

School of Development Studies

Ambedkar University Delhi

Course Outline

Course Code:

Title: Labour Movements, Social Movements and Development

Type of Course: Elective

Programme Title: M.A. Development Studies

No of Credits: 2

Semester and Year Offered: Winter 2016-17

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Pre-requisites: None

Aim: In the last couple of decades, with massive changes in international and national industrial organisation patterns, in the world of work and with rapid spatial reconfigurations in urban and rural areas, there have been vigorous debates on inequalities that have been created and the movements that have attempted to address and confront the sources of such inequalities. The role of labour movements, the rise of other movements and the relationships between them have been a significant aspects of the debates that have happened. This course introduces students to the changes in work and spaces that have occurred as well as the role of, the transformations in and the relevance of labour movements in the changed context. It will enable them to engage with older as well as contemporary debates on labour, labour processes and their relationship to labour and social movements. It will also address questions of whether the posited separation and, often, opposition between ‘labour movements’ and ‘social movements’

Brief description of modules/ Main modules:

- Labour and the World of Work
- Recent Changes in the world of Work and Alternative Theoretical Conceptualisations
- Labour Movements and Labour Reforms
- ‘Social Movements’ vs ‘Labour Movements’?

Assessment Details with weights: One memo (30%), one term paper (40%), one presentation (30%)

Reading List:

Andrew Herod (2003): Workers, Space, and Labor Geography, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, No. 64, pp. 112-138

Alain Lipietz (1993): The Local and the Global: Regional Individuality or Interregionalism? *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers, New Series*, Vol. 18, No. 1 pp. 8-18

Manuel Castells (2000): Toward a Sociology of the Network Society, *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 29, No. 5 pp. 693-699

Celik, Ercument (2010): Street Traders – A Bridge Between Trade Unions and Social Movements in Contemporary South Africa

Standing, Guy (2009): *Work After Globalization: Building Occupational Citizenship* (Cheltenham, UK, and Northampton, MA, Edward Elgar)

Bhattacharya, S (2007): Vicissitudes of the Relationship between State, Capital and Labour: an Appraisal of Neoliberal Labour reforms in India and Beyond' in *Labour, Capital and Society*, Vol 40, 1 and 2.

Bieler, Andreas and Devan Pillai (2009): *Labour and the Challenges of Globalisation*