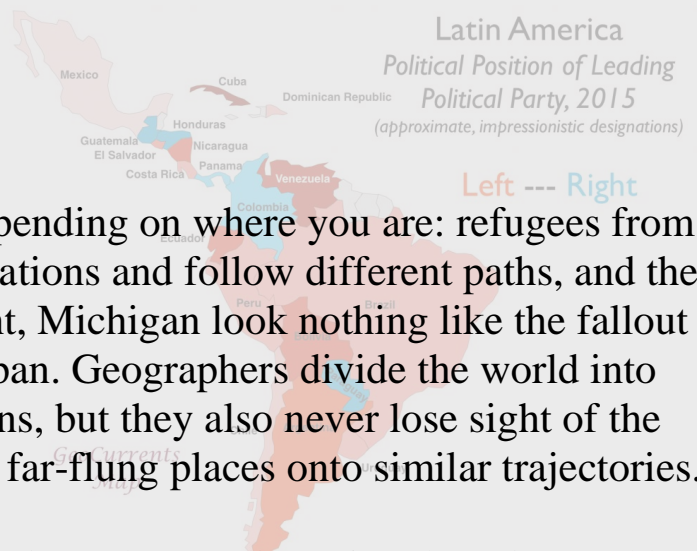
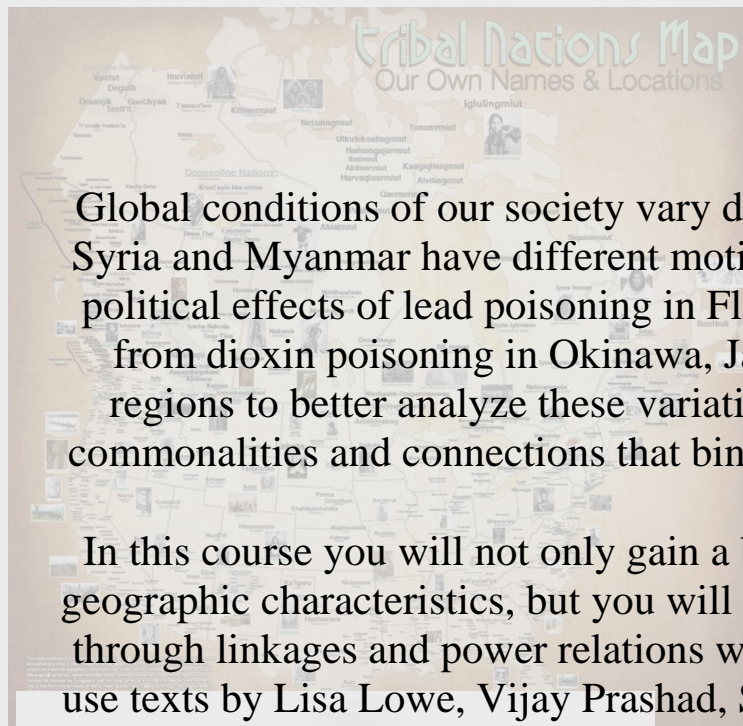


Geography 120 (Sec. 002): World Regional Geography Spring 2016

Carolina Hall 220, M/W/F 9:05-9:55 am

Instructor: Stevie Larson



Global conditions of our society vary depending on where you are: refugees from Syria and Myanmar have different motivations and follow different paths, and the political effects of lead poisoning in Flint, Michigan look nothing like the fallout from dioxin poisoning in Okinawa, Japan. Geographers divide the world into regions to better analyze these variations, but they also never lose sight of the commonalities and connections that bind far-flung places onto similar trajectories.

In this course you will not only gain a basic understanding of each region and its geographic characteristics, but you will also learn how regions have been produced through linkages and power relations with other regions across the globe. We will use texts by Lisa Lowe, Vijay Prashad, Sandro Mezzadra, and others to assess how the legacies of global commerce, colonialism, mass migration, geopolitics, and solidarity movements have shaped the regions we recognize today (i.e. North America, South Asia) and produced alternative regional formations (i.e. the Black Atlantic, the Third World Project, and the European Rimlands). Students will develop a familiarity with geographic theories and concepts, critical thinking skills, and the ability to apply regional frameworks to current events.

This course fulfills Social and Behavioral Science (SS) and Global Issues (GL) course requirements as well as core requirements for the geography major and minor. Cross-listed as Peace, War & Defense 120 (Sec. 002). Please contact Stevie Larson (slarson@email.unc.edu) with any questions about the course.

