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### Notes for RWE outline

#### Globalization framework

**Economic phenomena linked to the formal and informal economies at various spatial scales.**

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| actors | white (licit) | grey | black (illicit) |
| finance | banks, bonds |  | money laundering |
| global actors | direct land investment |  | narco / arms / mafias / range |
| individual agens | remittances |  | illegal migrants & "evaders of the state" |

#### Inequality

* Unequal localities - mental health and stress for rising in the social hierarchy
  + Tim Jackson - social hierarchy
  + Spirit level - book
  + *Conspicuous consumption* - Consuming to be seen and get status.
    - Thorstein Vebleen
    - Veblen goods
* Unequal nations - less government investment in public health
  + Link to Picketty and higher degree of return on financial capital weatlh
  + Quality of democracy
    - Median voter theorem
    - Regulatory capture
      * Case: Endangered Species Act - strong, but not implemented, because state governments do not fund it.
    - Political economy
  + Concentrated media and unempowering junk information?
    - Australia - media owned by coal ownership
    - Employment in PR industry versus journalism
    - Role of large media corportations in demochratic sustainable transitions
      * Communication of information about non-empowering information/news
* Global inequality - Historical political ecology
  + Henrik on Soviet Union and regime shifts
  + Mark Davis - late Victorian-holocausts
    - El-Nino, famines, and the making of the third world
  + India: Climate shocks used to be normal in India - colonialism blocked institutional adaptation - Raj - modern society -
  + Luis et al. - mass die-offs of native americans to European settlement - onset of the Anthropocene
  + Shock doctrine and the socio-ecological as well as macroeconomic consequences today

#### Financial innovation

* a roving bandits strategy
* is financial innvoation a strategy for escaping regulation
* black and grey markets
  + money laundering - tax havens
* "black/deviatnt globalization (book)"
  + using globalization to evade prosecution
  + cross-border crime as a business to benefit from administrative
* illegal waste dumbing in Italy, starting out as legal waste exports in Germany
* Gomorrah movie

#### Illicit financial flows

* **Estimate size of flows**
* **Find good cases**
  + Illicit flows from China (to Garry's hometown)
    - Partially off the books businesses moving capital out of country to obscure tracking.
    - Main investors in China are global tax havens.
  + "Narko states" - e.g. Colombia, Mexico
    - Effects on land use change dynamiscs
      * E.g. Colombia, spraying fields will generate new areas with deforestation for coca plantations.
* [Global Financial Integrity](http://www.gfintegrity.org/)
  + [Global Illicit Financial Flows Reports](http://www.gfintegrity.org/reports/)
* drugs
  + Cocaine production World Bank report - What Do We Know
* human trafficking (probably treat separate from drugs)
  + a problem and a solution
    - new people in countries as source of conflict
      * ethnic diversity as a source of conflict or a sign of different cultures
    - new people in countries as a source of innovation (*REFS from economic geography*)
      * new economic ventures started up by immigrants
      * immigrants in canadian households earning more than native-born canadians
      * interlinked-chains of skilled migrants between coupled bilateral systems

#### family financial networks

* Hawala
* Informal Transfer Systems - IMF report on Hawala
* framed under a teleccoupled financial
* **References**
  + ***Do international migration and remittances reduce poverty in developing countries***
  + Remittances, financial development and growth - **Highly cited paper**
  + Evaluating the Economic Impact of International Remittances on Developing Countries
* possible structuring
  + global markets and on the ground effects
    - financial flows
  + local networks and the global impact and context
    - most illicit flows

#### Online resources on fincial flows

<http://www.afdb.org/en/blogs/integrating-africa/post/african-regional-integration-and-the-fight-against-illicit-financial-flows-12898/>

<http://www.gfintegrity.org/storage/gfip/documents/reports/gfi_africareport_web.pdf>

<http://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/Studies/Illicit_financial_flows_2011_web.pdf>

<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/6719/wps4618.pdf?sequence=1>

<http://www.gfintegrity.org/reports/>

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<https://books.google.se/books?hl=en&lr>=&id=CCwqWOvf9dQC&oi=fnd&pg=PR5&dq=human+trafficking+illicit+financial+flows&ots=Vm5pNT9V\_4&sig=0uoR07JZjcDnayaBLfpoZ1PL9EM&redir\_esc=y#v=onepage&q=human%20trafficking%20illicit%20financial%20flows&f=false

<http://www.econstor.eu/bitstream/10419/52839/1/376632771.pdf>

<http://natlex.ilo.ch/wcmsp5/groups/public/>---ed\_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms\_081931.pdf

<http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2528587>

<http://www.jstor.org/discover/10.2307/1123280?uid=3738984&uid=2&uid=4&sid=21106131267781>

<http://scholarship.law.gwu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1928&context=faculty_publications>

<http://faculty.haas.berkeley.edu/Dalbo/Regulatory_Capture_Published.pdf>

#### Integrating with the core of the socio-economic sciences

* Deeper integration with economic and social sciences
  + Going away from individualism, having a more rich view of how societies function - corruption - brutality - goodness - norms - war & conflict (blind spots - myopias - cognitive disonance - understand the world and see the seeds of good) - decision making / participatory stuff
* Advanced economic modelling (maybe not for this paper)
  + Game theory - Chaos - Buzz Braug -

#### Market dynamics

* Socio-ecological consequences of financial and market dynamics
  + The principal agent problem
    - What are employees evaluated for and what is the goal of the institution
* National bankruptcies - socio-ecological consequences of economic shocks
  + Asian financial crisis
  + Latin American crises -
    - Argentina - rangelands
    - Brazil - forest dynamics
  + Somalia - cautionary tale of socio-ecological drivers of piracy in a economically and democratically collapsed state

#### Future perspectives

* How can sustainability science go on from here in interacting with a broad set of large real world (socio-)economic and financial issues
* Co-production - what happens when scientists collaborate
  + Challenges of co-production
  + How do you think about having socially good processes, without being over-normative.
* Key guideline for what may be considered more controversial bits - looking at the empirical side of things

#### Next steps

* Meeting with Daniel and Anne Sophie
* Online repository for readings - Garry on Eboks.
* Potential collabs
  + Neil Adger & Kate Brown
  + Berkes
  + Kate Brown - development geography - adaptation to climate change
  + Billy Lee Turner
  + Hal Mooney
* Peter - talk to Gretchen and Carl and Cecilia.

#### Framework for migration flows - capital flows - Daniel project

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* capital out, migration out
* capital in, migration out
* capital out, migration in