
SENIOR SEMINAR in Fall 2018 (PO4090)

Course Code	PO4090	Professor(s)	Philip Golub
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	
Class Schedule	MR: 16:55-18:15 in G-113	Office Hours	to be announced
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Semester	Fall 2018	Office Tel. Ext.	622

Course Description

Globalization is a ubiquitous but nebulous social scientific concept covering diverse phenomena: the ICT revolution, the universalization of capitalism, the institutionalization of global legal regimes (ICC), or the rise of global networks and transnational social movements... Understandings vary according to differing theoretical perspectives and normative commitments. Defenders of the liberal globalization hypothesis argue that we are experiencing a fundamental transformation in the spatial and temporal conditions of modernity and a transition from Westphalian to post-international politics. Realist critics of this view point instead to the persistence of the historic nation-state, power relations and interstate hierarchy, and national identities in the making of international politics. Neo-Marxists focus attention on the transnationalisation of capital and the division of labor, emphasizing the way global commodity chains and transnational capital flows have produced sharply uneven glocal social and economic effects. This course explores the various dimensions of globalization as an historic and social phenomenon, examines the major authors who have contributed to the debate, and focuses a critical gaze on the problems raised by globalization.

Course Learning Outcomes

understanding current global challenges
developing rigorous critical thinking and research
and writing skills

General Education

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The general education program at AUP consists of four requirements: Speaking the World, Modeling the World, Mapping the World, and Comparing Worlds Past and Present.

This course can be used to fulfill the [INDICATE THE REQUIREMENT(S) FULFILLED BY THE COURSE] requirement and as such has the following learning outcomes:

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Course Outline

The following schedule is subject to change

Week I - introductory lectures

Monday Session I

TOPICS Globalization: a polysemic concept

READINGS

Thursday Session II

TOPICS Globalization debates

READINGS

Week II The past as prelude: the historic background

Monday Session I

TOPICS Early modern and late-modern globalization

READINGS Eric Hobsbawm, Amartya Sen and Immanuel Wallerstein in *The Globalization Reader*, Marx *Communist Manifesto*

Thursday Session II

TOPICS Imperialism and late-modern globalization

READINGS Eric Hobsbawm, Amartya Sen and Immanuel Wallerstein in *The Globalization*

Reader, Marx *Communist Manifesto* + Golub(a), Chapter 2.

Week III -The Breakdown: War and Depression

Monday SessionI

TOPICS Global crisis and breakdown of nineteenth century international order 1914-1945

READINGS John Gray in the Globalization Reader, Polanyi (BB), BB

Thursday SessionII

TOPICS Global division: East-West and North South divide 1947-1991

READINGSBB

Week IV Post 1991 capitalist globalization

Monday SessionI

TOPICS Economic globalization

READINGS Introduction GR p. 162, Stiglitz book introduction and Chapter 1, other readings to be assigned

Thursday SessionII

TOPICS Global commodity chains and the changing international division of labor

READINGS Korzeniewicz in GR (Chap 21); Gereffi in GR (Chap 22), Fröbel, Heinrichs and Kreye (BB)

Week V Who runs the show?

Monday SessionI

TOPICS Global Finance and Transnational firms

READINGS Bardhan (GR Chap 26), Stiglitz *Globalization and its Discontents*

Thursday Session II

TOPICS International Organizations (IOs) and NGOs

READINGS Boli in GR (258), Jackson (BB), Ruggie 1999 (BB)

Week VI Economic Globalization and its discontents

Monday Session I

TOPICS Inequality and socio-economic strains

READINGS Milanovic (GR, Chap 23) Stiglitz (GR, hap 27), Piketty (BB) and Edey (GR, Chap 25)

Thursday Session II

TOPICS The Offshore World: Tax havens and the black holes of the world economy

READINGS Ronen Palan (BB), set of articles on BB)

Week VII EXAM AND REVIEW

Monday Session I MID-TERM EXAM

Thursday Session II

TOPICS. WORK ON SENIOR THESES

Week VIII Transnational social movements

Monday Session I

TOPICS The Alterglobalization movement I: Seattle

READINGS Harding, Esteva and Prakash in GR

Thursday Session II

TOPICS The Alterglobalization movement II

READINGS Subcomandante Marcos, Porto Alegre Manifesto, Forum on Globalization, in GR

Week IX Student Presentations

Monday Session I

TOPICS Student Presentations

Thursday Session II

TOPICS Student presentations

Week X Presentations and Work on Theses

Monday Session I

TOPICS

Thursday Session II

TOPICS

Week XI Global Challenges 1

Monday Session I **TOPICS** Power in a globalized world

READINGS Nye and Keohane BB

Thursday Session II

TOPICS China's challenge to liberal globalization

READINGS Ikenberry (BB); Mearsheimer (BB), Golub (BB)

Week XII Global Challenges 2

Monday Session I

TOPICS Global Climate Change

READINGS UN (GR), Rio Declaration (GR), Greenpeace

Thursday Session II

TOPICS International Responses to climate change

READINGS Golub and Maréchal (BB)

Week XIII Global challenges 3

Monday Session I

TOPICS Mass migrations, refugees, borders and cosmopolitan right

READINGS Seyla Benhabib (BB)

Thursday Session II

TOPICS Guest speaker (Dr. Jim Cohen): Migrations and violence along US-Mexican border

READINGS To be assigned

Week XIV

Review of thesis work with all students

Textbooks

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
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The Globalization Reader Frank J. Lechner and John Boli Wiley Blackwell 978118733554 Yes

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

Grading is based on a final thesis (40%) due the last day of class, mid-term and final exams (40%), and student presentations of their Thesis work in progress (20%) Thesis length: 10,000 words, bibliography and footnotes included). Papers without adequate proof of authorship will be rejected. Papers must refer to required and recommended books and texts on BB as major sources, in addition to using other bibliographical and research materials relating to thesis object. Class assignments are subject to change. The Thesis must be double spaced and on single pages, stapled (or bound) and include notes, photocopies of research, or show other

proof of authorship.. Late papers will be marked down.

Other
