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## **New Directions In The Sociology Of Global Development:**

**New Directions in the Sociology of Global Development** Frederick H. Buttel, Philip D. McMichael, 2005-11-01 A collection of essays this volume is subdivided into sections posing research policy and strategic questions regarding social change It introduces conceptual innovations regarding the spatial boundaries of development sovereignty and the politics of globalization food regime analysis recompositions of rural activity and more *The Oxford Handbook of International Law and Development*, 2023-11-11 Since the mid twentieth century international law and international development have become two of the most prominent secular languages through which aspirations about a better world are articulated They have shaped the both the treatment and self understanding of the developing world often by positing the West as a universal model against which developing states their citizens and natural environments should be measured and disciplined In recent years however critical scholars have investigated the deep linkages between the concept of development the doctrines and institutions of international law and broader projects of ordering at the international level They have shown how the leading models de radicalise if not derail initiatives to redefine development and pursue other forms of global well being Bringing together scholars from both the Global South and the Global North the contributions in this Handbook invite readers to consider the limits of common normative and developmentalist assumptions At the same time the Handbook demonstrates how disparate but still identifiable set of ideas imaginaries norms and institutional practices related to law development and international governance shape today s profoundly unequal material conditions threatening the future of human and nonhuman life on the planet The book focuses on five distinct areas existing disciplinary frameworks institutions and actors regional theatres of international law and development competing social and economic agendas and alternative futures Offering a unique overview of the field of international law and development and assembling major critical historical and political economic insights this Handbook is an unmissable resource for scholars of international law international relations development studies and global history as well as anyone interested in the past present and future of our world **The Global Food System** William D. Schanbacher, 2014-07-23 This detailed analysis of the global food system looks at the way food is produced distributed and consumed in an effort to create a more equitable and healthful system worldwide With large scale famine afflicting regions around the globe and overconsumption and unhealthy eating habits destroying others many are beginning to wonder if access to food is less of a class based social problem and more of an ethical issue affecting the lives and livelihoods of people all over the world This thoughtful text provides a thorough examination of the factors contributing to this global concern exploring the complexities of international food supply and demand as well as the efforts to bring about a more just global food system Through this groundbreaking volume author and educator Will Schanbacher sheds light on flaws in the current structure and suggests ways to achieve a more balanced approach He considers the economics politics and activism behind and involved in the production distribution and consumption of the global food system

In an effort to illuminate many problems associated with hunger inequality and injustice in the food system the book also offers many potential strategies and solutions for making a more healthy sustainable and equitable world Chapters contain both theoretical models and concrete practices for food security and offer strategies for creating an equitable system

**The Millennium Development Goals: Challenges, Prospects and Opportunities** Nana Poku,Jim

Whitman,2017-07-05 As the 15 year Millennium Development Goals approach their conclusion we can now measure their larger successes and failures in more than snapshot fashion and we can begin to consider how best to shape the international development agenda for the coming decades based on what we have learned But the performance and outlook for the MDGs can neither be reduced to the sum of its eight goals nor be divorced from international dynamics the hard interests of states and other actors and the global dynamics that impact on both For that reason this volume balances contextual analysis the role of formative and constraining forces the importance of normative considerations and illuminating case studies to deliver a study of the MDGs which has depth and nuance as well as breadth Poised between judging the recent performance and the future promise of the MDGs this book is substantial provocative and timely This book was published as a special issue of Third World Quarterly

**The Oxford Handbook of Food History** Jeffrey M. Pilcher,2012-10-16 Food matters not only as a subject of study in its own right but also as a medium for conveying critical messages about capitalism the environment and social inequality to diverse audiences Recent scholarship on the subject draws from both a pathbreaking body of secondary literature and an inexhaustible wealth of primary sources from ancient Chinese philosophical tracts to McDonald s menus contributing new perspectives to the historical study of food culture and society and challenging the limits of history itself The Oxford Handbook of Food History places existing works in historiographical context crossing disciplinary chronological and geographic boundaries while also suggesting new routes for future research The twenty seven essays in this book are organized into five sections historiography disciplinary approaches production circulation and consumption of food The first two sections examine the foundations of food history not only in relation to key developments in the discipline of history itself such as the French Annales school and the cultural turn but also in anthropology sociology geography pedagogy and the emerging Critical Nutrition Studies The following three sections sketch various trajectories of food as it travels from farm to table factory to eatery nature to society Each section balances material cultural and intellectual concerns whether juxtaposing questions of agriculture and the environment with the notion of cookbooks as historical documents early human migrations with modern culinary tourism or religious customs with social activism In its vast interdisciplinary scope this handbook brings students and scholars an authoritative guide to a field with fresh insights into one of the most fundamental human concerns

