SYLLABUS

INS 301: GLOBALIZATION AND CHANGE IN WORLD POLITICS

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INTRODUCTION

Use of the term “globalization” has become pervasive in both academic and policy debates. What does it actually mean? How new is it? What are its economic, social, political, and cultural dimensions? Who and what drives it? What counter-forces does it unleash? What forms of cooperation and conflict in the international system does it generate? And, what are the implications for democracy and the nation-state in both developed and developing countries?

This course explores these questions through a critical review of competing perspectives on the causes, consequences and significance of globalization. Current trends will be examined in historical and contemporary perspectives, focusing on both the industrialized (especially the United States and Europe) and less industrialized regions of the world. The objective of this course is not to provide a comprehensive, in-depth account of globalization (impossible in a single semester), but rather to identify, classify and evaluate the core elements of the contemporary “globalization debate”.

The course will have twenty-six sessions of one hour and fifteen minutes each. The class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30AM to 12:45PM in AF 126. Every student is expected to have completed the assigned readings before attending class. Each class will begin with a review of current events relating to globalization. We will then proceed with a lecture by the professor and conclude with a discussion of the assigned readings.

Course requirements include: 1) A 5-8 page essay on the definition and meaning of the concept of globalization (30%); 2) An in-class mid-term (30%); AND 3) A final take-home exam (40%). Honors students will be required to write a second short essay of 5-8 pages in length (including footnotes) focusing on a specific issue or case study of globalization.

The following three texts are required reading for this course:


Note: The required texts are available in the University of Miami Book Store.
COURSE SCHEDULE AND READINGS

1. 1/18/06  INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE
   NO ASSIGNED READING.

2. 1/23/06  THE GLOBALIZATION DEBATE I. NATION-STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS (THE HYPER-GLOBALIZATION THESIS)
   READING:
   DAVID HELD, ET AL, GLOBAL TRANSFORMATIONS: POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND CULTURE. STANFORD, CA:
   JOHAN NORBERG, “THREE CHEERS FOR GLOBAL CAPITALISM,” IN ANNUAL EDITIONS: GLOBAL ISSUES
   05/06. TWENTY-FIRST EDITION, 2006, ROBERT M. JACKSON, ED, PP. 52-60.

3. 1/25/06  THE GLOBALIZATION DEBATE II. NATION–STATES AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (THE SKEPTICS)
   READING:
   ROBERT KEOHANE AND JOSEPH NYE, “GLOBALIZATION: WHAT’S NEW? WHAT’S NOT (AND SO WHAT?),”
   FOREIGN POLICY (SPRING 2000). (ON-LINE).
   BILL MCKIBBEN, “A SPECIAL MOMENT IN HISTORY,” IN ROBERT M. JACKSON, ED, OP CIT., PP. 1-7.

4. 1/30/06  THE GLOBALIZATION DEBATE III. NATION-STATES AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY
   (THE TRANSFORMATIONALISTS)
   NOTE: A DVD OF JARED DIAMOND’S “GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL” WILL BE SHOWN DURING CLASS.
   READING:
   D. HELD, ET. AL., OP CIT., PP. 32-86.
   JAMES N. ROSENAU, “THE COMPLEXITIES AND CONTRADICTIONS OF GLOBALIZATION,” IN ROBERT M.
   JACKSON, ED., OP CIT., PP. 44-51.

5. 2/01/06  U.S. HEGEMONY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POST-WW II INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM.
   READING:
   DAVID PEARCE SYNDER, “FIVE MEGA-TRENDS CHANGING THE WORLD,” IN ROBERT M. JACKSON, ED, Ibid,
   PP. 13-17.
   JOHN RAVENHILL, “THE STUDY OF GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY,” IN JOHN RAVENHILL, ED., GLOBAL
   POLITICAL ECONOMY. NEW YORK: OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2005, PP. 3-27.

6. 2/06/06  NATION-STATES, INTERNATIONAL REGIMES AND THE GLOBALIZATION OF POLITICS.
   READING:
   DAVID HELD, ET. AL., OP CIT., PP. 149-188.

7. 2/08/06  THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND THE BRETON WOODS INSTITUTIONS.
   READING:
   MICHAEL PETTIS, “WILL GLOBALIZATION GO BANKRUPT,” IN ROBERT M. JACKSON, ED., OP CIT., PP. 64-68.
8. 2/13/06. Globalization, National Security and the Cold War.

READING:
DAVID HELD, et. al., OP. CIT., pp. 87-136.


READING:
DAVID HELD, et. al., OP. CIT., pp. 137-148.

10. 2/20/06. Globalization and the International Monetary System.

READING:
DAVID HELD, et. al., OP. CIT., pp. 189-198.

11. 2/22/06. International Finance and States.

READING:
DAVID HELD, et. al., OP. CIT., pp. 199-235.

12. 2/27/06. Globalization and International Trade.

READING:
DAVID HELD, et. al., OP. CIT., pp. 236-258.

13. 3/01/06. Corporate Power and Global Production.

READING:
DAVID HELD, et. al., OP. CIT., pp. 259-282.

14. 3/06/06. The Global Economy and Regionalism.

READING:
15. 3/08/06. Globalization, National Sovereignty, and Democratic Governance.

Reading:

16. 3/20/06. Review for Midterm Examination.

Reading:
No Assigned Reading

17. 3/22/06. In-Class Midterm.

Note: No classes will be held on Monday March 27 or Wednesday March 29. Professor Bagley will attend the Annual International Studies Association (ISA) Meeting in San Diego, CA.

18. 4/03/06. Globalization, International Migration, and Human Rights.

Reading:

19. 4/05/06. Globalization, National Culture, and National Identities.

Reading:

20. 4/10/06. Globalization and the Environment.

Reading:
David Held, et al., Ibid, pp. 376-413.


Reading:

22. 4/17/06. Globalization and International Crime: Rogue States, Illicit Arms and Terrorism.

Reading:

23. 4/19/06. Poverty, Equity and the International System.

Reading:


Reading:


Reading:

26 5/01/06. Globalization and the Demise, Resurgence or Transformation of State Power.

Reading:

Spring Semester Calendar

March 22 In-classes Midterm
March 29 Short Essays Due by Email
April 12 Honors Essays Due by Email
May 1 Last Day of Class
May 1 Take Home Final Exam Distributed
May 8 Take Home Final Exam Due by Email at 12 noon.
May 11 Semester Ends
May 15 Final Grades Due
May 18 Final Grades Available in MyUM