

IN110 Globalization and International Relations

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Course Times: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:45-5:15 pm;

*****Please make sure to check the schedule below for extra sessions!*****

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Course Description

In the social sciences, globalization is often defined as an increase in the mobility of various factors and actors. This definition includes heightened flows of finance capital, the rise of global production networks in expanding divisions of labor as well as the movement of people and ideas. This course uses standard international relations theories as a starting point to examine how growing networks of exchange and circulation have altered political calculation, economic geographies, and governmental arrangements. A particular focus will be placed on the political processes that have facilitated and increased mobility over time, from the emergence of the interstate system in the late nineteenth century, to the globalization of trade and interdependence in our own historical moment. We will explore new actor constellations and shifting power arrangements in more detail with regards to transnational environmental issues, asymmetric warfare, and humanitarian interventions. In so doing, we consider the ways in which the phenomena and levels of globalization challenge the traditional paradigms of the social sciences and prompt a new formulation of the field of international relations.

Requirements

Reading material (you must have your own copy of the edition with this ISBN!)

1. Class Reader (available at the library)
2. Steger, Manfred. 2017. *Globalization. A Very Short Introduction*. 4th edition. Oxford University Press. (978-0-19-877955-1)
3. Baylis, John, Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (eds.). 2017. *The Globalization of World Politics. An Introduction to International Relations*. 7th Edition. Oxford University Press. (978-0-19-873985-2; 3 copies of this book are available at the library)

Class preparation

In preparation for class, read the texts thoughtfully and engage with their core argument. Take notes while reading and try to identify questions in advance: Why do the authors argue as they do? How do they raise and substantiate their claims? How does their line of argumentation relate to earlier readings and discussions in class?

Attendance

Attendance at ALL classes is expected, as regular attendance is essential to the success of this course. More than two absences (that is absences from two sessions of 90 minutes) in a semester will result in a reduction of the course grade by up to one grade step (e.g., B+ to B). There will be an attendance sheet for any session. Late arrival counts as an absence.

Assignments, Grade Breakdown and Essay Deadlines

Oral

- **Classroom Participation (2*10%)** **20%** (of overall grade)
This seminar involves thoughtful and active participation in class discussions, reflections on current themes, and working groups. The classroom is a protected space and you should feel free to voice your arguments and comments. Please do not hesitate to address the seminar leader if you feel that this is not the case.
- **Case Study Workshops** **20%**
Students will form groups (on October 13) and, in the course of the subsequent weeks, will each prepare one 45 minute session for the workshop on power dispersion on November 24. Respectively, groups will explore either Global City Networks – or – Subnational Regions – or – Supranational Trade Blocks – or – Renationalization Tendencies. Workshop sessions can include short presentations (**no longer than 10 minutes**) and should be interactive, engaging, and analytically insightful. Students are also expected to develop questions and a deeper-going expertise on the subject to be able and guide the ensuing discussion.

Written

- **6 Response Papers (each ~800 words; 6*10%)** **60%**
Each student is required to write 6 response papers (1.5-spaced, 12 pt., Times New Roman) on sessions of their choice in **weeks 3-6**. I expect a short abstract of the primary texts' main tenets, an analysis that embeds the reading in earlier class discussions, and the articulation of one central synthetic question that engages the issues and debates addressed in the reading as a starting point for broader discussion.
 - Response papers need to be **submitted in print by the beginning of the respective session**.

Policy on Late Submission of Papers (Student Handbook)

“Essays that are up to 24 hours late will be downgraded one full grade (from B+ to C+, for example). Instructors are not obliged to accept essays that are more than 24 hours late. Where an instructor agrees to accept a late essay, it must be submitted within four weeks of the

deadline and cannot receive a grade of higher than C. Thereafter, the student will receive a failing grade for the assignment.”

