

## SOC146 Sociology of Globalization

### 1. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

**Attendance** is required.

Active **participation** in class discussions, including student presentations is expected.

You are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the **reading** assignments.

(40 % of your final grade)

End of May/early June: test – final exam

(60 % of your final grade)

### 2. ASSIGNMENTS

#### **Abstracts:**

Every week you will be expected to hand in a short summary of the readings. Abstracts are due **each Wednesday** when we have a class. In exceptional cases when you cannot come to class, you may hand them in *prior to lecture* during my office hours **OR** you may ask a colleague to hand in your abstract. Late delivery will result in a loss of points!

Format:

12 point font, 1.5 or double line spacing, half a page - maximum one page printout.

It does not count if you just copy the title and subtitles. It should be your response to the readings, you can write what you found new, relevant or inspirational in the reading(s). It can be a critical reflection of the text(s) and you may want to write about ideas that you found unclear, ambiguous, etc.

#### **Presentation:**

You are required to make one presentation on one or two of the week's readings. You will work in pairs or small groups of three students. The presentation should be between 20 - 30 minutes long. The purpose of presentations is to lay out the issues and frame class discussion.

Because everyone will be expected to have done the reading, these formal presentations have to be short. They should concentrate more on the main points and critical issues than merely summarising the text. Primarily, they are an opportunity for you to practice your public presentation and oral skills. It will be fun, do not be worried!

### 3. HOW TO REACH ME

Office hours: Wednesdays 2 pm – 3.30 pm

Office 3.57

You may also e-mail me but I prefer if you come to see me in person. I will not have time to respond to your questions via e-mail, unless it is only a matter of clarification or a short query.

### 4. NEXT LECTURE (1. 3. 2006)

You are required to read “**McDonald's in Hong Kong**” by James L. Watson (8 pp.) from Lechner, Frank J. & John Boli (eds.) (2004) *The Globalization Reader*. Malden: Blackwell Publishing.

FSS library has a copy of the book that cannot be taken out, so you should all be able to read this.

If you wish, you may also want to read “**Strange Inauthenticity**” by Timothy D. Taylor from the same reader (4 pp).

You **do not** have to write an abstract for next week but come prepared to discuss the reading(s)!

+ Think about which theme most interests you and who you wish to pair up with.