

GEO 2420 / Section 2296 / Fall, 2005

READING LIST (& COURSE SCHEDULE)

Note: Readings below include selections from the textbook (Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, 2003) and from other sources. The other readings are available in a course packet from **Orange & Blue Textbooks** (309 NW 13th St., tel: 375-2707). Additions or deletions in the readings and in the schedule may be made during the course of the semester, depending on current events and other factors. These will be announced in class and/or on the course website.

Approximate dates

1. Introduction: Themes of Human Geography 8/24 – 8/31/05

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 1 (pp 3-43)

2. Diffusion: The Columbian Exchange; Environmental Adaptation & Modification; Origins of Agriculture 9/2 – 9/12

McNeill, William. 1991. "American food crops in the old world." In *Seeds of Change: A Quincentennial Commemoration*, ed. by Herman Viola & Carolyn Margolis. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press. pp. 43-59.

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 10 ("Origins of Agriculture." p 333-335) .

Diamond, Jared. 1997. *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. New York: Norton. Chap. 6 (pp. 104-113).

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, "Aral Sea" box in Chap. 14 (p 494-495).

New York Times & other articles

Wilford, John Noble. "New clues show where people made the great leap to agriculture." November 18, 1997.

Eckholm, Erik. "As a dam closes, Chinese tally gain and loss." June 9, 2003.

Pala, Christopher. "\$85 million project begins for revival of the Aral Sea." August 5, 2003.

Santora, Marc. "Marsh Arabs cling to memories of a culture nearly crushed by Hussein." April 28, 2003.

3. Population Growth & the Demographic Transition; Resources & Population 9/14 – 9/28

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 2 (pp 45-81).

Websites for population data {Recommended, not required}: **US Census Bureau** International Programs Center website: <http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/>
United Nations population website: <http://www.un.org/popin/>

New York Times articles

Kolata, Gina. "Model shows how medical changes let population surge." Jan. 7, 1997.

MacFarquhar, Neil. "After Iran's baby boom, vasectomies get blessing." Sept. 8, 1996.

- Crossette, Barbara. "Population estimates fall as women assert control." March 10, 2002.
- McNeil, Donald. "Demographic 'bomb' may only go 'pop!'" August 29, 2004.
- Altman, Daniel. "Bracing for economic changes when the population grows no more." August 20, 2002
- Naik, Gautam; Leslie Chang; & Joanna Slater. "Developing nations benefit from 'demographic dividend.'" *Wall Street Journal*. February 27, 2003.
- Dugger, Celia. "Modern Asia's anomaly: the girls who don't get born." May 6, 2001.
- Bonner, Raymond. "Bondage's load: heavy bricks and crushing debt." June 12, 2003.
- Waldman, Amy. 2003. "Sri Lanka's young are forced to fill ranks of endless rebellion." January 6, 2003.
- Woodall, Bernard. "Thousands of girls fighting on front lines." *Reuters*. March 3, 2004.
- Kristof, Nicholas. "Girls for sale." January 17, 2004. "Bargaining for freedom." January 21, 2004. "Loss of innocence." January 28, 2004. "Stopping the traffickers." January 31, 2004.

Disease & Social Change

- Diamond, Jared. 1997. *Guns, Germs, and Steel*. New York: Norton. Chap. 11 (pp. 195-214).
- McNeil, Donald. "African strain of polio virus hits Indonesia." May 3, 2005
- Dugger, Celia. "Devastated by AIDS, Africa sees life expectancy plunge." July 16, 2004.
- Reuters. "AIDS is cutting African life span to 30-year low, report says." Dec. 18, 2003.
- Wines, Michael. "Women in Lesotho prove easy prey for HIV." July 20, 2004.
- Altman, Lawrence. "Modest anti-AIDS efforts offer huge payoff, studies say." July 5, 2002.
- Phillips, Michael. "Bush ties money for AIDS work to a policy pledge." *Wall Street Journal*, February 28, 2005.

Exam #1: Fri. 9/30/05 [date subject to change]

4. Resources & Environment: Food, Energy, & Climate change 10/3 – 10/14

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 11 ("Industrial Revolution," pp 371-375); Chapter 10 ("Food supply," pp. 359-365; Ch 14 (pp 473-507).

