

**Political Science 146: Globalization and Politics
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MW 12:30-1:45 in Phelps 2532**

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Course Description

The world is experiencing global problems, such as climate change, migration crises, global economic recessions, and terrorism; globalization is at the heart of these issues. The purpose of this course is to evaluate how and to what extent globalization shapes system governance and the response to some of these global problems. As part of this evaluation, we will examine how globalization shapes the global economy, political governance, and a handful of special issue topics such as human rights, migration, and identity. Political Science, as a discipline, begins with the assumption that states are the most important actors internationally. In this course, we will begin to evaluate this assumption in the context of globalization and to what extent governance is changing. To that extent the course will analyze the debates about what globalization is, to what extent it is reversible, and the role of state sovereignty. We will ask and attempt to answer the following questions in relation to current events and politics. Does, and if so how, globalization undermine the role of the nation-state? How do we want to think about addressing global problems from a world order organized by nation states? What is the future of globalization?

Learning Objectives

You will learn how to identify and analyze the arguments presented in the readings regarding the effects of globalization on various issues of relevance to Political Science. Additionally, you will learn how to assess arguments about globalization. You will also integrate these arguments into contemporary world issues. In addition to any personal goals you set yourself, by the end of this course, you will learn how to devise strong argumentative essays and draw your own conclusions regarding the effects of globalization.

Texts: All required texts, journal articles, and book chapters will be made available to you via GauchoSpace.

Grade Breakdown

- Attendance and Participation: 10%
- In-Class Midterm: 25% (Wed, Feb 14)
- Current Event Assignments: 35% (Mon, Feb 7; Mon, Mar 12)
- Final Exam: 30% (Mar 20)

Attendance and Participation: Attendance and participation are highly encouraged. You will be permitted to miss two classes without a penalty. I do not want, or require any documentation for the

first two absences. Be wise with how you want to use these absences. I would recommend that you save them for when you need them.

Current Event Assignments: You will be asked to submit two, 3 page writing assignments that analytically summarize course materials and apply it to a current political news event of your choosing. Specific instructions will be provided to you.

Submission Policy: All submission dates and times for the paper and exams are binding. A late assignment will be marked down by a full letter grade for each day's delay. If an assignment is more than three days late, a 50% (F) grade will automatically be assigned to it.

University Resources

Academic Integrity: Any and all plagiarism will be reported-NO EXCEPTIONS. For more information on what constitutes plagiarism please visit: [A Student's Guide to Academic Integrity at UCSB](#)

Disabled Students Program: The American Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disabled Students Program (<http://dsp.sa.ucsb.edu/>) as soon as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements, otherwise, your needs may not be accommodated.

READING AND COURSE SCHEDULE

PART I: Debating Globalization

Wed, Jan 17- Intro to the course

1. Amartya Sen "How to Judge Globalism" *The American Prospect*, 2002.
2. "Drawbridges Up: The new divide in rich countries is not between left and right, but between open and close" *The Economist*, June 30, 2016

Mon, Jan 22- Is this a new phenomenon?

1. Keohane, Robert and Joseph Nye, "Globalization: What's New? What's Not? (And So What?)" *Foreign Policy*, 118: 104-119.
2. Michael Veseth, Introduction: "Globalization or Globaloney?" *Globaloney 2.0* Rowman and Littlefield, 2010.

Wed, Jan 24- Globalization and the State

1. David Lake, "The New Sovereignty in International Relations" *International Studies Review*, vol 5, 2003, 303-323
2. Anthony McGrew "The Logics of Economic Globalization" in Ravenhill ed. *Global Political Economy*.
3. Larry Elliot "Brexit is a reject of globalization" *The Guardian*, Sept 2016.

Mon, Jan 29- Globalization and the Nation State- the globalist approach

1. Sassen, Saskia *The Global City: Introducing a Concept*.

2. Susan Strange, Chapter 1: "The Declining Authority of States" in *The Retreat of the State*, Cambridge University Press, 1996.

PART II- Globalization and the World Economy

Jan 31- Globalization and Trade

1. Dani Rodrik, Chapters 3 and 4 "Why Doesn't Everyone Get the Case for Free Trade?" and "Bretton Woods, GATT, and the WTO: Trade in a Politicized World" in *The Globalization Paradox*

Feb 5-Globalization and Finance

1. Dani Rodrik, Chapter 5 "Financial Globalization Follies" in *The Globalization Paradox*
2. "What Causes Financial Crises" *The Economist*

Feb 7- Globalization and Development

1. Nita Rudra, "Globalization and the Decline of the Welfare State in Less-Developed Countries" *International Organization*, 56, 2002.
2. Geoffrey Garrett, "Globalization and Government Spending Around the World" *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 2001.

Feb 12- Globalization and Inequality

1. Robert Wade "Growth, Inequality, and Poverty: Evidence, Arguments and Economists" in Ravenhill *Global Political Economy*
2. Jill Stearns, "Globalization and Gendered Inequality" in Held and McGrew, *The Global Transformations Reader*, 2000.

Feb 14- In-class **midterm exam**

Mon, Feb 19- NO CLASS: PRESIDENT'S DAY

PART III- Globalization Institutions and Non-state actors

Feb 21- Global Governance Institutions

1. Woods, Ngaire "Global Governance and the Role of Institutions" in *Governing Globalization: Power, Authority, and Global Governance.*

Feb 26- Global Civil Society

1. Mary Kaldor, "The Idea of Global Civil Society" *International Affairs* Vol. 79, No 3, (2003): 583-593
2. Keck and Sikkink, "Introduction" in *Activists Beyond Borders*

Feb 28- Multinational corporations

1. Stiglitz, Joseph "Regulating Multinational Corporations: Towards Principles of Cross-Border Legal Frameworks in a Globalized World Balancing Rights and Responsibilities" pp 453-481.
2. Korzeniewicz, Miguel "Commodity Chains and Marketing Strategies: Nike and the Global Athletic Footwear Industry" in *The Globalization Reader* Lechner and Boli,

PART IV- Topics in Globalization

Mar 5- Globalization and Human Rights

1. Jack Donnelly, "Human Rights, Globalizing Flows, State Power" in *Globalization and Human Rights*
2. Paul Pangalangan "Sweatshops and International Labor Standards: Globalizing Markets, Localizing Norms in *Globalization and Human Rights*
3. Clifford Bob, "Globalization and the Social Construction of Human Rights Campaigns" in *Globalization and Human Rights*

Mar 7- Globalization and Migration

1. Stephen Castles, "Globalization and Migration: Some pressing contradictions"
2. Hans Schattle, ~~Chapter 4: "Europe's Inward Turn The Retrenchment of Public Space"~~, Chapter 5: "Immigration Politics and the Contested American Dream" in *Globalization and Citizenship*. (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012) Pp ~~101-134~~ 135-166.

Mar 12- Globalization and Identity

1. Huntington, Samuel "A Clash of Civilizations?" *Foreign Affairs*
2. Hasan Mehdi, "How Islamic is the Islamic State? Not at all." *New Republic*, <https://newrepublic.com/article/121286/how-islamic-islamic-state>.

Conclusion

Mar 14- The future of globalization

1. Zanny Minton Beddoes "The pendulum swings: Three reasons to expect a shift in the balance between governments and markets" *The World in 2018, The Economist*.