Description
This reading-intensive module explores Marxian analyses of relations between capital and space. We will investigate how scholars use Marx to explain processes of colonization, urbanization, uneven development, and globalization. We also engage with texts using Marxian concepts to critically examine ethnoracialized spaces including slave plantations, colonial settlements, detention centers, prisons, sweatshops, ghettoized neighborhoods, and borderlands; and gendered spaces including the domestic sphere, workplaces, prisons, sex markets, and spaces of care work. The goal of the class is to familiarize students with key concepts, debates, and texts in the subfields of Marxian and neo-Marxian geography.

Course Objectives
Course objectives are threefold. Upon successfully completing this module, students will be able to:

- Express basic competence in the fundamentals of Marxian political economy, social thought, and geography in discussion and writing (with a particular emphasis on space).
- Utilize Marxian theoretical tools to critically analyze empirical cases related to broader research interests.
- Utilize Marxian theoretical tools to critically analyze empirical cases related to current events.

Attendance/participation
Attendance is crucial for your learning experience. This module is designed to be interactive, and class discussions are vital for developing our ideas. Students are expected to attend each session having read the assigned material. As a reading-intensive module, students are also expected to bring hard copies of the readings to each session.

You will be allowed 2 absences. Thereafter, each unexcused absence will result in the deduction of 5 percent of your final grade. Use of personal electronics is prohibited.

If you have a legitimate reason for missing class you may contact me beforehand to avoid penalization. In the case of emergencies, you may present explanations and/or verification (i.e. a doctor’s note) afterwards to avoid penalization. Absences cannot be cleared after the semester ends.

Papers
Paper 1 The first paper is a 5 page synopsis in which students detail the basic themes of their research, how Marxian concepts of space might enhance this research, and which class readings might seem most pertinent to their project. (30 percent of grade)
Paper 2 The second paper consists of a 7-10 page paper that critically engages with themes from the course. In specific, students are expected to draw directly from the main and supplementary readings, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of each theme s/he selects. The main objective of the paper is to provide concise, clear analyses. (30 percent of grade)

Discussion leader
Students will be responsible for leading class discussion twice during the semester. Discussion will be semi-structured; students are only required to bring printed copies of 3-5 in-depth questions that address specific concepts and/themes in the readings to class. Students will be graded on the quality of questions, i.e., that the questions illustrate close readings of the text. (10 percent each)

Grading structure
Presentations 10% x 2
Paper 1 30%
Paper 2 30%
Attendance 10%
Participation 10%

100 - 93% A
92-90% A-
89-86% B+
85-83% B
82-80% B-
79-76% C+
75-73% C
72-70% C-
69-66% D+
66-63% D
62-60% D-

*There is no extra credit. However, I will, according to my discretion, award up to 5pts based on exceptional attendance and class participation. Your final grade will be on a scale. I will not be curving the grades.

Plagiarism
Plagiarism is using others’ writing and/or ideas without providing a proper citation. Each student is responsible for being aware of what constitutes cheating and plagiarism and for avoiding both. If a student is uncertain of what constitutes plagiarism, s/he may contact the instructor for clarification. Students caught plagiarizing will fail the assignment. Repeat offenders will automatically fail the course.

Materials

All other course materials will be available in electronic form on Compass, and a course packet will be available at Notes-N-Quotes
WEEK 1
January 17
Introduction to course

WEEK 2
January 24
Division of labor
   > Feuerbach, pp. 36-102.
   > Ch. 13, Co-operation, pp. 439-454
   > Ch. 14, The Division of Labour and Manufacture, pp. 455-491

*Supplementary*


WEEK 3
January 31
Division of labor
> Ch. 15, Machinery and Large-Scale Industry, pp. 492-642

WEEK 4
February 7
Marxian social space


   > Ch. 1, Plan of the Book, pp. 1-67
   > Ch. 2, Social Space, pp. 68-168

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WEEK 5
February 14
Uneven development
> Ch. 4, Toward a Theory of Uneven Development I: The Dialectic of Geographical Differentiation and Equalization, pp. 132-175
> Ch. 5, Toward a Theory of Uneven Development II: Spatial Scale and the Seesaw of Capital, 175-206


Supplementary

WEEK 6
February 21
Marxian spacetime

> Ch. 4, The Nation


Supplementary
> Part III, The experience of space and time, pp. 201-326


WEEK 7
February 28
Primitive accumulation
GEOG 595 - Spaces of Marxism  
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> Part 8, So-Called Primitive Accumulation, pp. 873-942


Supplementary


WEEK 8  
March 7  
Colonization

> Ch. 1, Concerning Violence, pp. 35-106

> Ch. 2, Two Histories of Capital, pp. 47-71


Supplementary


WEEK 9  
March 14  
Captive labor
> Ch. 1, Racial Capitalism, pp. 9-37  
> Ch. 3, Theory and nationalism, pp. 60-92  
> Ch. 4, The Process and Consequences of Africa’s Transmutation, pp. 95-144  
> Ch. 5, The Atlantic Slave Trade and African Labor, pp. 145-172

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> Ch. 1, The black worker, pp. 3-16
> Ch. 2, The white worker, pp. 17-31
> Ch. 3, The Planter, pp. 32-54
> Ch. 9, The Price of disaster, pp. 325-380
> Ch. 13, Border and frontier, pp. 526-579
> Ch. 16, Back toward slavery, pp. 670-710

Supplementary


WEEK 10  
March 21
No Class

WEEK 11  
March 28
Urbanization

   > Ch. 2, The Great Towns, pp. 68-110

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   > Ch. 1, Social processes and spatial form, pp. 22-49
   > Ch. 2, Social processes and spatial form cont’d, pp. 50-95
   > Ch. 5, Use value, exchange value and the theory of land use, pp. 153-194
   > Ch. 6, Urbanism and the city, pp. 195-275

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WEEK 12
April 4
Urbanization
   - Ch. 1, From the City to Urban Society, pp. 1-22
   - Ch. 3, The urban phenomenon, pp. 45-77
   - Ch. 6, The urban form, pp. 115-135
   - Ch. 7, Toward an urban strategy, pp. 135-151
   - Ch. 9, Urban society, pp. 165-180

   - Part 1, The historical process of urbanization, pp. 1-72
   - Part 3, The urban structure, pp. 113-242

WEEK 13
April 11
Feminized accumulation
   - Part I, Theorizing and Politicizing Housework, pp. 15-65

   - Part III, Space, Place and Gender, pp. 175-248

WEEK 14
April 18
Feminized accumulation


WEEK 15
April 25
Globalization
   - Part I, Bourgeois and Proletarians
   - Part II, Proletarians and Communists

**Supplementary**
> Ch. 3, The State Spatial Process under Capitalism: Framework for Analysis, pp. 69-113
> Ch. 4, Urban Governance and the Nationalization of State Space: Political Geographies of Spatial Keynesianism, pp. 114-171
> Ch. 5, Interlocality Competition as a State Project: Urban Locational Policy and the Rescaling of State Space, pp. 172-256


> Intro, Urban theory without an outside, pp.14-30
> Ch. 11, Planetary urbanization, pp. 160-163
> Ch. Theses on urbanization, pp. 181-202

**WEEK 16**
May 2
**Imperialism**
1. **Film: Karl Marx and Marxism**

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