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## **IR 308**

### **Globalization: Issues and Controversies**

#### **Course Description and Objectives:**

This course is an introduction to globalization for students of international relations – what it is and how and why people react to it as they do. The primary purpose of this course is to enhance students' understanding of the ways in which two contradictory but contemporaneous developments of convergence and divergence occur under the heading of globalization in the international politics of modern times. First, we will focus on understanding the economics behind globalization, e.g. the movement of money, things and information. How and why have economic interactions changed? How does globalization affect poverty and development? Second, we will investigate the way that mass movements of people and ideas have changed human interactions and expectations. We will focus on the issues such as human trafficking, terrorism, the spread of human rights, markets and democracy ideas and immigration issues. Third, we will consider the consequences of globalization and the prospects for governance of globalization. How and to what extent has it changed international politics? What are its effects? We will spend time looking at the impact of globalization on terrorism and the environment, among other issues. This course will analyze the winners and losers of globalization, study the emerging threats and benefits posed by globalization, and identify and evaluate possible ways of managing problems that arise due to globalization.

#### **Course Requirements and Grading:**

“Discussion” 15%  
Journal 15%  
Presentation 25%  
3 Quizzes 15%  
Final 30%

Students are expected to attend class and participate actively in class discussions. To further this, each student will also be expected to complete a journal. The journal will include the students' analysis and response to the readings. These should be completed *prior* to the class (or classes) meeting on the topic. Grading will be based on the depth and comprehensiveness of the journal, as well as whether or not it is up-to-date with the readings. Students should write 1-2 typed pages about the readings for each class. The journals will be collected a couple times during the semester (**with no advance warning**) and must be brought to class **every time**.

Each student is also required to complete one presentation, three short quizzes, and a final examination. The presentation will be a group project including both an oral and written portion that will involve multi-media and will be explained in further detail in the beginning of the semester. Presentations cannot be made up, except for documented emergencies. The dates of the quizzes are listed on the course outline, and make-ups will only be available for documented emergencies. The quizzes will cover the material up to the quiz, but will not be cumulative. The final will be cumulative over the entire semester.

#### **Required Readings:**

Ngairé Woods, *The Globalizers: The IMF, the World Bank and Their Borrowers*

Joseph E. Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2003).

Amrita Narlikar, *The World Trade Organization: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2005).

Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, (Anchor Books, 2000).

All the other readings can be found in the course reader available for purchase at the department. Students are expected to complete the assigned readings prior to class each week. We will discuss the readings in class.

In addition to the reading materials on the syllabus, all students are expected to keep abreast of the daily news by reading a serious newspaper (e.g. *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *LA Times*).

## **COURSE OUTLINE AND READINGS**

### **PART I: Introduction**

#### **Introduction: Defining Globalization**

**August 26**

Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, (2000), pp. xi-xxii, 7-43.

Held & McGrew, *Globalization/Anti-Globalization* (2002), pp. 1-9

#### **Homogenization**

**August 28, September 2**

Brawley, *The Politics of Globalization* (2003), pp.59-72.\

Held & McGrew, *Globalization/Anti-Globalization* (2002), pp. 38-57.

Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, (2000), pp. 43-72, 101-142.

Fukuyama, "The End of History," *The National Interest*, 16 (Summer 1989), pp. 3-18.

Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations," *Foreign Affairs* 72:3 (1993), pp. 22-49.

Barber, "Jihad vs. McWorld," *Atlantic Monthly* (March 1992).

### **PART II: Movement of Money, Things and Information**

#### **Economic Interdependence**

**September 4, 9, 11**

Reich, *The Work of Nations* (1991), introduction, ch. 1, 2, 7, 10, pp. 3-9, 13-33, 81-86, 110-118.

McNamara, *The Currency of Ideas* (1998), pp. 43-71.

Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, (2000), pp.167-193.

Brawley, *The Politics of Globalization* (2003), pp.107-128.

Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents* (2003), pp. 53-88.

#### **Development, Aid and Poverty**

**September 16, 18, 23**

Easterly, *The White Man's Burden* (2006), chapt. 2, pp. 37-55.

Sachs, *The End of Poverty* (2005), chapters. 3, 4, 12, 14, pp. 51-73, 78-89, 226-243, 266-287.

Garrett, "Globalization's Missing Middle," *Foreign Affairs*, 83:6 (Nov/Dec 2004)

Galbraith, Joe W. Pitts III, et. al., "Is Inequality Decreasing?" *Foreign Affairs*, 81:4 (Jul/Aug 2002)

Dollar & Kraay, "Spreading the Wealth," *Foreign Affairs*, 81:1 (Jan/Feb 2002).

Goldin & Reinert, *Globalization for Development*, chapt. 2, pp. 21-45

Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, (2000), ch. 15, pp. 327-347.

## **Sustainable Development**

### **September 25**

Bhagwati, "The Case for Free Trade," pp. 172-179.

Daly, "The Perils of Free Trade," pp. 180-187.

World Commission on Environment & Development, "Towards Sustainable Development," pp. 211-221.

Lohmann, "Whose Common Future," pp. 222-226.

Klare, *Blood and Oil*, chap. 6, pp. 146-179.