**Hegemonic Transitions, the State and Crisis in Neoliberal Capitalism** Yildiz Atasoy,2009-01-08 More than 15 years have passed since the end of the Cold War but uncertainty persists in the political economic shaping of the world economy and state system Although many countries have institutionalized neoliberal policies since the mid 1970s

these policies have not taken hold to the same degree nor have their effects been uniform across all countries Nevertheless there has been widespread deepening of inequalities and therefore scepticism towards the neoliberal project Uncertainty prevails not only in the relations between states but also in the relations between forces of capital citizens and political power within states Moreover there is conceptual confusion in our understanding of the events and processes of neoliberal global transformation This collection of essays provides a comprehensive theoretical and empirical examination of neoliberal restructuring as a complex political process In an effort to penetrate and clarify this complexity the book explores the connections between the economy state society and citizens while also offering current examples of resistance to neoliberalism The book provides a forum for rethinking politics that represents a turn to societal forces as essential not only to the uncovering of this complexity but also to the formulation of democratic possibilities beyond global hegemonic projects The book does not seek to produce a new model for social change nor does it dwell on the spatial aspects of modernity s new form or the emergence of a new state hegemony China or new forms of rule empire in managing the world capitalist economy Instead the book argues that an understanding of hegemonic transformations requires the problematization of global power as embedded in historically specific social relations

**The Politics of Destination in the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals** Clive Gabay, Suzan Ilcan, 2018-08-13 This book represents an unusual intervention in debates about the nature of contemporary international development where the majority of scholarship tends to concern itself with measuring or collating goal performance Through a series of analyses of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals this book explores development as a political construct and is concerned with the kinds of epistemological hegemonic or politico economic assumptions built into contemporary development policy and the ensuing effectiveness the SDGs will have in terms of addressing or perpetuating the historical impoverishment of large groups of people living in poverty The contributors to the book take issue with many of the assumptions upon which SDGs rest while also broadening the conversation to pay attention to knowledge production modernity colonialism exclusion citizenship and other conceptual insights In this context the book raises questions about the discourses and practices of the SDGs especially in relation to how they can define the limits of what can be said and what can be done shape development logics through notions of division and forms of exclusion construct political problems as technical problems create certain spaces of imagination as a field of activity and endorse particular ideas and forms of knowledge in models for sustainable development This book was originally published as a special issue of Globalizations

**Ethical Trade, Gender and Sustainable Livelihoods** Kiah Smith, 2014-03-21 Fair and ethical trade is often criticized for being highly gendered and for institutionalizing the ethical values of consumers the priorities of NGOs and governments and most of all food retailers But little is known about how women smallholder farmers experience diverse ethical standards or whether and how standards reflect their values local cultural and environmental contexts or priorities for achieving sustainable livelihoods Linking gender smallholder livelihoods and global ethical trade regulations

this book reveals that multiple understandings of social justice environmental sustainability and well being or ethicality exist in parallel to those institutionalized in ethical trade schemes Through an in depth case study of smallholder subsistence and French bean farming in Kenya the book grounds the analysis of livelihoods gender and ethical trade in women smallholders perspectives links the macro level of markets with the micro level of livelihoods and engenders relations of power structure and agency in food networks It brings together disparate bodies of theory to illustrate the knowledge strategies and values of women smallholder farmers that are often beyond the scope of ethical trade regulations It also provides a challenging new vision for doing food systems research *Global Value Chains and Uneven Development* Christin Bernhold, 2022-12-14

