GEOGRAPHY 805
Graduate Seminar in International Development:
Territories, Governmentality, Development

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GEOG805 is a graduate seminar organized around the reading and discussion of key texts that focus on what Bob Jessop has called “Another Foucault Effect... on States and Statecraft”.

We will begin with a reading of Michel Foucault’s writings on ‘Society Must Be Defended’, ‘Security, Territory, Population’, and ‘The Birth of Biopolitics’. We will then turn to a series of texts that take up issues of territory, governmentality, sovereignty, and the geographies of international development. These will be selected from (among others): Stuart Elden The Birth of Territory; Arturo Escobar Territories of Difference; Olivier Razac Barbed Wire; Matt Hannah The Governmentality and the Master of Territory; Janet Roitman Anti-Crisis; Timothy Mitchell Colonizing Egypt & Rule of Experts; Arun Agrawal Environmentality; Sandro Mezzadra The Biopolitics of Development; Eyal Weizman Hollow Land; Elizabeth Grosz Chaos, Territory, Art. Dipesh Chakrabarty Provincializing Europe; James Ferguson The Anti-Politics Machine; William Connolly The Fragility of Things; Sandro Mezzadra and Brett Neilsen Border as Method; Jacques Donzelot The Policing of Families; Doreen Massey City Worlds; Benjamin Noys Communization and its Discontents: Contestation, Critique, and Contemporary Struggles and/or The Politics of Death; Stuart Corbridge et al Seeing the State; Eric Cazdyn After Globalization.