Goldman, Abe. 1998. "Brief summary of the benefits, costs, and remaining needs of the Green Revolution." {*Unpublished paper*}

New York Times & other articles

- Crossette, Barbara. "North Korea appears to be emerging from years of severe famine." August 20, 1999.
- Bearak, Barry. "Children as barter in a famished land." March 8, 2002.
- Wines, Michael. "In Zimbabwe, even the farmers are going hungry." February 29, 2004.

Ball, Jeffrey. "Dire prophesy: as prices soar, doomsayers provoke debate on oil's future."
Wall Street Journal, September 21, 2004.

Hanley, Charles. "Experts: new data show global warming." April 28, 2005.

Doyle, Alister. "Wildlife moves to stay cool in a warmer world." Reuters, August 8, 2005.

French, Howard. "A melting glacier in Tibet serves as an example and a warning."
November 9, 2004.

Rohter, Larry and Andrew Revkin. "Cheers and concern for the new climate pact."
December 13, 2004.

Chang, Kenneth. "As Earth warms, the hottest issue is energy." November 4, 2003.

Hakim, Danny. "Fuel rule change for big SUVs seen as unlikely." August 16, 2005.

Molloy, Tim. "Experimental hybrid cars get up to 250 mpg." Associated Press. August 14,
2005.

Wald, Matthew. "Report questions Bush plan for hydrogen-fueled cars." February 6, 2004.

Bennhold, Katrin. "Nuclear energy is making a global comeback." October 17, 2004

Feder, Barnaby. "A different era for the alternative energy business." May 29, 2004.

Kristof, Nicholas. "A livable shade of green." July 3, 2005

5. Cultural Change & Globalization

10/17 – 10/26

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 4 (pp 115-144)

New York Times & other articles

Slater, Joanna. "For India's youth, new money fuels a revolution." *Wall Street Journal*.
January 27, 2004.

Friedman, Thomas. "30 little turtles." February 29, 2004.

Associated Press. "Protests halt shooting of film on trials of Indian widowhood." February 11,
2000.

Dugger, Celia. "The lowest castes in India, reaching for power, shake up the system."
September 23, 1999.

Exam #2: Fri. 10/28/05 [date subject to change]

6. World Languages, Diffusion, Change, & Conflict

10/31 – 11/9

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 5 (pp. 147-183).

New York Times & other articles

Wade, Nicholas. "World's farmers sowed languages as well as seeds." May 6, 2003.

Associated Press. "With world opening up, languages are losers." May 16, 1999.

Erard, Michael. "How linguists and missionaries share a Bible of 6,912 languages." July 19, 2005.

7. Geography of Religions & Religious Conflict

11/14 – 11/28

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 6 (pp. 185-222).

Armstrong, Karen. 2000. *Islam: A Short History*. New York: Modern Library. Preface (pp ix-xii), "The way forward" (pp 178-187).

New York Times & other articles

Bruni, Frank. "Faith fades where it once burned strong." October 13, 2003.

Worth, Robert. "The deep intellectual roots of Islamic terror." October 13, 2001.

MacFarquhar, Neil. "Bin Laden adheres to austere form of Islam." October 7, 2001.

MacFarquhar, Neil. "Muslim scholars increasingly debate unholy war." December 10, 2004.

Fisher, Ian. "Pakistani clerics fight school plans." August 4, 2002.

Glanz, James. "Some fear Iraq's charter will erode women's rights." August 8, 2005.

Sengupta, Somini. "Hindu nationalists are enrolling, and enlisting, India's poor." May 13, 2002.

8. Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Political Conflict;

11/30 – 12/5

Rubenstein, *The Cultural Landscape*, Chapter 7 (pp 225-258); Chap. 8 (pp 261-294).

Sachs, Susan. "Assad patronage puts small sect on top in Syria." June 22, 2000.

Filkins, Dexter. "A nation in blood and ink." August 14, 2005.

Burns, John. "If it's civil war do we know it?" July 24, 2005.

Glanz, James. "A city with 3 chips on its shoulder." August 10, 2005.

Sengupta, Somini. "Struggle for Kashmir is fueled by clashing national narratives." January 13, 2002.

Gall, Carlotta. "Killings from Taliban's era still haunt a valley." July 25, 2002.

Waldman, Amy. "Afghan group, once on top, again makes presence felt." December 21, 2003

Lacey, Mark. "In Sudan, militiamen on horses uproot a million." May 4, 2004.

Kristof, Nicholas. "The secret genocide archive." February 23, 2005.

Lacey, Mark. "Beyond the bullets and blades." March 20, 2005.

Exam #3: Wed., 12/7/05 (Regular class time; 4th Period)