## Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change

### Development Studies and Social Change (DSSC) Minor Program Courses 2015-2016

**FALL SEMESTER 2015**

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<td>DSSC 8111</td>
<td>Ways of Knowing (3 cr)</td>
<td>Dr. Naomi Schemen, Department of Philosophy</td>
<td>Fridays 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.</td>
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<td>DSSC 8211</td>
<td>Doctoral Research Workshop (2 cr)</td>
<td>Dr. Karen Brown, ICGC</td>
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<td>DSSC 8310</td>
<td>Topics in Development Studies and Social Change (1 cr)</td>
<td>Dr. Hakim Abderrezak, Department of French and Italian</td>
<td>Wednesdays, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, September 9 – October 21</td>
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**Who takes this course?** ICGC Scholars in their first year of the program should enroll in DSSC 8111. ICGC Scholars from earlier cohorts who have not yet taken Ways of Knowing due to scheduling conflicts should also enroll in this seminar.

**Who takes this course?** ICGC Scholars in their third year, or in the year prior to their dissertation research year, should enroll in DSSC 8211 in Fall 2015 and DSSC 8212 in Spring 2016.

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**Who takes this class?** ICGC Scholars in their second year of the program should enroll in two of three seven-week offerings of DSSC 8310 in 2015-2016 (two sections will be offered in Fall 2015, one section will be offered in Spring 2016). ICGC Scholars are required to enroll in two of the three topical workshops (1 credit each, a total of two credits) and welcome to enroll in all three.

**Course Description:** In this course, we will interrogate what the Mediterranean has come to mean in the global era. We will read critical, theoretical, and philosophical texts that will help us to rethink this region. In addition, we will examine literary and cinematic works that portray this sea. We will specifically focus on clandestine crossings in the Western Mediterranean. Some of the questions we will consider include: how have clandestine migrations been represented in literary and cultural productions from both Europe and North Africa? How has this region been shaped by recent events? Has it been portrayed in media coverage and political discourse? Who and what have contributed to a remapping of the Mediterranean in the collective imagination?

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**Course Description:** President Obama has called income inequality “the challenge of our time.” But what does he or other commentators mean by the word inequality? Economists, demographers, and others have developed many and varied formal measures of inequality: poverty, Gini coefficient, Atkinson index, top 1% share of income. These measures do not always agree. We will begin by reviewing the data regarding wealth and income inequality. Our primary focus will be on U.S. data over time, with some treatment of international data as well. We will explore the various policy solutions that have been proposed to reduce inequality, including at the international level. Is inequality in fact a problem to be solved, or is it an immutable and desirable feature of market-based economies? The course will conclude with an examination of Thomas Piketty’s *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* and what he has to say about inequality of wealth and income over the long sweep of history.
SPRING SEMESTER 2016

DSSC 8112  Scholarship and Public Responsibility (1 cr)
Instructor:  TBA
Course Schedule:  TBA

Who takes this course?  ICGC Scholars in their first year of the program should enroll in DSSC 8112.  ICGC Scholars from earlier cohorts who have not yet taken DSSC 8112 due to scheduling conflicts should also enroll in this seminar.

DSSC 8310  Topics in Development Studies and Social Change (1 cr)
Section 2:  Anthropology of Development
Instructor:  Dr. Frances Vavrus, Department of Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development
Course Schedule:  Thursdays, 9:30am – 11:30am – March 24 – May 5

Who takes this course?  ICGC Scholars in their second year of the program should enroll in two of three seven-week offerings of DSSC 8310 in 2015-2016 (two sections will be offered in Fall 2015, one section will be offered in Spring 2016).  ICGC Scholars are required to enroll in two of the three topical workshops (1 credit each, a total of two credits) and welcome to enroll in all three.

Course Description:  This course will examine the concept and practices of ‘international development’ through the lens of anthropology as a means of enabling exploration of the cultural histories of development institutions and programs.  We will consider how the lives of ‘target populations’ have been reconstituted through projects aimed at changing economic, political, and social relations as well as interrogating the cultural politics of the development apparatus itself.  We will also explore ethnographies of aid workers and the tensions they face in employing the concept of culture in a field of practice increasingly aimed at identifying global ‘best practices’ to meet putatively universal development goals.

Registration for DSSC Courses

You will need a permission number to allow you to register for a DSSC course.  Please see Laura Noppe in 537 Heller Hall (or email icgc@umn.edu, phone 612-624-0832).  Do you have questions about the courses or the DSSC minor program?  Please see Karen Brown or Frances Vavrus in 537 Heller Hall or email kbt@umn.edu or vavru003@umn.edu.