ESPM 24 - GLOBALIZATION, SWEATSHOPS, TOXICS, AND YOU
Spring 2004
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Class Sessions:  
Wednesday 10-11 a.m.  
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This seminar will examine where and how the things you consume and use everyday – jeans, shoes, computers, coffee, food, plastics, etc. – are produced, the environmental and social impacts of producing and consuming all of this stuff, and efforts to reduce pollution, sweatshops, and other adverse impacts of global production. Students will analyze both the structure and control of global supply chains and their personal connections to these systems.

ASSIGNMENTS

Students will be expected to:

1. Read all of the assigned readings before class.

2. Actively participate in class discussions.

3. Complete four short assignments during the semester:
   o Tracking your consumption;
   o Surveying your friends about their clothing and sweatshop issues;
   o Analyzing the “ecological footprint” of your consumption;
   o Analyzing options for reducing environmental, health, and labor impacts of production and consumption.

EVALUATION:

The course will be graded Pass/Not Pass. This grade will be based on class participation and completion of four assignments.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The readings will be available either on the web or in the course reader. The reader will be available for sale from Odin Readers (through Ned’s on Bancroft) and on reserve in the CNR Resource Center, 260 Mulford Hall.
Readings marked with an (*) are provided in the course reader. Others are available on the web.

**Jan 21 - Introduction to the Course**

No readings.

**Jan. 28 – Globalization and You**


**Feb. 4 – Global Production**


**Feb. 11 – Impacts on the Environment and Workers**


**Feb. 18 – Clothes**


Feb. 25 – Shoes


Personalize your Nikes…the saga: http://www.cleanclothes.org/companies/nike01-02-16.htm

March 3 – Computers


March 10 – The Internet


March 17 – Food


March 24 – NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK!

March 31 – Genetically-Modified Foods


April 7 – Coffee


April 14 – Chemicals and Plastics


Check out toxics in your neighborhood by entering your zip code at: http://www.scorecard.org

April 21 – Oil and Gas


April 28 – Transforming Production and Consumption


May 5 – Summary and Ways Forward???