Globale Wertschöpfungsketten GWK bieten überall auf der Welt Möglichkeiten für ökonomische und soziale Aufwertung Das kolportieren zumindest Institutionen wie die Weltbank Diese Annahme ist jedoch weder theoretisch noch empirisch haltbar so der Befund von Christin Bernhold Die Argumentation stützt sich auf eine ideologiekritische Diskussion der GWK Forschung und eine umfassende Analyse von Upgrading Strategien im argentinischen Agribusiness Wirtschaftsverbände organisieren sich dort entlang von Agrar Wertschöpfungsketten um Partikularinteressen durchzusetzen Durch upgrading in and through class differentiation werden Ausbeutungsverhältnisse und die ungleichen Geographien des Kapitalismus zum Wohle einiger weniger umgeformt nicht aber aufgehoben **Development and Social Change** Philip McMichael, 2008 Fourth edition of

this international bestseller Adopted by sociology politics development and also geography departments *Labour, Nature and Capitalism* Silpa Satheesh, 2025-04-03 *Labour Nature and Capitalism* traces how the alliance between labour and capital manifests in the form of conflicts between organised trade unions and a local environmental movement in the context of the much acclaimed Kerala model of development It explores the history of the area's local industrialisation the presence of varied economic interests and exposes the barriers to forming solidarity networks among the working classes Situated in the backdrop of the Eloor Edayar industrial belt this book delves deeper into the ways in which capitalism infiltrates and manipulates the social movement landscape in Kerala It shows how the hegemonic coalition between the state industries and institutionalised trade unions enable capitalist rationality to mediate and control social movements in postcolonial settings Using an ethnographic approach the book seeks to embark on a journey to understand the tensions between two progressive social movements a trade union collective and a local environmental movement foregrounding the experiences of members of the respective groups The analysis presented here shows how the contestations conflicts between the movements stem from interpretive as well as ideological differences surrounding economic development and environmental justice Praise for *Labour Nature and Capitalism* *Labour Nature and Capitalism* is a carefully researched as well as theoretically astute book on a subject of vital importance to India and the world Based on fieldwork in Kerala Dr Silpa Satheesh studies the tensions between grassroots environmental groups and trade unions analysing how factory labour finds itself in opposition to other even more vulnerable sections of the working class Importantly she explores both the organizational as well as affective

aspects of struggle allowing activists to speak loud and clear in their own voices Through her work Dr Satheesh convincingly demonstrates that the conventional polarity of environment versus development is false and even pernicious Ramachandra Guha author of *Speaking with Nature The Origins of Indian Environmentalism* This work is an important contribution to an understudied and weakly understood arena the relationship between trade unions and environmental movements While anecdotal accounts of the tensions and sometimes complementarities between the two movements are common detailed and systematic studies are not Given the urgent need to bring these movements together to challenge capitalist exploitation and unsustainability this study is very timely Ashish Kothari environmental activist and author There are many environmental grassroots movements in the state of Kerala This fascinating book focuses on the Periyar River gravely and persistently polluted by discharges of company water Competent activists have denounced the environmental and public health damages for many years counting on support from farmers and fishers However another section of the working class smaller in number but more powerful politically the industrial trade unions together with factory owners and the state administration accuses them of being at the service of anti national interests By poignant long outspoken interviews with members of both opposite groups and thorough documentation the sociologist Silpa Satheesh brilliantly answers a question of world relevance is there an environmentalism of the working class Joan Martinez Alier Autonomous University of Barcelona Silpa Satheesh s book is a very welcome addition to environmental labour studies for many reasons It adds a case from the Global South to the growing literature on labour and the environment it examines the dynamics between labour and environment through an ethnographic approach that provides nuance and empathy and demonstrates that labour is not homogeneous as workers are central to both the labour and environmental side of her story In that sense it alerts us to the fact that workers people who need to work to reproduce themselves are not just one category amongst others but the largest category short of human beings and citizens of one country or another From such a starting point the tensions between labour and environmental priorities are not solely conflicts between categories of people but also within the very broad category of labour As a result of the above Dr Satheesh s well written book broadens and enriches environmental labour studies and should be read widely and productively Dr Dimitris Stevis Colorado State University USA Strong alliances between the labour and the environmental movement are an essential precondition for combatting the climate crisis At the same time they are far from being easy to build Labour Nature and Capitalism brilliantly demonstrates why this is the case Based on deep empirical insights and sound theoretical reflections it illuminates labour environment relationships and explores how they can be turned into a force of socio ecological transformation Markus Wissen Berlin School of Economics and Law

