

**ATA 68C**  
**Economy, Society and the State**

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This is an introductory course on economic sociology and selected themes in this subfield, particularly socio-economic institutions and the state. Students are expected to keep up with the readings and participate in class discussion. Requirements and distribution of grades are as follows:

1) Participation/ attendance	20 %
<i>(More than 2 absences will negatively impact your grade. More than 3 absences is an F)</i>	
2) 3 position papers (4-5 pages each)	30%
3) Final exam	20%
4) Final paper (10+ pages)	30 %

**Schedule of Readings (subject to revision)**

**1 Introduction (February 24)**

**2 Political Economy in Historical Perspective (March 3)**

Herman M. Schwartz (2010) States versus Markets, The Emergence of a Global Economy (Palgrave MacMillan, 3rd ed.), *Chs. 1-7*, pp. 1-174 (You can skip ch. 6- 123-146)

*Recommended*

*Gianfranco Poggi (1978) The Development of the Modern State: A Sociological Introduction (Stanford University Press), Chs. 1-5, pp. 1-116*

*Pierre Bourdieu (1998) "Rethinking the State: Genesis and Structure of the Bureaucratic Field" in Pierre Bourdieu Practical Reason (Stanford University Press) pp. 35-63*

### **3-4 Economic Action & Institutions (March 10- 17)**

Nicole Woolsey Biggart, ed. (2002) Readings in Economic Sociology, (Ch.3 – Economy and Society: An Outline of Interpretive Sociology), pp. 1-37

Carlo Trigilia (1998) Economic Sociology: State, Market and Society in Modern Capitalism (Blackwell), Chs. Int. & 1-2, pp. 1-53

Marion Fourcade (2007) “Theories of Markets and Theories of Society,” American Behavioral Scientist, 50: 1015-1034

Friedrich Engels (1884) "The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State" in Robert Tucker (ed.) Marx Engels Reader (2nd ed. 1978), pp. 734-759.

Michael Burawoy (2003) “For a Sociological Marxism: The Contemporary Convergence of Antonio Gramsci and Karl Polanyi,” Politics and Society 31(2): 193-261

### **5-6 Embeddedness: Old, New, Newer (March 24-31)**

Karl Polanyi (1957) “The Economy as Instituted Process” in Trade and Market in the Early Empires (The Free Press), pp. 243-269

Mark Granovetter (1985) “Economic Action and Social Structure: The Problem of Embeddedness,” American Journal of Sociology 91(3): 481-510

Alejandro Portes & Julia Sensenbrenner (1993) “Embeddedness and Immigration: Notes on the Social Determinants of Economic Action,” American Journal of Sociology 98(6): 1320-1350

Eduardo Barberis & Giacomo Solano (2018) “Mixed Embeddedness and Migrant Entrepreneurship: Hints and Future Directions: An Introduction,” Sociologica 12(2): 1-22

Steven Vallas & Juliet Schor (2020) “What do Platforms do? Understanding the Gig Economy,” Annual Review of Sociology 46: 273-294

Alex Wood; Mark Graham; Vili Lehdonvirta & Isis Hijort (2019) “Networked but Commodified: The (Dis) Embeddedness of Digital Labor in the Gig Economy,” Sociology 53(5): 931-950

***More readings TBA here***

## **7-8 Embeddedness, Movement and Fixity in Space (April 7-14)**

David Harvey (2001) "Globalization as Spatial Fix" geographische revue (2) 23-30

Neil Brenner (1999) "Beyond State Centricism? Space Territoriality and Geographical Scale in Globalization Studies", Theory and Society 28: 39-78

Gernot Grabher (2006) "Trading Routes, Bypasses and Risky Intersections: Mapping the Travels of 'Networks' between Economic Sociology and Economic Geography," Progress in Human Geography 30(2): 163-189

Jennifer Bair (2009) "Analysing Global Economic Organization: Embedded Networks and Global Chains Compared," Economy and Society 37(3): 339-364

Giovanni Arrighi (2007) Adam Smith in Beijing (Verso), Chs. Intro-1 pp. 1-39

Ho-fung Hung (2008) "Rise of China and the Global Over Accumulation Crisis," Review of International Political Economy 15(2): 149-179

Padraig Carmody, Ian Taylor & Tim Zajontz (2022) "China's Spatial Fix and Debt Diplomacy in Africa: Constraining Belt or Road to Economic Transformation?," Canadian Journal of African Studies 56(1): 57-77

Padraig Carmody (2021) "Going Viral? The Impacts of Covid 19 Pandemic on Sino-African Relations," African Studies Quarterly 20(3)

## **9 The Developmental State: Dead or Alive? (April 21)**

Peter Evans (1994) Embedded Autonomy: States and Industrial Transformation (Princeton University), pp. 1-74

Robert Wade (2018) "The Developmental State: Dead or Alive?" Development and Change 49(2): 518-546

***More readings TBA***

## **10 Economy and Society in Covid Times (April 28)**

Margaret Somers and Fred Block (2020) "Polanyi's Prescience: Covid 19, Market Utopianism, and the Reality of Society" Economic Sociology and Political Economy (available at: <https://economicsociology.org/2020/10/16/polanyis-prescience-covid-19-market-utopianism-and-the-reality-of-society/>)

Paul Langley (2021) "Economy and Society in Covid Times" Economy and Society

Nikolas Rose (1993) "Government, Authority and Expertise in Advanced Liberalism" Economy and Society 22(3): 283-299

Charles Briggs & Mark Nichter (2009) "Biocommunicability and the Biopolitics of Pandemic Threats" Medical Anthropology 28(3): 188-198

Ann Kelly & Linsey McGoey (2018) "Facts, Power and Global Evidence: A New Empire of Truth" Economy and Society 47(1): 1-26

## **11 Of Capital, Life and Biopolitics (May 12)**

Kaushik Sunder Rajan (2017) Pharmocracy: Value, Politics and Knowledge in Global Biomedicine (Duke University)

## **12-13 Finance and Discipline (May 19-26)**

Bruce G. Carruthers and Jeong-Chul Kim (2011) "The Sociology of Finance" Annual Review of Sociology 37:239-59

Gerald Davis and Suntae Kim (2015) "Financialization of the Economy" Annual Review of Sociology 41: 203-21

Wolfgang Streeck (2012) Buying Time: The Delayed Crisis of Capitalism (Verso)

Neil Fligstein and Jacob Habinek (2014) "Sucker Punched by the Invisible Hand: The World Financial Markets and the Globalization of U.S. Mortgage Crisis," Socio-Economic Review 12: 637-665

Tomas Samec & Martin Hajek (2019) "Performing Financialized Subjectivities in Household Economy Manuals under State Socialism and Neoliberal Capitalism" Competition and Change 23(5): 441-459

Tayyab Mahmud (2012) "Debt and Discipline" American Quarterly 64(3): 469-494