Geography 6960 Seminar in Theoretical Economic Geography

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Class: Monday 2 pm-5 pm, Spring 2009 (OSH215)  
Office Hours: Monday 9 am-11 am & by appointment

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:
2. Readings: Available from the Instructor.

References:

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

Week 2/January 19  Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday: No Class

Week 3/January 26  Perspectives and Approaches in Economic Geography
Week 4/February 2  Institutions, States and Economic Geography

Week 5/February 9  Economic Geographies of Globalization

Week 6/February 16  Presidents’ Day Holiday: No Class

Week 7/February 23  Regional Development, Growth, and Inequality
**Professional Geographer** 52: 455–469.

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

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

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

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

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

Week 13/April 6

Week 14/April 13

Week 15/April 20

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.

ADA Accommodations: The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.