This course will introduce you to the concept ‘global civil society.’ We will explore alternative theoretical frameworks and traditions related to civil society and how globalization is impacting both the meaning and practices of civil society. Our readings will draw from both classic texts as well as from more recent social science scholarship.

The first half of the semester will be very theoretical, with a focus on the concept civil society. The first few weeks will be devoted to discussing treatments of civil society within the western political theory canon. The next couple of weeks will cover more recent theorizing about civil society both in and outside of “Western” contexts. The second half of the semester will involve more analytic and empirical approaches. We will examine the practices of social movements, advocacy networks and nongovernmental organizations.

Assignments/Requirements (each must be completed to pass the course):
- Attendance/Participation
- Reading Response Questions for each class period (collected periodically without warning)
- Take-Home Midterm Exam
- NGO Assignment
- Research Proposal
- Final research paper (15 pgs)

Books for Purchase:
- Virginia Hodgkinson and Michael Foley (eds.) The Civil Society Reader (Tufts University. Published by University Press of New England, 2003)
- Sidney Tarrow, The New Transnational Activism (Cambridge, 2005)
- Margaret E. Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, Activists Beyond Borders (Cornell, 1998) 
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Books available on-line:
- Global Civil Society Yearbooks: 2001- 2009
  http://www.lse.ac.uk/Depts/global/researchgcs/pub.htm
Schedule

Tu 19 Jan First Class

History of Civil Society Concepts

Th 21 Jan Civil Society and the Enlightenment
Ferguson (Reader, 40-62)
Paine (Reader, 63-70)
Locke, John The Second Treatise of Government (1690), 105-115, 138-147
[paragraphs 1-25, 77-100] Available on-line:

Tu 26 Jan Hegel
Hegel (Reader, 76-95)

Recommended:
Schlomo Avineri, “Hegel's Theory of the Modern State.” {Moodle}
“A Hegel dictionary” {Moodle}

Th 28 Jan Marx
Marx (Reader, 96-112)
Marx, “Preface to A Critique of Political Economy” {Moodle}
Marx, The German Ideology. Part I, B.
Available on-line:
http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1845/german-ideology/ch01b.htm

Tu 2 Feb Gramsci
Gramsci (Reader, 190-202)
Norberto Bobbio (1988), “Gramsci and the Concept of Civil Society” {Moodle}
Jean Cohen and Andrew Arato (1992), “Gramsci and the Idea of Socialist Civil Society” {Moodle}

Th 4 Feb De Tocqueville
Tocqueville (Reader, 113-132)
Robert Putnam, “Making Democracy Work,” (Reader, 322-327)
**Tu 9 Feb**

**Anti-Politics / Eastern Europe**


http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/czechoslovakia/cs_appnd.html

Michnik (Reader, 203-212)

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**Th 11 Feb**

**Civil Society and Public Sphere**

Cohen and Arato, *Civil Society and Political Theory* (Reader, 270-292)

Jurgen Habermas, “the public sphere: An encyclopedic article” {Moodle}

Recommended:

Habermas, “Between Facts and Norms,” 359-387


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**Tu 16 Feb**

**Walzer and Young**

Iris Young, “Civil Society and its Limits”(154-195){Moodle}

Michael Walzer, “A Day in the Life of a Socialist Citizen” {Moodle}

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**Th 18 Feb**

**FILM: TBA**

**Exam due on Friday, Feb 19, 5pm**

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**Introducing Global Civil Society**

**Tu 23 Feb**

**The Meaning of Global Civil Society**


Sidney Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism*, 1-12

Ronnie Lipschutz, “Civil Society and Social Movements: Domestic, Transnational, Global,” in *Civil Society and Social Movements* {Moodle}

Th 25 Feb  

**Social Movements, NGOs and Advocacy Networks**
Mary Kaldor, “Social Movements, NGOs and Networks” (78-108) {Moodle}
Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism*, 35-56

Recommended:
Willetts, Peter (2001) 'What is a Non-Governmental Organization?' Available at: http://www.staff.city.ac.uk/p.willetts/CS-NTWK/NGO-ART.HTM

Tu 2 Mar  

**Transnationalizing the Public Sphere**
Nancy Fraser, “Transnationalizing the Public Sphere” {Moodle}
Selections from Global Civil Society Yearbook 2007/8 {Moodle}

Th 4 Mar  

**Research Methods and Proposal Writing**
Readings TBA

6-14 March: Spring Break

Tu 16 Mar  

**Tools for Analyzing Transnational Activism**
Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism*, 59 -140

Environmentalism and Civil Society

Th 18 Mar  

**Environmental Advocacy Networks**
Keck and Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders*, 1-25, 121-164 {Moodle}

Tu 23 Mar  

**Environmental NGOs**
Paul Wapner, “Politics Beyond the State: Environmental Activism and World Civic Politics,” *World Politics* 47 (April 1995): 311-340 {Moodle}
March 25-26: Environmental Justice Workshop.

Advocating for Human Rights, Global Justice, Democracy

Tu 30 Mar  Human Rights
Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism*, 143-179
{Moodle}

Recommended
Keck and Sikkink, *Activists Beyond Borders*, 79-120
Tarrow, *The New Transnational Activism*, 183-219

Th 1 Apr  Non-state Justice: Global Citizenship or Global Consumership
Additional reading TBA

Tu 6 Apr  Marketing Rebellion: Zapatistas

The World Social Forum

Th 8 Apr  The WSF: Strategies of Resistance, 9-77
Tu 13 Apr  The WSF: Strategies of Resistance, 103-164
Critical Perspectives

Th 15 Apr

**A Secular Western Concept?**
David Smith, “Civil society in non-Western contexts: Reflections on the ‘usefulness’ of a concept” {Moodle}
Ernest Gellner, “conditions of liberty” (1-14, 15-29) {Moodle}
Hasan Hanafi, “Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society: A Reflective Islamic Approach” (171-189) {Moodle}

Recommended
Partha Chatterjee, “On Civil Society in postcolonial democracies” {Moodle}

Tu 20 Apr

**Civil Society and Accountability**
Jan Aaart Scholte, “Civil Society and Democratically Accountable Global Governance” in Held and Koenig-Archibugi (eds), *Global Governance and Public Accountability* (87-109) {Moodle}

Th 22 Apr

**Case Studies: Troubles with NGOs**

Tu 27 Apr

**The Limits of Global Civil Society**
Michael Goodhart, “Civil Society and the Problem of Global Democracy” *Democratization* 12, 1 (2005), 1-21 {Moodle}

Th 29 Apr

Last class. Catch up, Wrap up