

Global Contemporary Social Issues – Cambodia

Study of major social issues facing human groups in modern society such as deviance, inequality, war and population. Emphasis placed on global social issues that arise as a result of institutional fluctuations in economy, family, government and war, religion and environment. Major trends specific to Southeast Asia and Cambodia are examined in relationship to contemporary socio - historical – cultural developments.

Reflective Response: You will be answering weekly reflective questions designed to help you guide your reading make the connections to your writing. You may answer some or all of the questions and I encourage you to write about other points and ideas as you develop a sociological perspective and imagination in your reflective analyses.

Extra Credit Opportunities:

Visit The National Cambodian Heritage Museum & Killing Fields Memorial, located at 2831 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago. (<https://www.cambodianmuseum.org/>)

For up to 50 points extra credit, write a brief essay (3-5 pages, with a selfie) about the following:

1. Describe how you felt going through the Cambodian Museum from start to finish. What did you feel in the opening section? The final section?
2. Analyze your experience based on four of the issues listed in the syllabus.
3. Discuss the similarities and differences you see between the social issues that shaped the country between 1975 and 1979 and the social issues that shape Cambodia today.

Film Analysis

For up to 20 points, write a 4-5 page analysis of any of the films we view in class or a film you find of interest in the Documentation Center of Cambodia. (www.dccam.org).

1. Analyze the film in terms of concepts and issues presented in the assigned readings. Use two specific course readings to empirically contextualize the film and use one of the perspectives we discussed during the first two weeks of the course.

Schedule of Topics and Readings

Weeks 1 & 2

Sociological Approaches to Social Issues

C. Wright Mills Sociological Imagination

Guiding Questions:

- What is the difference between Functional and Social Conflict theories when thinking about social issues?
- What is the cause of social issues? Is it the individual who is said to be responsible for social issues, or is societal change to blame?

Week 3

Cambodia – Geography and History

Chhang, Youk, Producer and Doug Kass, Director. 2007. *Behind the Walls of S-21: Oral Histories from Tuol Sleng Prison*. 30 minutes.

www.dccam.org/Archives/Films/Films.htm.

Chhang, Youk, Producer and Kalyanee Mam, Director. 2012. *A River Changes Course*. 01:23. <http://www.ariverchangescourse.com>.

Ledgerwood, Judy. *Cambodia Since 1975 – Democratic Kampuchea*. Northern Illinois University. Retrieved March 29, 2017.

(<http://www.seasite.niu.edu/khmer/Ledgerwood/Part2.htm>).

Weeks 4 & 5

Cambodia Socio-Culture Since 1975

Ebihara, May M., Carol A. Mortland and Judy Ledgerwood, editors. 1994. *Cambodian Culture Since 1975: Homeland and Exile*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0-8014-8173-2.

Chhang, Youk. *Photo Exhibition – UNTAC: War, Landmine, Genocide*. Full of Hope with UNTAC Documentation Center of Cambodia.

www.dccam.com

Weeks 6 & 7

Government and Economy

- Current government elections, protesting and resistance
- Women in nation building
- Economic situation in Phnom Penh, garment factories

2015. Asian Development Bank. *Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment in Cambodia*. Manila, Philippines. ISBN: 978-92-9254-887-2.

Derks, Annuska. 2008. *Khmer Women on the Move. Exploring Work and Life in Urban Cambodia*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. ISBN: 978-0-8248-3270-4.

Naron, Hang Chuon. 2012. *Cambodian Economy, Charting the Course of a Brighter Future, A Survey of Progress, Problems and Prospects*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. ISBN: 978-981-4311-60-1.

Brickell, Katherine. 2014. "The Whole World is Watching": Intimate Geopolitics of Forced Eviction and Women's Activism in Cambodia." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 104(6):1256-1272.

Schneider, Alison Elizabeth. 2011. "What Shall We Do Without Our Land? Land Grabs and Resistance in Rural Cambodia." Presented at the International Conference on Global Land Grabbing, April 6-8, University of Sussex. Retrieved March 24, 2017 (https://www.iss.nl/fileadmin/ASSETS/iss/Cocuments/Conference_papers/LDPI/49_Allison_Schneider.pdf).

Weeks 8 & 9

Education

Current Status – Issues created
Importance of educating women
Recreating Khmer intelligentsia

Bray, Mark. 2007. "The Shadow Education System: Private Tutoring and Its Implications for Planners." 2nd edition. UNESCO: *International Institute for Educational Planning*. ISBN: 978-92-803-1305-5.

Ayres, David M. November 2000. "Tradition, Modernity, and the Development of Education in Cambodia." *Competitive Education Review*. 44(4) November 2000: 440-463.

Rollier, Samuel. 2015. *School of Life – A Documentary in Cambodia*. February. Retrieved March 23, 2017.

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWIJmVNH8kl>).

Week 10

Family and Gender

Current Status – Issues

Brickell, Catherine. 2014. "Plates in a Basket Will Rattle: Marriage Dissolution and Home 'Unmaking' in Contemporary Cambodia." *GeoForum* January 2014 51:202-272.

Nishigaya, Kasumi. October 2002. "Female Garment Factory Workers in Cambodia: Migration, Sex Work and HIV AIDS." *Women and Health*. 35(4):27-42.

