

Term-Paper Instructions

YOU are responsible for reading and understanding these instructions. If you turn in an assignment that does not follow these instructions, your grade will reflect it. You cannot say I didn't warn you.

Deadlines:

1. Article Selection: Sunday, July 5.

2. Rough Draft: Saturday, July 18.

3. Final Project: Friday, July 31 (No late work will be accepted after this day).

The purpose of this assignment is to have you explore the type of scholarly research being done by human geographers. The project will give you an understanding of the breadth and depth of research that geographers do, point out important issues in this sub-field that are the subject of academic research, and give you insights on how geographers conduct research and present that research. This assignment requires you to focus on articles in peer-reviewed, scholarly journals rather than popular media. There are several things that distinguish scholarly articles from other types of writing. Firstly, these articles are peer-reviewed; meaning that they have been judged by up to four other scholars working on similar topics for their accuracy and merit before being published. Scholarly articles are also fully cited so that another researcher can prove the validity of the arguments by looking at the same sources. Thirdly, while popular media articles generally stand alone as a report on something, peer-reviewed scholarly articles represent ongoing conversations among scholars to advance our knowledge about the world – in this case, human/cultural geography.

Technical Aspects: Your paper must conform to the following formatting: 12-point font (Arial, Times New Roman, Garamond, or Book Antiqua), one-inch margins all around, double-spaced, and number the pages. **Any paper that does not follow the technical aspects will receive a 10-point discount in the final grade for this assignment.**

Selecting an Article (DUE by Sunday, July 5): The first step in completing this assignment is finding an article. The article you use must comply with the overall assignment – it must be a human geography article, it must be a full-length, research article (not book reviews, commentaries, country reports, or special issue entries), and it must be from one of the peer-reviewed geography journals listed below. They must also be published in the year 2001 or later. Only one person will be allowed to review an article. **Here's how to submit your article selections:** send the professor of the course a message (using the course messaging system only – CANVAS) with a list of three articles you have picked out in order of preference– your list should consist of full citations for the articles selected (including: author/s last name/s, first name/s, year of publication, title of article, journal where it was published, volume, number, page numbers) –see citation samples below. You must also attach the PDF files for the articles to your message. If you fail to submit an appropriate article by the due date, I will assign an article to you – I can't promise it will be interesting or easy to read. If you do not submit your three article selections on the due date, you will have a 10-point discount in your final grade for this assignment. I will send individual messages to each student with their assigned articles no later than Monday, July 6.

When submitting your three articles of choice, please use the following format to cite them, and include them in the text of your message. Note that this is the same format that must appear in the Cover Page of your final work. The samples provided include examples of articles written by only one author, two authors, and articles written by three or more authors. As you will see, the only variations in these formats correspond to the citation of the author/s of the article.

- **One author:**

- Shubin, S. 2010. Cultural exclusion and rural poverty in Ireland and Russia. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, New Series, 35(4): 555-570.
- **Two authors:**
 - Clark, J. and A. Jones. 2012. After ‘the collapse’: Strategic selectivity, Icelandic state elites and the management of European Union accession. *Political Geography*, 31(2): 64–72.
- **Three or more authors:**
 - Clark D.B., Doel, M.A. and F.X. McDonough. 2006. Holocaust topologies: Singularity, politics, space. *Political Geography*, 15(6-7): 457-489.

The articles you select MUST come from the following GEOGRAPHY JOURNALS:

Journal Title	Location
Annals of the Association of American Geographers	G3.A7
Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography	G1.A67
Area	G7.A73
Cultural Geographies	GE170.E376
Economic Geography	HF1021.E4
Environment and Planning D: Society & Space	H1.E58
Gender, Place and Culture	G70.G4
Geographical Journal	G7.R91
Political Geography	JC319.P65
Social and Cultural Geography	GF1.S6
The Professional Geographer	G3.P7
Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie (Journal of Economic and Social Geography)	HC10.T55
Transactions (Institute of British Geographers)	G7.I6

Note that most of these peer-review journals are available online using the FIU Library catalog system (library.fiu.edu); **you do not have to purchase them**. Log on into library.fiu.edu and click on e-journals. Here you will have access to all electronic copies of the articles published in the selected journal. Once in the webpage of the journal you should conduct a search of any topics included in our textbook that may be of interest to you using the appropriate key word.

