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## SENIOR SEMINAR in Fall 2019 (PO4090A)

<b>Course Code</b>	PO4090A	<b>Professor(s)</b>	Philip Golub
<b>Prerequisites</b>	None	<b>Office Number</b>	G-L17
<b>Class Schedule</b>	MR: 16:55-18:15 in G-102	<b>Office Hours</b>	to be announced
<b>Credits</b>	4	<b>Email</b>	pgolub@aup.edu
<b>Semester</b>	Fall 2019	<b>Office Tel. Ext.</b>	622

## Course Description

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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

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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:

[INDICATE THE GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES]

## Course Outline

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**The following schedule is subject to change**

Please note:

- Fall Break is Oct 30-3 November.
- Nov 11 is a French national holiday (no classes)
- Dec 6 last day of course
- Dec 12-18 Final exam

### **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**

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### ***Monday SessionI***

**TOPICS** Early modern and late-modern globalization

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

### ***Thursday SessionII***

**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

**READINGS** BB

### ***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

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

**Week V Who runs the show?**

***Monday Session I***

**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**

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**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

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**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**

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## Review of thesis work with all students

## Textbooks

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Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Required
The Globalization Reader	Lechner& Boli	Wiley Blackwell	9781118733554	Yes

## Attendance Policy

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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.

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## Grading Policy

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Grading is based on a final thesis/paper (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: 8-10,000 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. 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

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