

The Anthropology of Development: 220, Spring 1996

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A seminar treating the contributions of anthropological and archaeological understanding to development programs in "underdeveloped" and developing societies. Our particular focus will be on case studies treating of development in food production, in nutrition and in health care delivery. Topics to be considered: different perspectives on development within the world system; appraising the changing measures and indicators of development and underdevelopment; the role of the main development agencies, public and private, and their use of anthropological knowledge; the problems of ethnographic field inquiry in the context of development programs; the cultural construction of "well being", comparative deprivation and perceived underdevelopment; the social organization and politics of underdevelopment; the pull and push of world market mechanisms, consumerism, commodity fetishism and local resistance or acquiescence; future scenarios of "development."

Responsibilities:

Three papers are assigned for this course: two short papers of **no more** than five pages and a long research paper or case study of **no more** than 20 pages. The due date on the short papers will be given in class. The first paper will be a critical comparison of the first two of the three books to be purchased: James Ferguson's The Anti Politics Machine - 1994 (1990) and Robert Neffing's Smallholders, Householders, Farm Families and the Ecology of Intensive Sustainable Agriculture 1993. The second paper will be a critical review of the Chiapas rebellion as treated in the book Basta! by George Collier with Eliz. Lowery Quaratiello (Oakland CA: Food First Books). The final paper will be a research paper examining the problematics of a particular case of development and will be due Monday June 3rd. Corollary readings for each section of the course are listed in a supplementary bibliography, as are the major sources on development indicators and development statistics. This supplementary bibliography should prove useful for the final paper. Occasional background bibliographies will be handed out treating particular cases. In most lectures time will be left for discussion for which the reading is essential.

I. Introduction to Syllabus. JWF/AK

Wednesday March 27

II. World System and Development Perspectives. 2 sessions

Friday March 29

JWF "A Revelatory Evening in the *Third World*"

Doughty, Paul.

1987 "Against All Odds: Collaboration and Development at Vicos," in D. Stull and J. Shensul (eds) Collaborative Research and Social Change. Boulder: Westview,

Kane, Joe

1994 "Moi Goes to Washington," New Yorker, May 2, pp. 72-81. [YK3907]

Nef, Jorge

1994 Human Security and Mutual Vulnerability: Some Conceptual and Empirical Observations About Global Issues. Ontario: University of Guelph.

[[YN2282]

Escobar, Arturo

1991 Anthropology and the Development Encounter: the Making and Marketing of Development Anthropology. American Ethnologist 18:658-682.

[YE2522]

Case 1: **Petroleum Exploitation in the Ecuadorian Amazon**

Wednesday April 3

AK "Contradictory Meanings of Development,"

Carneiro da Cunha, Manuela

nd (1 995) The Role of Traditional Peoples in Conservation. ms.

Escobar, Arturo, Encountering development, Chapters 1-3.

Turner, Terence

nd (1 995) The Kayapo Revolt Against Extractivism: an Indigenous People's Struggle for Socially Equitable and Ecologically Sustainable Production.

ms []

Case 2. **Extractivism and Conservation in Brazil**

III. Indicators of Well Being: The Appraisal of Demographic and Development Statistics. 2 Sessions

Friday April 5

JWF/RLF "The GDP and the GPI: What Are the Indicators of Progress and Quality of Life?"

Gross, D. and B. Underwood,

1971 "Technological Change and Caloric Costs: Sisal Agriculture in Northeast Brazil," American Anthropologist, Vol 73. (3): 725-740. [[YG4344]

Ferguson, James

nd (1 993?) From African socialism to scientific capitalism: Reflections on the legitimation crisis in IMF-ruled Africa. ms. 27 pp. In D. Moore and G. Schmidt (eds) Debating Development Discourse, St. Martins. Pgs 129-148.

1990-1995 Human Development Report(s). United Nation's Development Programme. NY: Oxford U Press. [HD72.H85)]

Thu, Kendall

1995-6 "Piggeries and Politics: Rural Development and Iowa's Multibillion Dollar Swine Industry," Culture and Agriculture, Winter 95-96. No. 53, pgs 19-23.

Case 3. **"Agricultural Development in Northeast Brazil and the Middle West"**

Wednesday April 10

AK "Indicators of Agricultural Development"

Bray, Fancesca

1994 Agriculture for Developing Nations. Scientific American 271(I):30-37, July.
[YB123131]

Netting, Robert, Smallholders.Householders: farm Families and the Ecology of Intensive Sustainable Agriculture, Prologue, pp. 1-27 and Epilogue, pp. 320-334.

