

**Summer 2017 A-Term**

**SOCIOLOGY 401**

5 Credits (I&S) : SLN 13531

Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs 10:50-1:00

# The Sociology of NGOs: NGOs, Civil Society and Legitimacy



- Are NGOs legitimate representatives of the poor?
- To what extent do NGOs behave like profit-seeking organizations?
- How do NGOs deal with failure?

The legitimacy and accountability of NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) are subjects of ongoing debates in both the media and among academics. This course exposes students to these debates, the major challenges in global development, as well as the role that NGOs play in addressing these challenges. We will use sociological theories and case studies to enhance our understanding of some of the current empirical puzzles in global development. Our case studies will explore recent reports on Haiti, India, Morocco, Uganda, Kenya and Indonesia. Organizations that will be discussed include Doctors without Borders, The Red Cross, Partners in Health, World Visor, Direct Relief, The Aga Khan Foundation, and many more.

There is no required textbook for this course.

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