

Social & Solidarity Economy

PPT 4C

Linked to Readings C8-C9



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“Sweatshop”
 (“Maquiladoras” in Latin America)

“A job is a job”

But, where would you rather work?

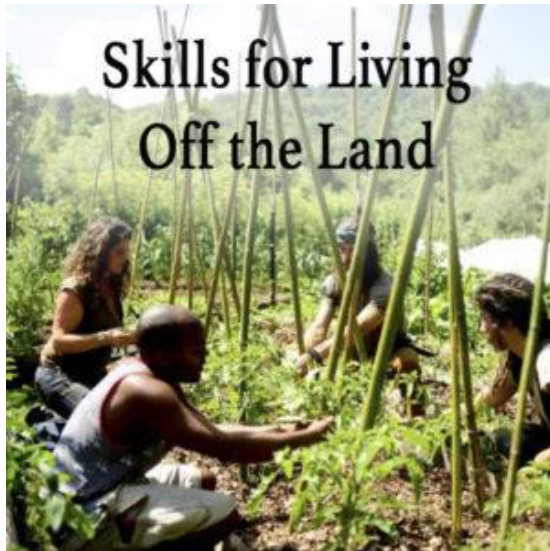
OR



“Coop”
 (Cooperatives)

How did the people on the left ended up there?

- *What does it take to “make a living”?*
- *Have the ways to make a living changed over time?*
- *What triggered changes in the past 2 centuries and past decades?*



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- What causes poverty nowadays?

Come up with a list of potential causes...

Land Grabbing (or Land grab)

Google "Land grabbing cartoon" and interpret what you see...

[Definition \(2016\)](#) from Eco Ruralis
[**Click & read** p.2]
Document provided by [FAO](#)

"Land grabbing can be defined as being the (whether through ownership, lease, concession, contracts, quotas, or general power) of larger than locally-typical amounts of land by any person or entity (public or private, foreign or domestic) via any means ('legal' or 'illegal') for purposes of speculation, extraction, resource control or commodification at the expense of peasant farmers, agroecology, land stewardship, food sovereignty and human rights."



Causes rural poverty

Cambodia case study

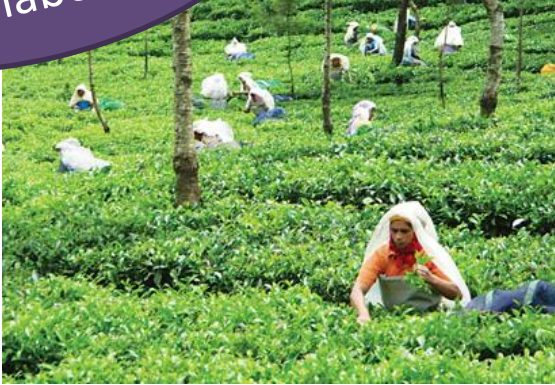
Watch: [No land – no life: Land grabbing in Cambodia](#) (10 min.)

[Police, Land Protesters Clash in Cambodia](#) Jan. 2019 (1 min)

- Can you think of rural inhabitants' options once they are kicked out off their land or the land they used to occupy?

Landless and destitute people have two main choices:

To stay and become a low wage labourers



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To move to the city in the **hope** of improving their condition



Urban poverty



Legal jobs: low wage



Or...



Illegal job
(Informal economy)

Urban poverty in terms of lifestyle:

slums (shanty towns/squatter settlements/illegal settlements)

- Where does the problem lie? In the foreground or background of this image?