IV. Developers and the Politics of Development

Friday April 12

JWF "Development as Enterprise, Development as Inquiry, Development as Prudential Reasoning"

1976 Questions and Answers. March.

1976 Operations Evaluation: World Bank Standards and Procedures. June.

1990, 1991 + World Development Report 1990. Oxford University Press.

[HC59.7.W659 plus year]

Hirschman, Albert O.

1981 The rise and decline of development economics. In: Essays in Trespassing: Economics to politics and beyond. Cambridge UP. pp 1-24.
[YH 1 0277]

Moore, Henrietta L. and Megan Vaughan

1994 Developing Men: the Creation of the Progressive Farmer. Cutting Down Trees: Gender, Nutrition, and Agricultural Change in the Northern Province of Zambia 1890-1990. Portsmouth NH: Heinemann
[DT3058.B46M660]

Wednesday April 17

AK: "Regional Politics and the Development Enterprise"

Fearnside, Philip M.

nd (1 995) Environmental Services as a Strategy for Sustainable Development in Rural Amazonia. ms []

Johnson,Allen

1980 The Limits of Formalism in Agricultural Decision Research. In: Agricultural Decision Making, Peggy F. Barlett, ed. NY: Academic Press. pp. 19-43. [YJ2314]

Chibnik, Michael

1980 The Statistical Behavior Approach: the Choice between Wage Labor and Cash Cropping in Rural Belize. In: Barlett. pp. 87-114. [YCIOO62]

V. Anthropologists on Development and Among Developers 3 sessions

Friday April 19

JWF "Solving The Sahel Crisis: African Famine and Anthropological Wisdom."

Ferguson, James

Ms. "Anthropology and Its Evil Twin: Development in the Constitution of the Discipline"

Ferguson, Anne E.

1994 Gendered Science: A Critique of Agricultural Development. American Anthropologist 96(3):540-552. [YF3722]

Hoben, Allen, "Anthropologists and Development," Annual review of Anthropology. Vol. 11:349-375.

Case 4. **The Recurrent Sahel Crises in Africa**

Wednesday April 24

AK "Contradictory Values and a New Guiding Ethic"

Chase-Smith, Richard, and Cesar C. Tapuy

nd (1 995) The Economic Challenge for Indigenous Amazonians:

Reciprocity, Collective Action, and Common Property in a Market Economy. ms [HD75.E730]

Escobar, Arturo

1995 Encountering Development: The Making and Unmaking of the Third World. Princeton Press. Chaps.4-5.

Friday April 26

Guest lecture: **Mauro Almeida**: "Extractive Reserves in Brazil"

VI. Food Production as the Engine of Development 3 Sessions.

Wednesday May 1

AK "The social ecology of food production."

Netting, Robert McC.

1993 Smallholders, Householders: Farm Families and the Ecology of Intensive, Sustainable Agriculture. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press. [GN407.4.N480]

Geertz, D.

1971 Agricultural Involution: the process of ecological change in Indonesia. Berkeley: University of California Press. [HC447.G29]

Bennett, John

1973 "Ecosystemic Effects of Extensive Agriculture" Annual Review of Anthropology Palo Alto: Annual Reviews, Inc. [Z5112.B581 v.2]

Friday May 3

AK "Big agricultural development" versus "sustainable development: a social and environmental critique."

Ferguson, James

1994 The Antipolitics Machine: "Development". Depoliticization and Bureaucratic Power in Lesotho. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. [HD2132.Z8F470]

Lipton, M.

1992 Economics and Anthropology: Grounding Models in Relationships" World Development 20, No. 10: 1 541-1546. [YL4151]

Bernstein, H.

1990 Agricultural 'Modernization' and the Era of Structural Adjustment:

Observations on Sub-Saharan Africa. Journal of Peasant Studies 18, No. 1. [YB1 2356]

Goldschmidt, Walter

1982 Toward an Anthropological Approach to Economic Development. Human Organization 41, No. 1. [YG3877]

Wednesday May 8

AK "The role of indigenous technical knowledge and natural resource management/ the role (past and future) of small holders in agricultural development."

Coichestor, Marcus

1981 "Ecological Modelling and Indigenous Resource Use: Some Examples from the Amazon of South Venezuela." Antropologica 55:51-72. [YC10072]

Posey, Darrell

1983 "Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and Development of the Amazon." In: The Dilemma of Amazonian Development, Emilio Moran, ed. Bloomington ID: Indiana University Press. pp. 225-251. [YP3646]

Bebbington, A.J.

nd" Indigenous Agricultural Knowledge, Human Interests and Critical Analysis: Reflections on the Role of Farmer Organizations in Ecuador" Agriculture and Human Values 18(1-2):14-24.

