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GLOBAL AGRO-FOOD SYSTEMS

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**Course Outline**

This course will reflect recent sociological interests in food studies and the agro-food complex, global commodity chains, community sustainability, rural-urban and transnational linkages, the trans-nationalization of labour regimes, and social movements, particularly in the rural context. The course will begin with an examination of key scholarly contributions that have laid the foundation for contemporary debates. This course will allow, and indeed encourage, students to take a comparative and historical approach, focusing on cross-national and inter-regional studies where possible, and to examine how class, gender and ethnicity play out in each particular substantive topic comprising the rural field.

**Required Readings:** Readings are available on Library eReserves or on 2 hour library reserve.

**Course objectives:** In this course I hope students will develop a familiarity with various structuralist and post-structuralist approaches to social-economic and political processes that are related to agro-food systems.

**Evaluation:** Students will be evaluated on the basis of a seminar presentation, class participation and a major research paper.

Seminars.....30%  
Participation.....20%  
Major paper.....50%