Schedule

Week Beginning	Tuesday	Thursday	Assignments
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I. Debates and Historical Background *What is Globalization?*

1 Sept 3	Introduction and Overview Steger, <i>Globalization</i> , Chs. 1, 2	***No Class Session*** Dimensions of Globalization Steger, <i>Globalization</i> , Chs. 3, 4, 5, 7	
2 Sept 10	Hyper-globalism and its Discontents Friedman, <i>The World is Flat</i> Stiglitz, <i>Globalization and its Discontents</i>	Globalization since the 20th Century Scott, <i>World Politics</i> , 52-67 Cox, <i>World Politics</i> , 68-82	

II. Theory Traditions and Methods *Understanding International Relations*

3 Sept 17	Realism: Anarchy and Power Dunne & Schmidt, <i>World Pol.</i> , 101-115 Waltz, <i>Anarchic Orders</i>	Neoclassical Realism Rose, <i>Neoclassical Realism</i> Mearsheimer & Walt, <i>Offshore Balancing</i>	
4 Sept 24	Liberalism: Trade and Democracy Dunne, <i>World Politics</i> , 116-128 Doyle, <i>Liberalism and World Politics</i>	Liberal Internationalism Walt, <i>One World, Many Theories</i> Ikenberry, <i>Liberal Internationalism</i>	6 response papers on sessions of your choice in weeks 3-6
5 Oct 1	Marxism Hobden & Jones, <i>World Politics</i> , 129-143 Cox, <i>Social Forces, States & World Orders</i>	Marxian Critiques of Empire Williams, <i>The Frontier Thesis</i> Bacevich, <i>American Empire</i>	
6 Oct 8	Social Constructivism Barnett, <i>World Politics</i> , 144-158 Wendt, <i>Anarchy is what States make of it</i> Katzenstein, <i>A World of Regions</i>	Difference Sylvester, <i>World Politics</i> , 174-188 Kinsella, <i>World Politics</i> , 189-203 Tickner, <i>Core, periphery ... IR</i>	

III. Actors, Contexts, and Processes *International Relations in Flux*

*****SATURDAY, October 13, 9:00-12:15pm*****

Workshop "Power Shift: Trade and the Rise of China"

Please read in preparation: *World Politics*: (Park: 316-330; Phillips: 253-268; Watson: 450-463; and Hurrell: 83-97) / Starrs, *The Chimera* / Allison, *Thucydides Trap*

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Oct 15 Tuesday Oct 16 (3:45-5:15 pm) No Class
Guest Lecture by Nikolas Kessels, BDI

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Oct 22 Meet in Research Groups
Non-State Actors
Read and Discuss: Joachim, *World Politics*, 347-364; Nye, *Soft Power / Get Smart*
➤ Specify Case Study Focus; General outline of Nov 19 session

Group Work

Fall Break

9
Nov 5 Meet in Research Groups
Regionalization
Read and discuss:
Best & Christiansen, *World Pol.*, 363-384; Ohmae, *End of the Nation-State*
➤ Bluejeans meeting with seminar leader to discuss intermediate results

Group Work

10
Nov 12 Meet in Research Groups
Urbanization
Read and discuss:
Parnell, *Global Urban Development* ; Engelke, *Foreign Policy, Urban World*
➤ Finalize Group Presentation

Group Work

11
Nov 19 No class Global Cities and IR
Guest lecture by Helmut Aust, Freie
Universität

SATURDAY, NOV 24, 9:00-12:15pm
Workshop "Power Dispersion"

Presentations and discussions by four research groups

Presentations

Transnational Challenges and the Future of Nation-States

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Nov 26 **The Globalization of Warfare**
Baylis, *World Politics*, 238-252
Cowen & Smith, *After Geopolitics?*
Kiras, *World Politics*, 402-418

Humanitarian Interventions
Acharya / Donnelly / Bellamy, *World
Politics*, 480-528

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Dec 3 **Environmental Issues**
Vogler, *World Politics*, 385-401
Lee & Koski, *Mitigating Global Warming*
Angelo et al, *Expand the Frontiers*

The End of Internationalism?
Breuilly, *World Politics*, 434-449
Woeber, *A Post-Western Europe*

IV. Outlook

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Dec 10

Rethinking Int'l Relations

Baylis et al., *World Politics*, Introduction
Steger, *Globalization*, Ch. 6, 8

Concluding Session