Vickers, William

1983 Development and Amazonian Indians: The Aguarico Case and Some General Principles. In: The Dilemma of Amazonian Development. Emilio Moran, ed. Bloomington ID: Indian UP. pp 25-50. [YV1498]

Friday May 10

VII. The Bread of Everyday Life: Malnutrition and Food Security, 1 Session.

RLF Weismantel, Mary

1988 Food, Gender, and Poverty in the Ecuadorian Andes. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. [YW3589]

Weismantel, Mary

1989 The Children Cry for Bread: Hegemony and the Transformation of Consumption. In: Rutz, Henry J. and Benjamin Orlove, The Social Economy of Consumption. Monographs in Economic Anthropology #6. NY: U Press of America. Pp. 85-89 [YW3589]

Rosset, Peter et al

1994 NACLA Report on the Americas. Nov-Dec. [entire issue dedicated to transformation toward sustainable agriculture. [F14OI.N58, unbound

RR2]

Lindenbaum, Shirley

1987 Loaves and Fishes in Bangladesh. In: Food and Evolution: Toward a Theory of Human Food Habits. M. Harris and E.B. Ross, eds. Pp. 427-443. Philadelphia: Temple Univ. Press. [GN407.F62]

and Rice and Wheat: the Meaning of Food in Bangladesh. In Food, Society, and Culture: Aspects in South Asian Food Systems Khare, R.S. Rao, M.S.A. eds. Pp 253-275 [YL4177]

VIII. Reproduction, Health and Health Care Delivery. 2 Sessions

Wednesday May 15, **Caroline Bledsoe**, guest lecturer

Miscarriages, stillbirths, and contraception: tiny numbers, far-reaching significance.

Bledsoe, Caroline

1995 Numerators and denominators in the study of high fertility populations: Past and potential contributions from cultural anthropology. ms 22pp. [YB12735]

1995 Contraception and "natural" fertility in America. ms 28pp. [YB12738]

1994 Constructing Natural Fertility: the Use of Western Contraceptive Technologies in Rural Gambia. Population and Development Review 20(1):81-113. [YB12736]

1994 "Children are like young bamboo trees" Potentiality and Reproduction in Sub-Saharan Africa. In: Population, Economic Development, and the Environment Kerstin Lindahl-Kiessling and Hans Landberg, eds. Oxford U Press. [YB12737]

Friday May 17

RLF "Planned Interventions, or none?"

Bastien, Joseph

1992 The Silver bullet versus the Hexing Horn. In: Drum and Stethoscope: Integrating Ethnomedicine and Biomedicine in Bolivia. Salt Lake City UT: University of Utah Press. Pp. 192-214. [RA461.B370]

Brown, J. Larry, and Ernesto Pollift

1996 Malnutrition, Poverty and Intellectual Development. Scientific American (274(2) Feb:38-43) []

1995 Population, poverty and the local environment. Scientific American, Feb.:40-45 [YD3745]

Levine, Robert

1994 Schooling and Survival: the Impact of Maternal Education on Health and Reproduction in the Third World. In: Childcare and Culture: lessons from Africa. Eds. Robert Levine et al. NY: Cambridge Univ, Press. [DT433.545.G866C550]

Abernethy, Virginia

1994 Optimism and Overpopulation. Atlantic Monthly, Dec. 84-91. [YA3555]

IX. Scenarios of the Future Evolution of Development.

JWF "Relative Deprivation, the Depoliticization of Poverty and Global Integration."
Wednesday May 22

Nash, J.

1994 "Global Integration and Subsistence Insecurity," American Anthropologist,
Vol 96 (1):7-30. []

Collier, George, with Elizabeth Lowery Quaratiello

1994 Basta! Land and the Zapatista Rebellion in Chiapas. Oakland CA: Inst. for
Food and Dev. Policy. [HD 1531.M66/650]

Falk, Richard, S.S. Kim and S.H. Mondlovitz, eds

1982 Towards a Just World Order. Boulder: Westview Press. [JX1391.T6801

Hirschman, Albert

1981 "The changing tolerance for income inequality in the course of economic
development," in Essays in Trespassing, pgs. 39-58.
[YH10278]

AK "Meeting the Needs of South and North"

Friday May 24

Escobar, Arturo, Encountering development, Chapter 6.

Vickers, William

1983 "Development and Amazonian Indians: The Aguarico Case and Some
General Principles." In: The Dilemma of Amazonian Development, Emilio
Moran, ed. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. pp 25-50. [YVI498]

Wednesday 29 and Friday May 31

Project Reviews and Pizza