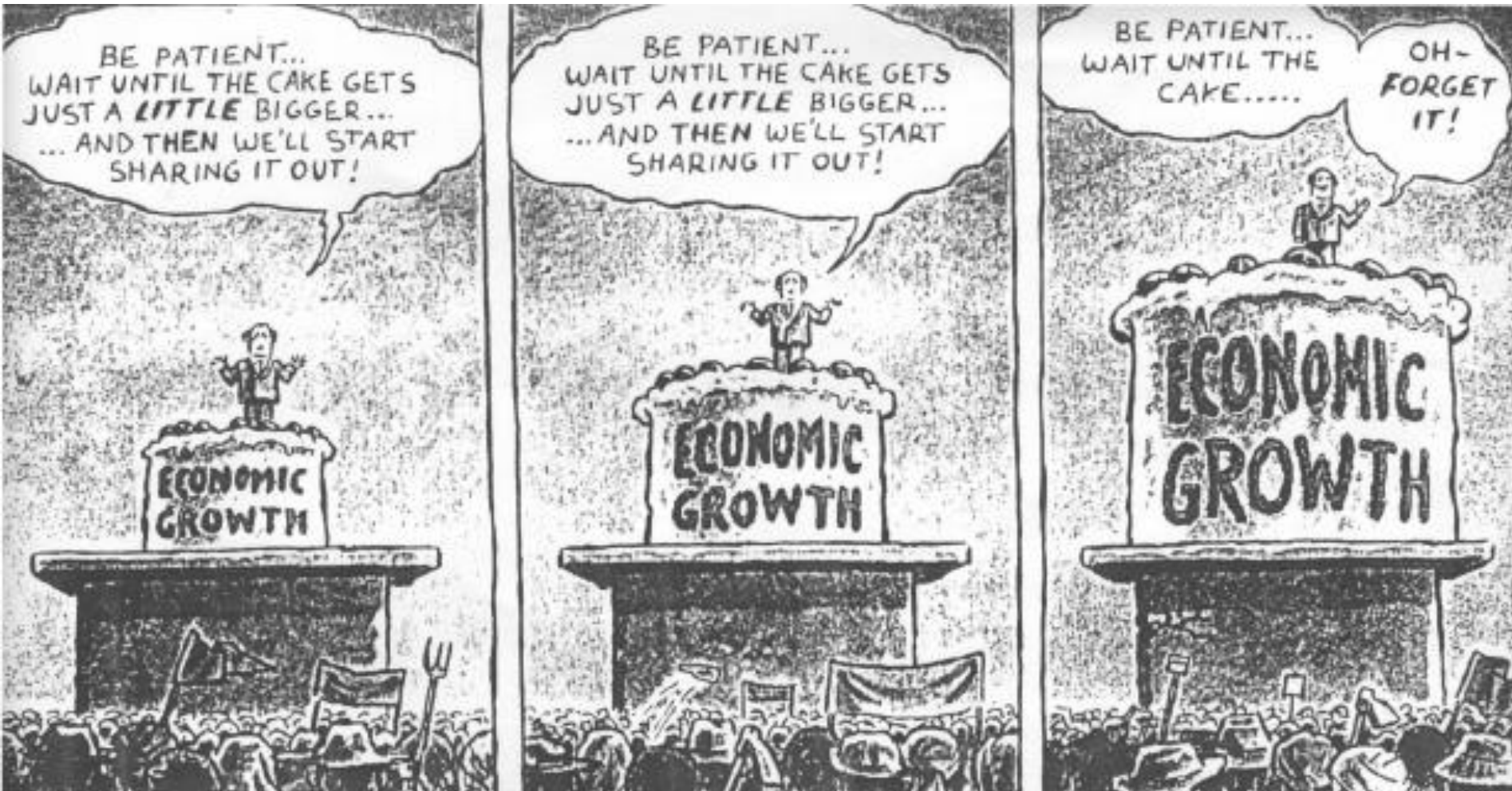


- What are the consequences of poverty on individual wellbeing and society wellbeing/welfare?*
- How can such situation produce “high” or “increasing” GDP?*

- Do you believe poverty can be alleviated with Economic Growth?

The “Myth” of Economic Growth

- Does the wealth really trickle down to the mass?



Source: An old cartoon I dug out of my files...

