

**ETHNOGRAPHIES OF EAST & SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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Office Hours TT 3-4.30pm

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Mon 10-12am

The seminar reads recent ethnographic investigations in Asian sites of emergence. Themes include markets, cities, property, privatization, gender, the body, public sphere, media, nationalism, citizenship, and transnationalism. Some readings are drawn from my two forthcoming works: an edited volume (with Li Zhang), Privatizing China; and Neoliberalism as Exception: Mutations in Citizenship and Sovereignty (forthcoming).

**1. Nationalism (1/23)**

Benedict Anderson. Ch 1: "Introduction,"

Ch 2 "Cultural Roots,"

Ch 3: "The Origins of National Consciousness."

Ch 10 "Census, Map, Museum"

Ch 11 "Memory and Forgetting"

in *Imagined Communities*. (Revised Edition) New York: Verso.

**2 The Emergent Periphery (1/30)**

I. Kant, "Ideas for a Universal History with Cosmopolitan Intent,"

Michael Robinson. "Enduring Anxieties: Cultural Nationalism and Modern East Asia." In Harumi Befu, ed. *Cultural Nationalism in East Asia: Representation and Identity*. pp. 167-186.

Tu Wei-ming, 1996. "Introduction," in Tu Wei-ming, editor, *Confucian Traditions in East Asian Modernity: Moral Education and Economic Culture in Japan and the Four Mini-Dragons*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. Pp. 1-10.

**3. Modern Transnationalism (2/6)**

D. Nonini & A. Ong, "Introduction: "Chinese Transnationalism as an Alternative Modernity," in *Ungrounded Empires*, 3-36

A. Ong, Chap. 6, "Chinese Modernities..." in *Ungrounded Empires* 171-202

B. Anderson, "Long-distance Nationalism," *The Spectre of Comparisons*, 1998

#### **4. Emergent Publics (2/13)**

A. Ong, "A Better Tomorrow?" *Flexible Citizenship*

Mayfair Mei-hui Yang "Introduction" in *Spaces of Their Own: Women's Public Sphere in Transnational China*. (Yang, ed.) Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999. (Pp. 1-34).

Don Nonini, "The dialectics of 'disputatiousness' and 'rice-eating money': Class confrontation and gendered imaginaries among Chinese men in Peninsular Malaysia." *American Ethnologist* 26, 1: 47-68, 1999

#### **5. Cosmopolitanisms (2/20)**

S. Malcomson, "Varieties of Cosmopolitan Experience" in *Cosmopolitics*

A. Ong, "Cyberpublics and Diaspora Politics among Transnational Chinese," *Interventions* vol. 5, no. 1(2003):82-100

A. Ong, "A Biocartography: Maids, Neoslavery, and NGOs," in *Neoliberalism as Exception*

#### **6. Flying (2/27)**

Karen Kelsky, "Flirting with the Foreign: Interracial Sex in Japan's "International" Age," in Rob Wilson and Wimal Dissanayake, *Global/Local*, pp. 173-192, (Durham: Duke University Press, 1996)

Geraldine Heng, "'A Great Way to Fly': Nationalism, the State, and the Varieties of Third World Feminism," in M. Jacqui Alexander and Chandra Talpade Mohanty (eds.), *Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures*, pp.30-45

T. Oates and J. Polumbaum, "Agile Big Man: The Flexible Marketing of Yao Ming," *Pacific Affairs* 77 (Summer 2004):2

## **7. Creating Properties (3/6)**

You-tien Hsing “Building Guanxi Across the Straits: Taiwanese Capital and Local Chinese Bureaucrats” in *Ungrounded Empires* (Ong and Nonini, eds.) New York: Routledge. (Pp. 143-164).

..... “Land and Territorial Politics in Urban China,” in *Privatizing China*, ed. L. Zhang & A. Ong

## **8. The New Chinese Homeowners (3/13)**

Li Zhang, “Making Private Homes, Making the New Middle-Class after Mao,” in *Privatizing China*, ed. L. Zhang & A. Ong

Ben Read, “Homeowners’ Organizations in Urban China: Micro-Political Implications of Private Housing,” in *Privatizing China*, ed. L. Zhang & A. Ong

K. Mitchell, “Transnational Subjects: Constituting the Cultural Citizen in an Era of Pacific Rim Capital,” in *Ungrounded Empires*, ed., A. Ong & d. Nonini, 263-94.

## **9. Managing the Body (3/20)**

S. Greenhalgh, “Globalization and Population Governance in China,” in *Global Assemblages*.

Matthew Kohrman, “Should I Quit? Media, Tobacco & Governmentality in Urban China,” in *Privatizing China*, ed. L. Zhang & A. Ong

Everett Zhang, “Rethinking Sexual Repression in Maoist China : Structure, Ideology, and the Ownership of the Body,” *Body and Society* 11, 3 (2005):1-25.

## **10. The Megacities (4/3)**

Olds, K., and Thrift, N. (2004) "Cultures on the brink: reengineering the soul of capitalism – on a global scale", in A. Ong and S. Collier (eds.) *Global Assemblages*, pp. 270-290.

A. Ong, “Ecologies of Expertise...” in A. Ong and S. Collier (eds.) *Global Assemblages*:

Olds, K., Bunnell, T., and Leckie, S. (2002) "Forced evictions in tropical cities: an introduction", *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography*, 23(3): 247-251.

### **11. Power & Pleasures (4/10)**

Kathleen Erwin, "White Women, Male Desires: A Televisual Fantasy of the Transnational Chinese Family," in Mayfair Mei-hui Yang (ed.) *Spaces of their Own*, pp. 232-257, (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999)

Judith Farquhar, *Biopolitical Beijing: Pleasure, Sovereignty, and Self-Cultivation in China's Capital*. *Cultural Anthropology* (Summer 2005).

Johan Lindquist, "Putting Ecstasy to Work," in *Theory, Culture, and Society*.

### **12. Business & Financial Markets (4/17)**

Thrift, Nigel. "The globalization of the system of business knowledge," in *Globalization and the Asia-Pacific: Contested Terrains*, K. Olds, P. Dicken, P.F. Kelly, L. Kong, and H.W-C Yeung, eds. London: Routledge, 1999

D. Nonini, "Spheres of Speculation and Middling Transnational Migrants: Chinese Indonesians in the Asia Pacific," in. Yeoh and K. Willis, eds, *State/ Nation/ Transnation: Perspective on Transnationalism in the Asia-Pacific*, London: Routledge, forthcoming 2004, pp.37-66

Klima, A. Thai Love Thai: Financing Emotion in Post-Crash Thailand. *Ethnos* 69:20.

### **13. Techniques of Subject-Making (4/24)**

D. Rudnyckjy, "Technologies of Servitude: Governmentality and Indonesian Transnational Labor Migration," *Anthropology Quarterly*, vol. 77, no. 3 (2004): 407-434.

A. Ong, "Re-Engineering the Chinese Soul in Shanghai," in *Neoliberalism as Exception*

L. Hoffman, "Responsible Choices and Patriotic Professionalism: On Governmentality in Late-Socialist China," in *Privatizing China*, ed. L. Zhang & A. Ong

### **14. Presentations of Your Projects**

**Papers Due: May 15, No Exception**