

POLITICS AND GLOBALIZATION

POLI: 1250.1

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Description

Globalization has been a buzzword since the 1990s among politicians, researchers, policy-makers, activists and others. Among other issues regarding globalization, there are questions about loss of jobs, the need to upgrade continuously one's skills, the Americanization of cultures around the world and even how politics and international law are possible with the present high level of interdependence among States and their economies. This course discusses the theme of globalization and its effects on politics in general. The broad aim of the course then is to examine the nature of globalization and its implications to the nation-state.

The course will examine the various meanings and distinct forms of globalization, which is often mistakenly taken as a singular process. We will discuss then the economic, cultural and political forms of globalization. The course will carefully consider the arguments in favor and against the process of globalization. As linked to the theme, we will also include a discussion on global terrorism and its consequences to politics. We will finish with a general discussion of the alternatives and possibilities being offered to regulate globalization.

Objectives

- The general objective of the course is to introduce keys concepts, relevant institutions and approaches to the study of the phenomenon of Globalization.
- Students will be faced with challenges, not only to address issues of globalization, but also to develop their skills in writing papers and refining their presentations, both of which are fundamental to academic life.
- The course will enable students to proceed into further studies in theme of globalization and global politics in general.

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Textbook

Andrew Heywood, **Global Politics** .New York: Palgrave, 2011 (**Required**).

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, **Global Politics**. London: Routledge, 2009(Reserve room).

Assignments

01-Participation: 10%

Participation is important in this course. Attendance is taken five times, *randomly*, each worth 2%. In order to receive the full 10% of the participation mark, students need to be in class when attendance is taken.

02-Presentation: 20%**Presentation Layout: 10%**

The presentation should broadly show that students not only has done the basic reading, but also has given critical thoughts about the topic. More specifically, the presentation should demonstrate that deeper reading and research about the chosen topic. Basically, the presentation represents an application of the weekly topic on a particular country or region.

The presentation should last 20 minutes with a group made of four students. Along with the presentation, students are required to submit a two-three pages layout. The layout should have the name and student number of all students, a summary of the presentation and list of extra used sources. Without the layout at the time of the presentation, the group receives 0% for the whole presentation.

03- Exam I (October 20): 25%**04- Exam II (date set by Registrar office): 25%**

There will be two exams, each representing 25% of the final mark. The exams will be based on the class lectures and readings from the main textbook, up to the week before the exam date. The exam should be written in pen.

05-Review Paper (November 29): 10%

You are expected to write a review paper on the Video: 'Militainment Inc', to be shown November 8.

Late Policy: Extensions of deadlines are granted only due to illness, and must be followed by appropriate documents. *Late papers will be penalized 10% per day up to three days.*

Important note

University regulations on plagiarism and cheating will be strictly enforced. **Plagiarism** means 'a deliberate attempt to pass off as one's own, that is, without quotation marks or credit, the words or writing of papers of others' ... be they students, professors or other authors, or to contribute to another's doing the same. Any question or clarification regarding this matter should be discussed with your professor.

In-Class Etiquette

The following are *prohibited* in the classroom: listening to music; speaking or text messaging on the phone – *you are required to turn off your cell phone while in class* - reading the newspaper; eating food; frequent entering and exiting the classroom; chatting with friends and other distracting behavior. Please be sure to follow these in-class etiquettes. You will be asked to leave otherwise.

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Program**September 8: Introduction**

We start with an exposition and thorough explanation on expectations of the course and its assignments.

Students are asked to fill in a Student Profile, which will help to keep track of their marks.

September: 13 & 15: Defining Globalization

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 1 & 2.

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter 1

Jan Aart Scholte, *Globalization: A Critical Introduction* (New York: St. Martin Press, 2000), chapter 2: What is 'Global' about Globalization'.

September: 20 & 22: Approaches to Globalization

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 3.

September 27 & 29: The State in Global age

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 5

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter , 9.

October: 4 & 6 The Society in a Global age

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 6

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter 8

October: 11 & 13: Globalization and Economy

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 4.

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter 13.

David E. O'Connor, *Demystifying the Global Economy: A Guide for Students* (London: Greenwood Press, 2002), chapter 1

October 18: Revision and preparation for the Exam I

October 20: Exam I

October 25 & 27: Governance in Global Age

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 18 & 19

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter 10

David Held & Anthony McGrew, *Globalization /Anti-Globalization* (Cambridge: Polity, 2002), chapter 8: 'The New Politics of Globalization'.

November 1 & 3: Globalization and Culture

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 8

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter 4 & 7.

David Held & Anthony McGrew, *Globalization /Anti-Globalization* (Cambridge: Polity, 2002), chapter 3: 'The Fate of National Culture'.

November 8: Video: 'Militainment Inc'

November 15 & 17: Regionalism and Globalization

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 20

November 22 & 24: Poverty in Global Age

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics*, chapter 15

Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, *Global Politics*, chapter 14

November 29: Conclusion: Is the Future Global?

Andrew Heywood, *Global Politics* chapter 21.