

ANT399Y: Independent Experiential Study June – July, 2010
Producing Wealth and Poverty in Indonesia's New Rural Economies

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This research program examines the social relations through which rural people gain access to, or are excluded from, the benefits of high growth agriculture in Indonesia. It uses a team approach to examine two rural sites currently undergoing high rates of growth. In West Kalimantan, the focus is on a bulk commodity – palm oil – supplied to the world market. The research in Central Java examines the production of potatoes to meet a new urban demand for MacDonal'd's fries. The aim is to map the social positions, relations and practices that shape who wins, and who loses, from Indonesia's new rural economies.

Student Experience: Undergraduate participants will receive intensive training in Indonesian language as well as research skills, and undertake a month of intensive field research together with a team of Canadian and Indonesian faculty, graduate and undergraduate students.

Preparation: in addition to meeting the normal criteria for admission to a 399Y course (completed a minimum of 8.5 full course equivalents before commencing the 399Y), the ANT490Y1 Field Course in Social and Cultural Anthropology is a pre-requisite (see attached).

Program:

May 10 – June 4	ANT490Y1 Field Course in Social and Cultural Anthropology (see attached)
June 7- 27	Language Training and Fieldwork Preparation at Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta
June 28- July 30	Field research, Kalimantan or Java; submit complete field notes
August 30	Submit field report/working paper

Expectations: Students will attend all training and preparatory activities. They will keep detailed field notes typed daily and shared with the team in a format to be agreed. They will prepare an individual research report that uses field data to examine a topic of particular interest to them. The reports will be published as working papers on the research website.

Evaluation: Attendance, participation and contributions to the team	40%
Field notes, Research report/Working paper	60%

Supervision/ Safety: Dr Tania Li is the instructor and Dr Semedi is a designated co-instructor for the course. The instructors will institute a chain of responsible leadership to ensure the safety of students in the field. Students will attend training at the Safety Abroad office, and sign the Consent Form and Release from Liability for Off-Campus International Field Courses.

Funding: Funds are available to cover the travel and subsistence costs of 4 students @C\$4000. If there are more qualified applicants, we will seek to identify additional funds.

To signal your possible interest in this course and to obtain further information please contact the course assistant sherigibbings@gmail.com by January 15, 2009. Formal applications will follow.