

Geog 4712
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Recitation 15

Watts:
characteristics of "La Conjuncture"

3 recent developments (capital movement, banking and NICs)

link between global recession and local events in the Third World

growing underdevelopment in Africa - why?

the food crisis in Africa - causes

wheat revolution, famine and the issue of access to food

traditional methods of adaptation to drought

ecological degradation as a result of abandonment of traditional practices

Processes occurring at scales of reality, ideology and experience in the "wheat trap"

Q. how do advanced capitalist states dominate the postwar international political economy?

Q. why is patriarchy and sex-segregation in the (globalizing) workforce producing a high fertility rate in Bangladesh?

UNEP report – conflict and the environment:

Note claim - 40% of intrastate conflict connected to natural resource use/competition

Define:

Peacekeeping

Peacemaking

Human security

Pick one of the 15 case studies (Darfur, Cambodia, Sierra Leone/Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire/Liberia, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Gaza/West Bank, Congo, Peru/Ecuador, Haiti, Rwanda) and be prepared to elaborate the connection between the relevant natural resources and the respective conflicts.

Figure 1 – what can be done to intervene in the conflict-natural resource cycle? Where should the international community get involved? How? Is the case of banning the sale of “conflict diamonds” a useful model?