

Geog 541: Topics in Urban Economic Geography: Income-divide & Health

Spring 2018, Wednesdays, 3:35-6:25 pm, BGB 406

[Undergraduates (seniors/juniors) are allowed to enroll in this class, Max. capacity 15]

Main focus:
Poverty, growing income-divide and its effects on health outcomes on population groups: A comparative analyses of North American & developing world experiences



Assignments/Evaluation??
Weekly contributions to class discussions, one book review, and an agenda paper

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- Theories of social & economic inequality, political economy of global inequality (focus on health)
- Why & how poverty and growing income-divide between the richest and the poorest in developed & developing world affect overall health choices.
- The growing divide and why/how the current geopolitical environment exacerbates this crises in U.S.A

Readings:

- Case studies from N-America and developing regions (e.g., South Asia & Africa, South America).
- Readings may include scholarly work by Jeffery Sachs, Amartya Sen, and other global classics to understand how/why global hegemony of the developed world is affecting and limiting development & growth of the developing world, which eventually impacts their health outcomes.