Movie: Red Wedding. 2012. Producer Rithy Panh. YouTube Trailer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z792RyxezVE>).

Week 11

Religion

Current Status – Issues

Buddhism and purpose

Marsten, John and Elizabeth Guthrie, editors. 2004. *History of Buddhism, and New Religious Movements in Cambodia*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press. ISBN: 0-8248-2868-2.

Ledgerwood, Judy. 2009. "Buddhist Practice in Rural Kandal Province, 1960 and 2003. An Essay in Honor of Mary M. Ebihara." Pp. 147-168 in *People of Virtue: Reconfiguring Religion, Power and Moral Order in Cambodia*, edited by A. Kent and D. Chandler. Copenhagen: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies. ISBN: 978-87-7694-037-9.

Zucker, Eve. 2009. "The Absence of Elders: Chaos and Moral Order in the Aftermath of the Khmer Rouge." Pp. 195-212 in *People of Virtue: Reconfiguring Religion, Power and Moral Order in Cambodia*, edited by A. Kent and D. Chandler. Copenhagen: Nordic Institute of Asian Studies. ISBN: 978-87-7694-037-9.

Week 12

Life in Phnom Penh / Life in the Countryside

Current Status – Issues

The White Building

Field, Nigel P. and Sotheara Chhim. 2008. "Desire for Revenge and Attitudes Toward the Khmer Rouge Tribunals among Cambodians." *Journal of Loss and Trauma from International Perspectives on Stress and Coping*. 13(4):352-372.

Singer, Guy. 2015. *The White Building: A Broken Utopia*. ISBN: 13-978-1522897033.

Chandler, David. 2008. "Coming to Cambodia." Pp. 21-27 in *At the Edge of the Forest*, edited by A. Hansen and J. Ledgerwood. Ithaca: Southeast Asia Program Publications. ISBN: 978-0-87727-746-0.

Chen, Dene-Hern. 2016. A Booming City with a Brutal History. BBC.COM Capital Story. Retrieved March 25, 2017.

www.bbc.com/capital/story/20161010-a-booming-city-with-a-brutal-history).

Week 13

Angkor Wat and UNESCO Sites

Current Status – Issues

How past aligns itself with tourism and preservation

DiGiovine, Michael A. 2010. "World Heritage Tourism: UNESCO's Vehicle for Peace?" *Anthropology News*. 51(8):8-9.

Chhang, Youk and Ouch Makara. 2015. *What If the Stones Could Speak*. Document Center of Cambodia.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jK3Mmm4Wns>.

Vlasic, Mark V. and Tess Davis. 2012. *Should Cambodia Blood Antiquities' Be Returned?* CNN.COM June. Retrieved March 20, 2017.

(http://traffickingculture.org/app/uploads/2013/01/Should-Cambodian-blood-antiquities-be-returned_-CNN.pdf).

Week 14

Health and Demographics

Current Status – Health Policy

Jacob, Bart and Neil Price. 2003. "Community Participation in Externally Funded Health Projects: Lessons from Cambodia." *Health, Policy and Planning* 18(4):399-410.

Gartell, Alexandria. January 2009. "A Frog in a Well": The Exclusion of Disabled People from Work in Cambodia." *Disability and Society*. 25(3):289-301.

Week 15

Environment

Current Status
 Population
 Land Mines

Guimbert, Stephanie. April 2008. *Cambodia 1998-2008: An Episode of Rapid Growth*. World Bank Policy Research. Working Paper No. 5271. The World Bank.
<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/docsearch/document-type/620265>.

Humanitarian Disarmament in Cambodia – Norwegian People’s Aid (www.npaid.org/our-work/Countries-we-work-in/Asia/Cambodia/Humanitarian-Disarmament-in-Cambodia). Retrieved March 27, 2017.

Steensen, Nikolai Jul. 2014. “Norwegian People’s Aid, A study of the Mine Division from 1992-2002.” Master Thesis, Department of Archeology, Conservation and History, University of Oslo.
<https://www.duo.uio.no/bitstream/handle/10852/42488/steensen-NPA-Master.pdf?sequence=1>).

Week 16

Movements and Future of Cambodia

Current Status – Issues

Cambodia Tribunal Monitor. <https://www.cambodiatribunal.org>.
 Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.
<https://www.youtube.com/user/krtribunal>. <http://www.exxx.gov.kh>.

Chhang, Youk. November 2007. “Why the Khmer Rouge Tribunal Matters to the Cambodian Community: Justice for the Future, Not the Victims.” Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-CAM).
http://olfepcc.net.solhost.com/images/Cambodia_3_NOV_07_Why_the_Khmer_Rouge_Tribunal_Matters.pdf.

UNICEF Cambodia. 2015. Investing in Education: Investing in the Future of Cambodia. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxrboasjXk>.

Textbook & Readings

2015. Asian Development Bank. *Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment in Cambodia*. Manila, Philippines. ISBN: 978-92-9254-887-2.
- Ayres, David M. November 2000. "Tradition, Modernity, and the Development of Education in Cambodia." *Competitive Education Review*. 44(4) November 2000: 440-463.
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