

CULTURE AND GLOBALIZATION

Midterm Study Guide

Midterm Exam: Wednesday, October 17, 2012

The midterm will consist of some identification of key terms, in which you must explain the concept in your own words, and some short essay response questions. This guide is meant to help you make sure you review all the relevant material. You may use handwritten or printed-out notes during the exam, but no electronic devices and no reading materials.

Readings and Media

- Mary Grace Antony and Ryan J. Thomas, “‘This is citizen journalism at its finest’: YouTube and the public sphere in the Oscar Grant shooting incident”
- Richard Kahn and Douglas Kellner, “New media and internet activism: From the ‘Battle of Seattle’ to blogging”
- Social Capital Blog, “Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube’s role in Arab Spring”
- Jennifer Preston, “Protestors Look for Ways to Feed the Web”
- Jurgen Osterhammel and Niels P. Peterson, *Globalization: A Short History*
- International Monetary Fund Factsheet AND Global Exchange, World Bank/IMF Factsheet
- Life & Debt (film)
- David Harvey, “Flexible Accumulation through Urbanization: Reflections on ‘Post-Modernism’ in the American City”
- Saskia Sassen, “When the City Itself Becomes a Technology of War”
- Saskia Sassen, “Going Beyond the National State in the USA”
- Stephen A. Crockett Jr., “The Brixton: It’s new, happening and another example of African-American historical ‘swagger-jacking’”
- Christopher Bentley, “Can the Centers Hold?”
- Alyosha Goldstein, “Where the Nation Takes Place: Proprietary Regimes, Antistatism, and U.S. Settler Colonialism”
- Waziyatawin, “The paradox of Indigenous resurgence at the end of empire”
- Judy Pasternak, “A Peril that Dwelt Among the Navajos”
- Leslie Marmon Silko, excerpt from Ceremony
- Aren Aizura, “The Romance of the Amazing Scalpel: ‘Race,’ Labour, and Affect in Thai Gender Reassignment Clinics”
- Mimi Thi Nguyen, “The Biopower of Beauty: Humanitarian Imperialisms and Global Feminisms in the War on Terror”
- Amalia Cabezas, “Between Love and Money: Sex, Tourism, and Citizenship in Cuba and the Dominican Republic”

Key Terms and Concepts

- Globalization
- Dimensions of globalization
- Culture
- Democracy and internet
- Globalization from above vs. from below
- Colonialism and imperialism
- World Economy
- Cold war
- Industrial Revolution
- French Revolution
- Modern concept of nation-state
- Sovereignty
- Welfare state
- Keynesianism
- IMF and World Bank
- Structural Adjustment
- Bourgeoisie and the proletariat (in Marxism)
- Surplus value
- Flexible accumulation
- Urbanization, spectacle, consumption
- Urbanization and war
- Settler colonialism
- Land, natural resources, and globalization
- Global feminism
- Sex and health tourism