

PLACE, POLITICS, AND CULTURE

GRG 396T, Spring 2005
Thursdays 3:30-6:30 PM, GRG 408
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This graduate seminar examines the ways in which places become imbued with meaning and how such meanings vary among groups in ways that reflect different types and degrees of social power. Examples are primarily drawn from geopolitics and landscape studies. The course also considers the transformation of the meaning of place due to globalization and technological development. Students will be expected to read books and articles on schedule, to actively participate and occasionally direct class discussions, and to write a term paper.

GENERAL ORGANIZATION:

- Part 1: place & space, territory & mobility, personal identity
- Part 2: geopolitics and critical geopolitics
- Part 3: globalization, technology and the transformation of place

TEXTS:

- Adams, Paul, Steven Hoelscher and Karen Till, ed. 2001. *Textures of Place*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. [AHT]
- Agnew, John and Jonathan M. Smith, ed. 2002. *American Space/American Place*. London and New York: Routledge. [AS]
- Dijkink, Gertjan. 1996. *National Identity and Geopolitical Visions: Maps of Pride and Pain*. London and New York: Routledge. [Dij]
- Dodds, Klaus and David Atkinson. 2000. *Geopolitical Traditions: A Century of Geopolitical Thought*. London and New York: Routledge. [DA]
- Graham, Stephen, ed. 2004. *The Cybercities Reader*. London and New York: Routledge. [Gra]
- McDowell, Linda. 1999. *Gender, Identity and Place: Understanding Feminist Geographies*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. [McD]

CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>
Jan. 20	Introduction to course & professor	
Jan. 27	place & space I: aesthetic issues	AHT: 3-92
Feb. 3	place & space II: America	AS: 1-183
Feb. 10	place & space III: America	AS: 187-331
Feb. 17	place & space IV: place & morality	AHT: 257-316
Feb. 24	territory, mobility and personal identity	AHT: 340-354 AHT: 167-206
Mar. 3	gender, identity and place	McD: all
Mar. 10	geopolitics	DA: 1-235
Mar. 24	critical geopolitics I	DA: 268-387
Mar. 31	critical geopolitics II	Dij: all
Apr. 7	* To Be Announced *	
Apr. 14	globalization	Gra: 3-110
Apr. 21	technology & place I	Gra: 111-281
Apr. 28	technology & place II	Gra: 285-426
May 5	Student Presentations	

GRADING:

In-class presentation	50 points
Research paper proposal	50 points
<u>Research paper</u>	<u>100 points</u>
TOTAL	200 points

Final letter grades will be based on A, $\geq 90\%$ of possible points; B, 80-89.9%; C, 70-79.9%; etc.