UN 1003 Spring 2012

Reading and Assignment Schedule: UN1002 World Cultures

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Primary Textbook: Sallie A Marston, et al, World Regions in Global Context

Date : January 10, 2011 Topic : Intro to the Course; Geographical Terms and Concepts

Globalization and Development

Date : January 12, 2011 Topic: Marston, Chapter 1 Modernity and Globalization

Hans Rosllng on Social Well-Being in Modernity Annie Leonard, "The Story of Stuff"

Auret van Heerden on Ethical Labor Practices and Globalization

Date : January 14, 2011 Topics : Marston, Chapter 1 Modernity and Globalization

Videos: The Historical Trajectory of Western Modernity; Economic Conditions;
Paradigms of Knowledge; Individualism; Political Conditions

James Burke. Worlds without End. Parts 1-4

Date : January 17, 2011 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday--No Class

Date : January 19, 2011 Topic: Modernity and Globalization

Historicizing Artistic Production; Video England: The Emergence of a Nation-State

Burke, "The Way We Are," Part 5

Date : January 21, 2011 Topic: Colonialism and its Legacies

Colonialism, Neocolonialism and Globalization Development Theory

Hans Rosling on Myths of Development

Date : January 24, 2011 Topic: Globalization, Culture and Politics

Video: The Concept of Culture in Modernity

Visit from Ashley Hokenson to provide Rosza ticket information
Date: January 26, 2011: Multiple Choice Exam (See "Assessments")

Date: January 28, 2011 Topics: Results from Exam and Intro to Film -- Diva

Date: January 31, 2011 Topics: Characters in Diva; Film References in Diva

Date: February 2, 2011 Topics: Marston Chapter 2 Europe: Environment and Society

Date: February 4, 2011 Topics: Marston, Chapter 2 European History, Economy and Demographic Change

James Burke. "Fit to Rule," Parts 1-5

Date: February 7, 2011 Topics: Marston, Chapter 2; European History (continued)

In-class video: Beethoven's 9th Symphony

Date: February 9, 2011 Topics: Marston, Chapter 2 Europe: Culture and Politics

Russia: Land of the Tsars. parts 1-6

Date: February 11, 2011 Winter Carnival (No Class)

Date: February 14, 2011 Topic: The Russian Federation

Environment and Society Russia: Land of the Tsars parts 7-12

Assignments: First Writing Assignment Due (see "Assignments")

Date: February 16, 2011 Topic: Russian History, Economy and Demographic Change

Russia: Land of the Tsars, parts 13-18

Videos: Direct TV Ad with Post-Soviet Russian; Complete History of Soviet Union In Song

Date: February 18, 2011 Topics: In-Class Film: Reds

Date: February 21, 2011 Topics: In-Class Film: Reds

Date: February 23, 2011 Topics: Middle East and North Africa Marston, Chapter 4

Middle East: Environment and Society

In-class Video: Edward Berejian. "The Broader Middle East"

Date: February 25, 2011 Topics: In-Class Film: Persepolis

Date: February 28, 2011 Topics: Middle Eastern Demography, Migration and Settlement

Marston, Chapter 4

Date: March 2, 2011 Assignments: Second Exam (See "Assessments")

Date: March 4, 2011 In-Class Film: The Syrian Bride

Date: March 14, 2011 Topics: Sub-Saharan Africa Environment and Society
Marston, Chapter 5; In-class Video: Ron Eglash on African Fractals

In-class Video: Rain Forests of Cameroon

Results of Second Exam

Assignments: Second Writing Assignment Due (see "Assignments")

Date: March 16, 2011  Topic: Sub-Saharan Africa

Marston, Chapter 5

History, Economy and Demographic Change

Video: Chris Abani on the History of Nigeria

Date: March 18, 2011: In-class film: Keita

Date: March 21, 2011  Assignments: Marston, Chapter 5 African Cultures

Hans Rosling on Reducing Child Mortality in Africa

Date: March 23, 2011  Topics: Latin America: Environment and Society

Marston, Chapter 7

Video: The Aztecs. Parts 1-5

Date: March 25, 2011

Date: March 28, 2011  Topics: Latin America: History, Economy, Demography

Marston, Chapter 7

Video: Brazil: An Inconvenient History

Date: March 30, 2011  Topic: Latin America: Culture and Politics

Marston, Chapter 7

In-class Video: "Che: Where you never expected to see him"

Date: April 1, 2011  Film: "The Motorcycle Diaries"

Date: April 4, 2011

Topics: East Asia: Environment and Society

Marston, Chapter 8

Date: April 6, Topic: 2011 East Asia: Culture and Politics

Marston, Chapter 8  Martin Jacques, "Understanding the Rise of China"

Hans Rosling, "Asia's Rise: How and When"

Paul Koontz, "Family Vacation in North Korea"; Derek Sivers, "Weird, or Just Different?"
Date: April 8, 2011  Topic: East Asia: History, Politics, Demography

Third Writing Assignment Due: 1,000-Word Essay from Interview (See "Assignments")

Date: April 11, 2011  Topic: Southeast Asia

Topics: Marston, Chapter 10

Southeast Asia: Environment and Society

Date: April 13, 2011  Topic: Southeast Asia: History, Economy and Demography

Marston, Chapter 10

Mechai Viravaidya: "How Mr. Condom Made Thailand a Better Place"

Date: April 15, 2011  In-Class Film: Shower

Date: April 18, 2011

Topics: BEVI Student Response: A

All students in World Cultures classes this semester are asked to participate in an evaluation of the course that will help the faculty improve the course in the future. Students in this section will receive one point of extra credit for participating.

Power Point on Bevi Survey for Extra Credit

Marston, Chapter 10 Southeast Asia: Culture and Politics

Date: April 20, 2011  Third Exam

Assignments: Third Exam (See "Assignments")

Date: April 22, 2011  Film: The Quiet American

Date: April 25, 2011  Fourth Writing Assignment Due