

DUE Monday March 21. (Hand out on Wednesday, March 9)

The four readings are on Blackboard. Use them, and today's class lecture (3/9), & your section's discussions with your TAs, to craft your paper over Spring Break. I am fully contactable for advice over this period.

The focus of this assignment is upon the sharp divisions within urban space.

You all well know that the big cities of the rich American world with which you are acquainted comprise great extremes of wealth and poverty. You now know from the textbook and the lectures that the same is true of the cities of the poor world -- if not more true. South Africa's Cape Town could be said to straddle *both* the rich ("First") *and* the poor ("Third") worlds in one city. And it does indeed have great extremes of riches and of poverty.

In the **first** of these four readings, written nearly 35 years ago, you will learn about apartheid, an infamous system of legalized racial discrimination which actively tried to separate Cape Town into well-defined zones of rich (Whites) as opposed to poor ("Nonwhites" -- that is, Black Africans and Coloureds).

Apartheid fell, Nelson Mandela came to power, and the country became a nonracial democracy. But the **second** reading (2012) asks whether things have changed that much: racism still exists, now abetted by class differentiation. Similarly, the **third** reading (2011) asserts that despite freedom for all, for both Black and White, Cape Town is still as segregated as ever.

Question:

Reading 1 describes why urban apartheid -- racial residential segregation -- was put in place. (To simply claim that "White racism" was the motive or reason would be a very insufficient answer.) Okay, for 20 years now the legalized racism of apartheid has been abolished, but according to Reading 2, segregation still exists. In Reading 3 the author agrees, and writes of the rich neighborhoods today as being "formerly white areas by law, today largely white by economics." What has economics (hint: of a "Neoliberal" [textbook p.273] kind) got to do with it?

References:

Reading 1. Excerpts from Outcast Cape Town, by John Western (1981, 1996).

Reading 2. "In a divided city, many Blacks see echoes of White superiority," by Lydia Polgreen, *New York Times*, March 23, 2012. **Reading 3.** Excerpts from Cape Town after apartheid: crime and governance in the divided city, by Tony Roshan Samara (2011).

Additional Reading 4, for section: Excerpts from A. Teppo & M. Houssay-Holzschuch, "Revolution for liberalism," *Canadian Review of African Studies* (2013).

*In this assignment you must use an essay style which means you must have an introduction with a statement of purpose and a set of conclusions. Make sure you use and cite all your readings to support your arguments. Paper length: 1200-1500 words. **Reminder: Answer the question as set.***