- *OK, so then, what do we do?*

Watch [Scientists' Warning to Humanity & Business as Un-usual](#)
with Victoria Hurth (min. 17:30-25:00).

[The first part of this video was in Part B of our course]

- *What elements of Hurth's presentation resonate with readings C8 & C9?*

The readings of Part C provide a whole array of alternatives to the mainstream economic system.

Make a list of alternatives as you cover the readings.

[NOTE: land grab and land rights will be covered in Part E]

Let's have a look at some examples...

FREE vs FAIR Trade

What is the difference between these two concepts?

In Ethiopia, **fair trade** with **Tadesse Meskela** who works hard to obtain the fair price for the coffee growers.



- Movie “*Black Gold*” (2006) [trailer](#)
- [Oromia Coffee Farmers Cooperative Union](#)
- Social impacts of Fair trade (2017): [Oromia Coffee \(Ethiopia\) coffee farmers tell us their story](#) (2 min)
- [Fairtrade.net & Oromia Coffee Farmers Coop Union](#):
“Mulane Jabessa is beaming as she lights her new energy efficient stove, one of 40,000 that are being distributed by Oromia Coffee Farmers’ Cooperative Union as part of a project to tackle one of the biggest challenges coffee farmers face – climate change.”

From...



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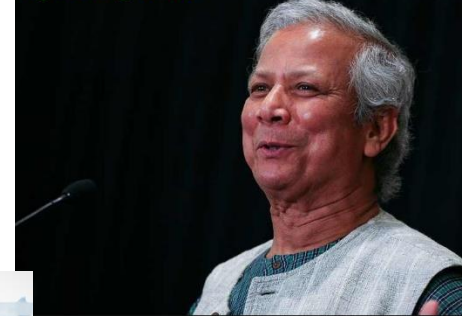
Microfinancing (Micro-credits)

In Bangladesh, [Grameen bank](#) & Muhammad Yunus

- The beginnings: [Muhammad Yunus Attacks Poverty with Microcredit](#) (2 min.)
- How it works: [Grameen Bank at a Glance](#) (5 min.)
- [The Bonsai Tree](#) (2 min.)

- In one line, what is the moral of this story?

If you think creating a world without any poverty is impossible let's do it. Because it is the right thing to do.



My little story with Yunus...



[Kiva](#) & Premal Shah

- How it works: [The Power of Kiva](#) (5 min.)

- *Why “micro”? (Versus what other options?)*
- *How do these kinds of loans make a difference for the poor?*

Social Economy

And right here in old Montreal!



Le [Chantier](#) de l'économie sociale

- The beginning with **Nancy Neamtan**
[Social Economy Movement](#) (4 min.)



- What triggered her desire to start this movement?

Other initiatives...

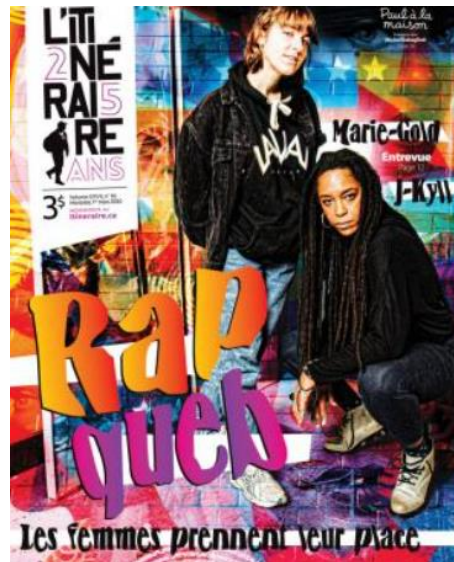
- [Slum Dweller International](#) Watch [video](#) (3 min.)



- [StreetNet – Alliance of Street Vendors](#)



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The Future...

“Extreme consumerism”



“Minimalism” or “*Buen Vivir*”
or “*simplicité volontaire*”