**Peasants and Globalization** A. Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Cristóbal Kay, 2012-08-21 In 2007 for the first time in human history a majority of the world s population lived in cities However on a global scale poverty overwhelmingly retains a rural face This book assembles an unparalleled group of internationally eminent scholars in the field of rural development and social change in order to

explore historical and contemporary processes of agrarian change and transformation and their consequent impact upon the livelihoods poverty and well being of those who live in the countryside The book provides a critical analysis of the extent to which rural development trajectories have in the past and are now promoting a change in rural production processes the accumulation of rural resources and shifts in rural politics and the implications of such trajectories for peasant livelihoods and rural workers in an era of globalization Peasants and Globalization thus explores continuity and change in the debate on the agrarian question from its early formulation in the late 19th century to the continuing relevance it has in our times including chapters from Terence Byres Amiya Bagchi Ellen Wood Farshad Araghi Henry Bernstein Saturnino M Borras Ray Kiely Michael Watts and Philip McMichael Collectively the contributors argue that neoliberal social and economic policies have in deepening the market imperative governing the contemporary world food system not only failed to tackle to underlying causes of rural poverty but have indeed deepened the agrarian crisis currently confronting the livelihoods of peasant farmers and rural workers This crisis does not go unchallenged as rural social movements have emerged for the first time on a transnational scale Confronting development policies that are unable to reduce let alone eliminate rural poverty transnational rural social movements are attempting to construct a more just future for the world s farmers and rural workers

The Blackwell Companion to Globalization George Ritzer, 2018-05-16 This companion features original essays on the complexity of globalization and its diverse and sometimes conflicting effects Written by top scholars in the field it offers a nuanced and detailed examination of globalization that includes both positive and critical evaluations Introduces the major players theories and methodologies Explores the major areas of impact including the environment cities outsourcing consumerism global media politics religion and public health Addresses the foremost concerns of global inequality corruption international terrorism war and the future of globalization Wide ranging and comprehensive an excellent text for undergraduate and graduate students in a range of disciplines

**Soy, Globalization, and Environmental Politics in South America** Gustavo de L. T. Oliveira, Susanna B. Hecht, 2017-10-24 Soy in South America constitutes one of the most spectacular booms of agro industrial commodity production in the world It is the pinnacle of modernist agro industrial practices serving as a key nexus in food feed fuel production that underpins the agribusiness conservationist discourse of land sparing through intensification Yet soy production is implicated in multiple problems beyond deforestation ranging from pesticide drift and contamination to social exclusion and conflicts in frontier zones to concentration of wealth and income among the largest landowners and corporations This book explores in depth the complex dynamics of soy production from its diverse social settings to its transnational connections examining the politics of commodity and knowledge production the role of the state and the reach of corporate power in everyday life across soy landscapes in South America Ultimately the collection encourages us to search and struggle for agroecological alternatives through which we may overcome the pitfalls of this massive transnational capitalist agro industry This book was originally published as a special issue of The Journal of

Peasant Studies      *New Directions in Agrarian Political Economy* Ryan Isakson, 2017-10-02 How relevant are the classic theories of agrarian change in the contemporary context This volume explores this question by focusing upon the defining features of agrarian transformation in the 21st century the financialization of food and agriculture the blurring of rural and urban livelihoods through migration and other economic activities forest transition climate change rural indebtedness the co evolution of social policy and moral economies and changing property relations Combined the eleven contributions to this collection provide a broad overview of agrarian studies over the past four decades and identify the contemporary frontiers of agrarian political economy In this path breaking collection the authors show how new iterations of long evident processes continue to catch peasants and smallholders in the crosshairs of crises and how many manage to face these challenges developing new sources and sites of livelihood production This volume was published as part one of the special double issue celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Journal of Peasant Studies      **The Political Ecology of Agrofuels** Kristina Dietz, Bettina Engels, Oliver Pye, Achim Brunnengräber, 2014-11-20 This book explores the political ecology of agrofuels as an encompassing socio spatial transformation process consisting of a series of changing contexts political reconfigurations and the restructuring of social and labour relations It includes conceptual chapters as well as case studies from different world regions North America Europe Latin America sub Saharan Africa Asia and levels local national transnational The Political Ecology of Agrofuels advances a conceptualisation of agrofuels that helps to fill existing research gaps It covers global food regimes and agrarian politics as well as political arenas such as energy climate transport and trade It reflects on the biophysical materiality of agrofuels new forms of nature appropriation struggles discursive framings the building of hegemony shifting geopolitical constellations socio spatial configurations of power the construction of territory the agency of social movements and the different ways in which agrofuels are politicized at different scales This book asks how patterns of mobility emissions regulation food and energy production and consumption and social relations e g labour class and gender relations are shaped and re shaped by the materiality and representations of agrofuels in both the Global South and North The book provides tools for thinking about the diversity of the conflicts struggles and spatial socio ecological and politico economic reconfigurations and perpetuations engendered by current production and consumption patterns in the agrofuel sector      Economic Spaces of Pastoral Production and Commodity Systems Richard Le Heron, 2016-04-29 Pastoralism as a land use system is under recognized in terms of its contribution to food provision livelihoods as well as to human security This book is the first attempt to explore the dynamics of economic spaces of pastoral production and commodity systems for explicit South and North positionings It develops and applies a new approach in combining agri food market and commodity chain perspectives with livelihood approaches This enables new understandings of re aligning exchange relations between the global south and the global north The case studies presented open up new empirical insights in largely under researched areas such as Afghanistan Chad Tibet and Siberia and very recent changes in industrialized economies with major pastoral

