

Globalization and Politics

**POLS 444 — Spring 2007
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Tuesday and Thursday 11am-12:15pm
102 Reid**

Have you wondered why meetings of previously obscure multilateral institutions are now front-page news due to protests by members of environmental, labor and hunger NGOs? Do you ponder if you should buy imported goods that may have been produced by children in less developed countries? Should the United States allow less developed nations access to patented pharmaceuticals needed to address critical public health pandemics?

This seminar will address the issues raised by economic integration—issues raised by the escalation of trade in goods, services, and capital. The forces leading to their liberalization and the increasing importance and impacts of multilateral institutions, such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Trade Organization will be key to our analysis. We begin by examining the assumptions of neoclassical economics, defining globalization, and exploring the viewpoints of the critics and proponents of increased economic interdependence.

Goals of the seminar include:

- To understand and define the phenomena of globalization, including the changes in policy and technology that accelerated the economic interdependence of countries;
- To analyse this complex phenomena in terms of the rules, policies, and the institutions that govern and constrain economic integration;
- To discuss the contribution and limitations of two disciplines—economics and political science—in understanding globalization; and
- To evaluate and synthesize diverse points of view on complicated issues. Key to this evaluation is a constant and critical analysis of how we evaluate the credibility of different sources of information, data, analysis and theory.

Requirements

Students are expected to attend class regularly; read assignments before class and be prepared discuss them during class. Lectures are designed to supplement and clarify material presented in the readings. To participate in this seminar you must commit to doing the reading and participating in class discussions and group assignments.

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Texts

Required to Purchase:

Dani Rodrik. *Has Globalization Gone Too Far?* Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC, 1997.

Pietra Rivoli. *The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy. An Economist Examines the Markets, Power and Politics of World Trade.* John Wiley and Sons, Hoboken New Jersey, 2005.

Other required readings are listed in the Lectures and Reading Schedule.

Grading

Paper- 15%

One short paper will be required.

Reading Quizzes– 10% Up to ten quizzes (1% each) will be given with no notice to test students on their comprehension of the assigned readings. **NO MAKESUPS WILL BE GIVEN.** The purpose of these quizzes is to give you motivation to do the readings on time – essential for a seminar focused on class discussion and critique.

Midterm – 20%

The mid-term will consist of in-class essays synthesizing and evaluating the course material to date. The questions will be given out one week ahead of the midterm.

Group Work – 20%

On several occasions (4-5) work will be done in assigned groups during class time, evaluating and critiquing the readings. Peer evaluation will be used in this component of the grade, and details will be explained in the first class.

Class Debate – 15%

Details to come!

Final – 20%

The final will be a take home essays due on May 7th. These essays will integrate class material in your evaluation of how to improve governance of the world economy.

Unexpected Emergencies

Students who have an unexpected emergency and have to miss an exam or turn in an assignment late are encouraged to contact me as soon as possible. Written verification of the emergency is expected.

Plagiarism

Paraphrasing or quoting another's work without citing the source is a form of academic misconduct. Even inadvertent or unintentional misuse or appropriation of another's work (such as relying heavily on source material that is not expressly acknowledged) is considered plagiarism. If you have any questions about using and citing sources, you are expected to ask for clarification. Plagiarism will be dealt with according to departmental and university policies. Papers will be submitted on line and subject to scrutiny using state of the art software to detect plagiarism.

Lecture and Reading Schedule: Readings not in the two required texts are posted on Webct

Date	Topic	Reading
Jan 18	Introduction and expectations	Stiglitz, Chapter 1
Jan 23	Globalization: criteria for evaluation	Sen, Intro, Ch 1 and Ch 2
Jan 25	Economic concepts and key terms	Gilpin, Chapter 3 Houck, Chapter 2
Jan 30	WTO and the process of trade reform and dispute settlement	Understanding the WTO
Feb 1	Agricultural trade policies: US market impacts	Aksoy, Chapter 3
Feb 6	West African cotton producers and US cotton subsidies	Sumner
Feb 8	Group Assignment #1	Brazil's Complaint Against US Cotton Subsidies
Feb 13	Agricultural trade reform and Food Aid: A Doha Round Trade-Off	Oxfam, summary and Ch 4 Young, Bridges article
Feb 15	Travels of a T-shirt in the Global Economy	Rivoli, Chs 1-5
Feb 20	Travels continued...	Rivoli, Chs 6-8 Oxfam: Trading Away our Rights, pgs. 1-66
Feb 22	Trade and wages: should we have labor standards?	Rodrik, Chapters 1,2 &3
Feb 27	The environment, the WTO, and Structural Adjustment Programs	Bhagwati, Chapter 11
March 1	Does trade cause environmental degradation? Approaches to regulation	Daly, Chapters 10 &11
March 6	Group Assignment #2	Trade and the Environment
March 8	Midterm	
March 12-15	Spring Break	
March 20	Intellectual property rights and the WTO	
March 22	The WTO and TRIPS and HIV drugs	Matthews, journal article
March 27	Group Assignment #3	TRIPS, Drugs and AIDS
March 29	Privatization: concepts and prevalence	Heertz, Ch 9 &10 Knttner page 3-38 and 281-327
April 3	Privatization: case study on water-US and developing countries	Gliek et al: Summary, Privatization of Water, Risks of Privatization
April 5	Concepts: income inequality, growth Income inequality in the US: extent and causes	
April 10	Global income inequality	UN Ch 3, page 43-80 & Ch. 5, pages 105-129
April 12	Class Debate	
April 17	Class Debate	
April 19	Institutions and Governance	Stiglitz, journal article, one book chapter
April 24	Civil society: its changing role and issues	Jordan and van Tuijl, paper Yamin, journal article
April 26	Linda gone – no class	
May 1	Alternatives to global governance	Bhagwati, Held and McGrew, Stiglitz
May 4	Group Project #4	Governance and Globalization
May 10	Final exam/essay questions due 2:00 pm	

Readings:

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- UNCTAD-ICTSD. 2003. "Overview." *UNCTAD-ICTSD Project on IPRs and Sustainable Development*. Policy paper, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva, Switzerland. Available at http://www.ictsd.org/pubs/ictsd_series/iprs/PP/PP_2OV.pdf.
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