

**The Minerva Course: Union College, Fall 2015**  
**ISC 205, Inequality: Economic and Social Perspectives**

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 Mon. & Wed. 7:00-8:45, Olin 115

Week 1	W 9/9	Introduction by Teresa Meade <a href="#">here</a> , and Eshragh Motahar <a href="#">here</a> .
	M 9/14	Steve Sargent (Union College, History Dept.): Inequality in Feudal and Early Capitalist Economies, 1000-1600. <a href="#">here</a>
Week 2	W 9/16	Kara Doyle (Union College, English Dept.): Sense and Sensibility: Patriarchy and Primogeniture. <a href="#">here</a>
	M 9/21	Mary O’Keeffe (Union College, Economics Dept): Schenectady as Inequality Action Laboratory? <a href="#">here</a>
Week 3	W 9/23	Kenneth Aslakson (Union College, History Dept.): “By our unpaid labor and suffering, we have earned the right to the soil”: Slavery and Inequality in American History. <a href="#">here</a>
	M 9/28	<a href="#">Greg Grandin</a> (NYU): Raphael Painted, Luther Preached, and Milton Sung: Chattel Slavery and the Making of the Modern World. <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> . Author of <i>The Empire of Necessity: Slavery, Freedom, and Deception in the New World</i> (2014), and forthcoming: <i>Kissinger’s Shadow: The Long Reach of America’s Most Controversial Statesman</i> (2015).
Week 4	W 9/30	Dave Cotter & Melinda Goldner (Union College, Sociology Dept.): The Gender Revolution: Stopped, Stalled or in Reverse? <a href="#">here</a> , and <a href="#">here</a>
	M 10/5	<a href="#">Stephanie Coontz</a> (Evergreen College): For Better AND Worse: Gender, Class, and the Transformation of Marriage. <a href="#">here</a> <i>A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960s</i> (2011)
Week 5	W 10/7	<i>Mid-term evaluation</i>
	M 10/12	<a href="#">Steve Fraser</a> (NY writer and editor), on labor movement/inequality. Author of <i>The Age of Acquiescence: The Life and Death of American Resistance to Organized Wealth and Power</i> (2015). The first and second Gilded Ages, <a href="#">here</a> , and <a href="#">here</a> .
Week 6	W 10/14	Melinda Lawson (Union College, History Dept.): Youth and the Civil Rights Movement. <a href="#">here</a>
	M 10/19	<a href="#">Brian Jones</a> (NY teacher/activist): Public Education Today, Still Separate and Still Unequal. <a href="#">here</a> .
Week 7	W 10/21	Jeffrey Corbin (Union College, Biology Dept.): Environment/Climate Change <a href="#">here</a>
	M 10/26	<a href="#">Erin Delman</a> ’11 (UC-Irvine, geology): The inequality of climate change: A vulnerability-benefit analysis of fossil fuel CO <sub>2</sub> emissions.
Week 8	W 10/28	Mark Dallas (Union College, Political Science Dept.): Fragmentation and Hierarchy in Global Production: Locating China in the New International Division of Labor. <a href="#">here</a>
	M 11/2	<a href="#">Michael Klare</a> (Hampshire College & U-Mass Five Colleges Professor): Climate Change, Inequality, and Conflict. <a href="#">here</a> . Author of <i>The Race for What’s Left: The Global Scramble for the World’s Last Resources</i> (2011)
Week 9	W 11/4	Christopher Chabris (Union College, Psychology Dept.): Psychology, and perceptions of inequality <a href="#">here</a>
	M 11/9	<a href="#">Kristian Braekkan</a> (Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peters, MN): What’s Happening in Europe? Crisis, Inequality and Structural Constraints from Greece to Norway...and Places In Between.
Week 10	W 11/11	<a href="#">Bhaskar Sunkara</a> (NY, editor of <i>Jacobin Magazine</i> ): Bringing Radicalism into Mainstream. <a href="#">here</a> , <a href="#">here</a> , <a href="#">here</a> , and <a href="#">here</a> .
	M 11/16	Wrap up: Meade/Motahar