

Geography 3701 final exam (SP2021)

This is an **open-book exam**. You are free to consult any material from class when developing your answers – including lecture slides, lecture videos, and readings.

Although this is an open-book exam, **you must not consult or work with your peers on your answers; your work must be yours alone**. Failure to complete the midterm on your own, including plagiarism violations, will constitute a COAM violation.

Midterm instructions

This exam is due via Carmen on **April 23rd 2021 at 5p.m.** Exams turned in after that time will be subject to a 10% daily late penalty.

You have a word count of 500-600 words per answer. Please provide an exact word count at the end of each of your questions. Please note that your answers will need to be edited several times in order to fit an adequate answer into this restricted word limit.

Your answers will be submitted via text boxes on Carmen. You should save a copy of your work in a Word (or similar) document as a back-up.

I am expecting that you **cite and analyze relevant readings from class in your answers.**

A **direct citation** means quoting an excerpt from a reading. The excerpt is placed in quotation marks. A direct citation can include the author's name in your sentence, for example: Said (1978) suggests that orientalism "has less to do with the Orient than it does with 'our' world" (p. 12). For a sentence in which a cited author is not explicitly named, you need to include the author's name in parentheses: Orientalism works by referencing "representative figures, or tropes" which are then used to "characterize the Orient as alien" (Said, 1978, p. 71-72).

A **paraphrase (or indirect) citation** is when you attribute an idea to a source. For example: In this answer I draw on Mitchell's (1988) work the ordering of the world via exhibition.

You must also **cite the lecture slides** in the same way (Lecture 15, slide 13). **Lecture videos** can be cited as (Lecture 15, 45:13-46:07).

Please **answer the following three questions**. Each question will be graded on 100 points. Your final exam grade will reflect a total on 300 points:

1. In *The Accumulation of Capital*, Rosa Luxemburg argues that "[s]ince the accumulation of capital becomes impossible in all points without noncapitalist surroundings, we cannot gain a true picture of it by assuming the exclusive and absolute domination of the capitalist mode of production" (p. 345). This leads her to conclude that capitalism is by definition imperialist. Comprehensively and accurately review Luxemburg's argument concerning the necessary connection between capitalism and imperialism.
2. Account for the birth and collapse of the Bretton Woods agreement. Make sure to specify the mechanics and rationale behind the agreement.
3. In class we explored the centrality of topographic thought and practice to 20th century modernity. Explore what this means in reference to Cold War-era geopolitics and landscapes. In what ways does the Cold War-era topographic imagination depart from – or not – the earlier classical imperial imagination?

Please answer the following, **optional bonus question, time permitting**. This question will be graded on 30 points, or as a possible 10% addition to your overall exam grade. This means that you could earn 330/300 on this exam. The bonus question must be answered in the same format as the questions above, and with the same expectations in terms of the grading rubric.

4. Review Darwin's novel theorization of evolution and explain why his ideas were so unsettling to European audiences at the turn of the 19th to 20th centuries. Make sure to also account for the late 19th century/early 20th century rekindling of interest in Lamarck's earlier evolutionary theory.