

University of Illinois
Department of Geography

GEOG 104 Social and Cultural Geography

Fall 2016

Lecture:
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Required Texts: All Readings Posted On Compass Course Site

Course Description: This course introduces the scope and aims of human geography. What influences the location of human activity on the earth's surface? How are environmental resources used and abused? Topics to be discussed include the geography of population, cultural regions and landscapes, the spread of innovations, the geography of economic activity, environmental perception and preference, urbanization, and the political organization of space.

Grading:	Exam 1	20 percent
	Exam 2	20 percent
	Paper	20 percent
	Discussion Section	20 percent
	Final Exam	20 percent

Week Course Outline

- I. & II. Themes and Fundamentals of Human Geography
- III. Roots and Meaning of Culture (Reading: Wilson and Keil article)
- IV. The Death of Public Space (Reading: Mitchell I article)
- V. Population (Reading: Heilbroner article)
- Exam 1 – Thursday, September 22**
- VI. Language and Religion (Reading: Tuan article)
- VII. & VIII. Race and Ethnicity (Film: Race: the Power of An Illusion) (Reading: Mitchell II article)

- IX. Political Organization (Film: Race: the Power of an Illusion)
- X. Political Organization (Reading: Heilbroner and Thurow article)

Exam 2 – Thursday, October 27

- XI. The Evolving City (Film: My Brooklyn) (Reading: Cope article)
- XII. Inside the City
- XIII. Contemporary Issue 1: Loss of Agricultural Land (Reading: Nelson article)
- XIV. Contemporary Issue 2: Regimes of Policing in America (TBA)