

Places and Regions in Global Context
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*...it takes a lot of things to change the world:
Anger and tenacity. Science and indignation,
The quick initiative, the long reflection,
The cold patience and the infinite perseverance,
The understanding of the particular case and the understanding of the ensemble:
Only the lessons of reality can teach us to transform reality.*

-Bertolt Brecht, Einverständnis

Most people have an understanding of what their own lives are like and a good deal of knowledge of their own neighborhood and perhaps even of the larger city and state in which they live. Yet, even as the countries and regions of the world become more interconnected, most of us still know very little about the lives of people on the other side of our country, in other societies, or about the ways in which the lives of those people connect to our own. In order to change the world, to make it a better place in which to live for all people, we need to understand not just our little corner of it, but the whole of it, the broad sweep of human geography that constitutes the larger world in which our small corners are just a part.

This book provides an introduction to human geography that will make “the understanding of the particular case and the understanding of the ensemble” meaningful. To study human geography, to put it simply, is to study the dynamic and complex relationships between peoples and the worlds they inhabit. This book gives students the basic geographical tools and concepts needed to understand the complexity of places and regions, and to appreciate the interconnections between their own lives and those of people in different parts of the world.

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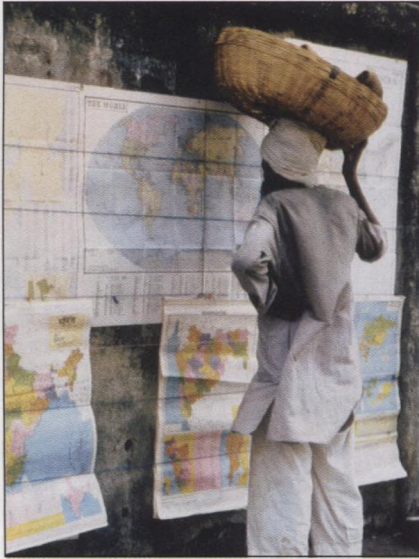


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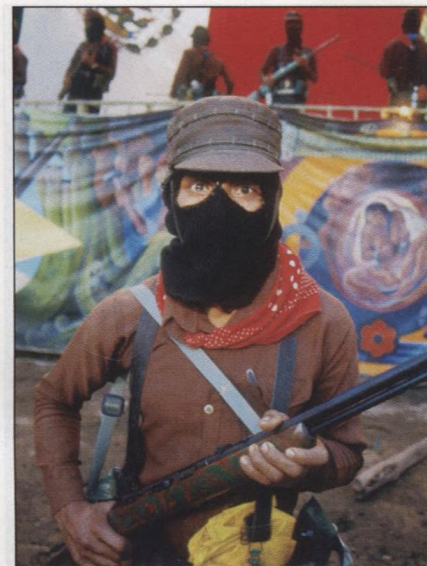
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