Draft Term-Paper (DUE: on Saturday, July 18). Students that submit a rough draft of their paper by uploading their work the plagiarism detection website Turnitin.com, which must include all required sections and formatted according to the Term-Paper Instructions, will receive detailed feedback on how to improve their work within a couple days. It is required that you send the instructor of the course a message alerting him that you have uploaded your draft work to Turnitin.com.

The Final/Analysis Paper (DUE by Friday, July 31): For the paper, you will need to follow the format given below in analyzing and summarizing the components of the research article about which you are writing.

Remember that you are only using ONE article in the part of the project. In completing the following format, you will need to read each section of the article you are using very carefully, possibly more than once. **Your paper should be at-least 6 pages in length (not including the Cover Page)**, you must follow the formatting procedure listed above, and you must submit your paper to the plagiarism detection website Turnitin.com using the class webpage by the due date. Note that plagiarism will not be tolerated. **If this or any other course assignment is plagiarized, you will earn an automatic failure grade in the course.**

Follow the format carefully. When you write your paper, divide it into clearly labeled sections using the headings included below. In each section, be sure to address the questions fully. Any paper that does not include the required labels/titles will receive a 10-point discount in the final grade for this assignment.

- I. **Cover Page:** Author(s) of the Article, Publication Date, Title of the Article, Publication Source (Journal, Volume, Number, Page numbers), Your Name, GEO 3421, Summer 2020, Date Submitted.
- II. **Introduction**
How does the author introduce the article (for example, do they tell a story to situate the topic, or do they discuss other research, a media report, an event)? How does the introduction frame the coming discussion and argument?
- III. **Argument**
What argument(s) does the author make in the paper (for example, are they saying that some topic hasn't been studied (enough); or, are they saying that if we study some particular issue/case it will change (or reaffirm) how we think about some conception; or, are they saying that if we bring in a different conception it will change the way we think about a particular issue/case)?
- IV. **Structure of the Paper**
How does the author go about making the argument in the paper? What order do they present the information? How do they layout the article? What sections are in the article, and what points do they make in each one? How do the sections build up to the overall argument?
- V. **Literatures**
In what literatures (both theoretical and topical) does the author situate their work? What works do they cite, and how do they conceive what they are citing? Note: Not every paper will have a specific section dedicated to literature review – they may be embedded in various sections of the paper.
- VI. **Methodology**
How did the author go about collecting that information (data) used to support their argument? Did they use interviews (who, with and how many), participant observation (where and how long), document analysis (historical documents, newspaper accounts, policy papers, etc.), or statistical data (gather by the author or some other entity) to name a few? How is the data presented: is it woven into the text of the article, or is it presented in some graphic form (maps, charts, graphs, photos)? How well does the data support the argument that the author is making?
- VII. **Conclusion**
How does the author summarize their argument(s) one last time? Do they hint at broader implications of their work beyond the focus of this article? Do they make a call for more research in a certain area?
- VIII. **Bibliography**
How many sources does the article cite and what types of sources are cited? How many of the sources are books? How many are research articles? How many are other types of documents (popular media reports – newspaper or magazine articles, government documents, planning documents, etc.)? How many are internet sources? Does the author cite Wikipedia?

IMPORTANT NOTES:

DO NOT PLAGIARIZE ANY PART OF THIS PAPER OR YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT AND IN THE COURSE.

Most of your paper should summarize the article **in your own words**! If you wish to use the wording of the article's author(s) you should ALWAYS put quotations marks around it and give the page number where it can be found. No more than 10% of your paper should be quotations. If you quote too much, you will lose points.

Be sure to read the instructions carefully and follow them diligently.

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