B and N.L. Sum. 2000. An entrepreneurial city in action: Hong Kong's emerging strategies in and for (Inter) urban competition. *Urban Studies* 37(12): 2287-2313.
2. Markusen, Ann. 2006. Urban Development and the Politics of a Creative Class: Evidence from the Study of Artists. *Environment and Planning A* 38(10): 1921-1940.
3. Clark, W.A.V. 2008. Geography, space, and science: Perspectives from studies of migration and geographical sorting. *Geographical Analysis* 40(3) 258-275.
4. Yu, D.L. Y.H.D. Wei, and C.S. Wu. 2007. Modeling Spatial Dimensions of Housing Prices in Milwaukee: GIS Based Approaches. *Environment and Planning B* 34(6): 1085-1102.
5. Luo, J. and Y.H.D. Wei. Modeling Spatial Variations of Urban Growth in Nanjing, China. *Landscape and Urban Planning* (In Press).
6. Wei, Y.H.D. 2005. Planning Chinese cities: The limits of transitional institutions. *Urban Geography* 26(3): 200-221.

**Week 15/April 20                      Student Presentation and Conclusion**

**April 23                                      Classes end**

**Final Project Due:                      April 28 6pm**

**Class Expectations:** Students are expected to be in class on time and prepare for class in advance. Students should adhere to the University of Utah's Student Code of conduct.

**Academic Policies:** All students are expected to maintain professional behavior in the classroom setting, according to the Student Code, spelled out in the Student Handbook. Students have specific rights in the classroom as detailed in Article III of the Code. Please also consult the University of Utah's Accommodations Policy.

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