-----**September 25 – 1<sup>st</sup> QUIZ!!**-----

## **Part II: Movement of People and Ideas**

### **Democracy**

#### **September 30**

Sartori, "How Far Can Free Government Travel?" pp. 52-62.

Plattner, "From Liberalism to Liberal Democracy," pp. 78-90.

Diamond, "Is Pakistan the (Reverse) Wave of the Future?" pp. 355-370.

Diamond, "The Democratic Rollback" *Foreign Affairs*, (Mar/Apr 2008).

### **Free Markets**

#### **October 2**

Easterly, *The White Man's Burden* (2006), chapt. 3, pp. 60-108.

Chua, *World on Fire* (2003), pp. 1-21, 122-157

### **Human Rights**

#### **October 7**

Keck & Sikkink, *Activists without Borders* (1998), pp. 8-29.

Power, *A Problem from Hell* (2006), chapt. 4, 13, pp. 47-60, 475-502.

### **Migration**

#### **October 9**

Castles & Miller, *The Age of Migration* (2003), chapt. 5, 8, pp. 94-120, 178-197.

Cornelius et.al., eds., *Controlling Immigration* (2004), chapt. 1, pp. 3-43.

### **Human Trafficking**

#### **October 14**

Bales, *Understanding Global Slavery* (2005), chapt. 7, 126-153.

Kangaspunta, "Mapping the Inhuman Trade: Preliminary Findings of the Database on Trafficking in Human Beings," *Forum on Crime and Society*, (2003), pp. 81-103.

Kapstein, "The New Global Slave Trade," *Foreign Affairs*, 85:6 (2006), pp. 103-115.

### **Terrorism**

#### **October 16**

Cronin, "Behind the Curve: Globalization and International Terrorism," *International Security* 27:3 (2002), pp. 30-58.

Crenshaw "The Causes of Terrorism," *Comparative Politics*, 13:4 (Jul. 1981), pp. 379-399.

Mousseau, "Market Civilization and its Clash with Terror," *International Security* 27:3 (2003), pp. 5-29.

-----October 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quiz -----

## **PART III: Managing Globalization**

### **International Organizations, Interdependence and Liberalism**

#### **October 21**

Barnett & Finnemore, *Rules for the World: International Organizations in Global Politics*, (2004), ch. 2, pp. 16-34.

Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents* (2003), pp. 3-22.

### **NAFTA**

#### **October 23**

Pastor & Wise, "The origins and sustainability of Mexico's free trade policy," *International Organization* 48:3, pp. 459-89.

Wise, "Unfulfilled Promise: Economic Convergence under NAFTA," in *Requiem or Revival* (2007), pp. 27-52.

Schott, "Trade Negotiations among NAFTA Partners," in *Requiem or Revival* (2007), pp. 76-87.

### **The World Trade Organization**

#### **October 28**

Narlikar, *The World Trade Organization: A Very Short Introduction* (2005), entire.

Cohn, "The Doha Round," in *Requiem or Revival* (2007), pp. 147-162.

### **The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank**

#### **October 30, November 4**

Woods, *The Globalizers: The IMF, the World Bank and Their Borrowers* (2006), pp. 27-52, 159-178.

Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents* (2003), pp. 23-52, 89-132.

## **Backlash to International Financial Organizations**

**November 6, 11**

Stiglitz, *Globalization and its Discontents* (2003), pp. 195-252.

Nye, Jr., "Globalization's democratic deficit," *Foreign Affairs*, 80:4 (Jul/Aug 2001), pp. 121-25.

Woods, *The Globalizers: The IMF, the World Bank and Their Borrowers* (2006), pp. 179-213.

## **Peacekeeping and Peace enforcement**

**November 13**

Paris, *At War's End: Building Peace after Civil Conflict*, (2004), ch. 1, pp. 13-39.

Power, *A Problem from Hell* (2002), pp. xi-xxi, ch. 14, pp.

Ignatieff, *The Virtual War* (2001)

## **Counterterrorism**

**November 18**

Cronin, "How al-Qaida Ends," *International Security* 31:1 (Summer 2006), pp. 7-48.

Heupel, "Adapting to Transnational Terrorism: The UN Security Council's Evolving Approach to Terrorism," *Security Dialogue*, 38: 4 (2007), pp. 477-499.

Bellamy, "Dirty Hands and Lesser Evils in the War on Terror," *BJPIR* (2007), pp. 509-526.

-----November 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quiz!!-----

## **Environment**

**November 20, 25**

Agarwal & Narain, "Global Warming in an Unequal World: A Case for Environmental Colonialism," pp. 150-153.

Pirages & DeGeest, *Ecological Security* (2004), chap. 3, pp. 55-81.

Speth & Haas, *Global Environmental Governance* (2006), chapt. 6, pp. 125-150.

Miller, *Sustaining the Earth* (2004), chapt. 11, pp. 236-266.

Mitchell, "Institutional Aspects of Implementation, Compliance and Effectiveness," pp. 221-243.

Parks & Roberts, "Globalization, vulnerability to Climate Change and perceived injustice," *Society and Natural Resources* 19:4, pp. 337-351.

**November 27 Thanksgiving – NO CLASS**

## **PART IV: TOWARDS CONCLUSIONS**

### **Presentations and Conclusions**

**December 2, 4**

No readings assigned.