This course will be graded as follows:

- Attendance & Participation: 20%
- Small Group Statements (4): 20%
- Individual Mid-Term Paper: 25%
- Individual Final Project: 35%

REQUIREMENTS

This course will be highly participatory, including individual work and group collaboration as we seek to answer these questions, and will address the following issues:

- What are the origins of the co-operative movement?
- How do the issues that gave rise to the co-operative movement compare with those that we face today?
- What are the different forms of co-operative enterprise?
- What is the concept of a co-operative economy?
- How might the co-operative approach be applied more effectively to contemporary challenges and opportunities?
- Do co-operative principles represent a viable alternative to capitalist and state socialist economic approaches?


OUTLINE

* (2/19) NO CLASS 13. (4/30) Presentation of Final Projects

“IT has been said that co-operativism is an economic movement that uses the methods of education. This definition can also be modified to affirm that co-operativism is an educational movement that uses the methods of economics.”

— Don Jose Maria Arizmendi, father of the Mondragón co-operative movement.