sectors The book reveals new evidence and theoretical insights about significant changes in established producer consumer relations in agriculture and food *Global Foodscapes* Alistair Fraser, 2016-07-22 What we eat as well as how it is produced processed moved sold and used by our bodies seems to matter like never before *Global Foodscapes* takes on this topicality and asks readers to think about how we are all involved in the making of an odd and in many ways troubling and contested food economy It explores how food is conceived traded grown reared processed sold and consumed investigates what goes wrong along the way and assesses what diverse people around the world are doing to fix these faults The text uses a carefully crafted framework that explores the interaction of five forms of oppression and five means of resistance as they are worked out over five stages in the food economy It draws on case studies from around the world that illuminate key issues about food in today's world examines how oppression affects diverse people caught up in the food economy and highlights how individuals groups and institutions such as governments but also firms are trying to improve how we interact with the food system *Global Foodscapes* is a highly accessible and useful text for undergraduate students interested in the global food economy The global range of case studies examples and reference points as well as its original framework allows the text to speak to diverse audiences and generate debate about whether anything and if so what needs to be done about the food system we depend upon so heavily Additional materials such as suggested readings and discussion points help students consider the issues at hand and conduct initial and more detailed research on today's food economy **Critical**

**Perspectives in Rural Development Studies** Saturnino Borrás Jr., 2013-09-13 Agrarian transformations within and across countries have been significantly and dynamically altered during the past few decades compared to previous eras provoking a variety of reactions from rural poor communities worldwide The recent convergence of various crises financial food energy and environmental has put the nexus between rural development and development in general back onto the center stage of theoretical policy and political agendas in the world today Confronting these issues will require re-engaging with critical theories taking politics seriously and utilizing rigorous and appropriate research methodologies These are the common messages and implications of the various contributions to this collection in the context of a scholarship that is critical in two senses questioning prescriptions from mainstream perspectives and interrogating popular conventions in radical thinking This book focuses on key perspectives frameworks and methodologies in agrarian change and peasant studies The contributors are leading scholars in the field of rural development studies Henry Bernstein Terence J Byres Saturnino M Borrás Jr Marc Edelman Cristóbal Kay Benedict Kerkvliet Philip McMichael Shahra Razavi Ian Scoones and Teodor Shanin This book was previously published as a special issue of the *Journal of Peasant Studies* **Counter-Globalization and Socialism in the 21st Century** Thomas Muhr, 2013-06-26 Framed by critical globalisation theory and David Harvey's co-revolutionary moments as a theory of social change this book brings together a multi-disciplinary team of researchers to empirically analyse how socialism is being constructed in contemporary Latin America and the Caribbean and beyond This

book uses the case of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America Peoples Trade Agreement ALBA TCP to invite to a re thinking of resistance to global capitalism and the construction of socialism in the 21st century Including detailed theory based ethnographic case studies from Bolivia Cuba El Salvador Nicaragua Venezuela and the USA the contributors identify social and structural forces at different levels and scales to illuminate politics and practices at work Centred around the themes of democracy and justice and the more general reconfiguration of the state society relations and power geometries at the local national regional and global scales ALBA and Counter Globalization is at the forefront in the trend of interdisciplinary approaches to the study of social phenomena of global relevance Counter Globalization and Socialism in the 21st Century will be of interest to students and scholars of Latin American politics global governance global regionalisms and rising powers

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