LABOR IN THE AGE OF GLOBALIZATION (INAF 8370)

Class meeting time:
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This course analyzes the challenges for labor facing increasing capital mobility, including the challenges of political and economic liberalization, increasing diversity of the workforce, labor mobility across borders, and the weakening of traditional strategies of labor organization and methods of labor regulation. The course focuses on labor politics attempting to address these new challenges, bringing together inter-disciplinary theories and empirical research comparing the experience of advanced democracies (especially the US) and developing countries. The theories are applied to understand labor responses to current processes of economic liberalization, expansion of the informal sector, changes in the workforce—including both its diversity and diverse national origin and citizen status, as well as the transformation of institutions (local, national and global) regulating work.

Requirements of the course:

a) Class participation, including attendance and reading of the assigned material, both the readings in each week and the opening newspaper article posted in coursework for each week (10%).
b) 2 two-page (double spaced) response papers based on the readings of that week and due 24hs before class (10%).
c) 5-page analytical paper addressing a major empirical problem for labor based on a journalistic article, which discusses its causes, and your proposed solution(s) for addressing this challenge (30%). These are due on week 8 in class.
d) One final take-home based on the concepts of the class and including an empirical case study. The exam questions will be distributed last class and will be due in a week. (40%)

Required Books (on reserve)

Week 1: Presentation of the seminar

Week 2: Introducing Globalization
• Dani Rodrik, Has Globalization Gone Too Far?
Week 3: Conflict and Negotiation


Week 4: Politics, Law, and Ideology

- Eva Bellin, “Contingent Democrats: Industrialists, Labor, and Democratization in Late-Developing Countries”, World Politics, January 2000, 52, 175-205.

Recommended:
Lucio Baccaro, “Social Pacts as ‘Coalitions of the Weak and Moderate’: Ireland, Italy and South Korea in Comparative Perspective”, (unpublished manuscript 2006).

Week 5: Immigration and Labor


Recommended:

Week 6: Labor and Workforce Diversity

- Mary Bellman, “Rationality and identity in the participation choices of female maquila workers”, Comparative Political Studies vol. 37, No.5, 563-389
• Dorian Warren, TBA

**Week 7: The Informal Sector in the Developing World**
• José Itzigsohn, *Developing Poverty*.

Recommended:

**Week 8: discussion of proposal in analytical paper**

**Week 9: The Challenges for Labor**

**Week 10: Economic Liberalization**
• M. Victoria Murillo, *Labor Unions, Partisan Coalitions, and Market Reforms in Latin America*.

**Week 11: The Public-Private Divide**

**Week 12: Global Labor Strategies**

**Week 13: Institutions for Labor Regulation in a Global Economy**


• Gallagher, chapter 5.


**Week 14: Summing up and paper presentations**