

IP_317 Globalization and World Politics

7 ECTS / 3 US credits

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AIMS OF THE COURSE: To introduce the process and concept of globalization and its various aspects or dimensions, such as political, security, economic, societal, and environmental. To approach globalization in an interdisciplinary and critical manner. To apply the knowledge and skills to contemporary political/international issues and envision futures and/or solutions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCES: Upon successful completion of the course students will be able:

- To understand globalization as a process and a concept.
- To appreciate and use an interdisciplinary approach to globalization.
- To apply the knowledge and identify/analyse contemporary political/international issues.
- To critically evaluate the opportunities and threats of globalization.
- To identify the questions, which need to be answered in order to manage the complex political/international reality.

COURSE CONTENT:

The course deals with the phenomenon of „globalization“ and its academic reflections. It understands globalization as a historical process, which transforms not only economy or politics but human society and life as a whole. Therefore, apart from the dynamics of the process, it focuses on its qualitative dimensions. The first part of the course deals with abstract aspects of globalization, such as the process, ideology, and concept itself, the transformation of the State and emancipation of non-state actors, as well as the inconsistencies, threats, or conflicts inherent in globalization. The second part focuses on empirical issues, such as security, economy, development, environment, migration, and science/technology and media. The concept of the course highlights the inseparability and mutual dependence of the various aspects and dimensions, the need for an interdisciplinary reflection and research, as well as the critical and normative/ethical approach to the study of globalization as a way to asking the right questions and providing feasible and legitimate practical political solutions to the opportunities and threats of globalization.

Contents and schedule

Week	Lecture	Seminar
1	General information and organization of the course, Q&A	Development of globalization, basic terms, discussion
2	Various aspects of globalization – economic, political, cultural, ideological Global problems	Readings: Al-Rodhan-Stoudmann; Steger Ted talk – B. Lomborg
3	Case study: Migration (basic terms, development)	Current events, video/short movie Readings: news articles, policy papers, analysis of graphs Ted talk – A. Guterres
4	Case study: Migration (economic and political aspects)	Migration in the EU, EU immigration policy Migration in the USA, border controls Migration and developing countries Readings: news articles, policy papers, analysis of graphs
5	Globalization and nation state, fragile states	State sovereignty, Ted Talk – S. Anholt Readings: S. Krasner Ted talk – S. Anholt
6	Globalization and non-state actors	Readings: M. Shaw-Bond – NGO's Ted talk – J. Nye
7	Globalization and security, Copenhagen school, (cyber)terrorism	New wars and new types of conflict Readings: M. Kaldor – new war; Trends in Armed Conflict 1946-2014 Ted talk – S. Pinker
8	Mid-term test	Presentation: current conflict or security problem – case study (Syria, Ukraine, terrorism, Boko Haram...)
9	Globalization and environment Readings: Paris agreement	Presentation: environment - case study (palm oil, climate change, power/food waste...)
10	Globalization and economy Readings: T. Piketty	Presentation: fragile states – case study
11	Globalization and developing countries Why are some countries rich and other poor?	Presentation: problems in developing/developed countries – case study (development aid, diseases, education, blood diamonds...)
12	Globalization and media, freedom of speech, post-truth	Presentation: media coverage, social media – case study
13	Presentation: current event (Brexit, terrorist attacks...), future problems (Huntington...)	Evaluation

Assignments

1) Active participation: maximum 40 points

- Attendance: max. 24 points (each lecture/seminar = 1 point)
- Activities: max. 16 points
 - At the beginning of each seminar, news and current events will be discussed shortly
 - Readings will be discussed during the seminars
 - Active involvement in discussion after presentations during the second part of semester

2) Team presentations: maximum 15 points

- 6 presentations – broader topics given => to be narrowed down and specified by students
- Each presentation should take about 50 minutes and be as interactive as possible
- Students should prepare questions for discussion

3) Mid-term test: maximum 15 points

- During 8th week, in-class
- Multiple choice questions + open questions (short answers)

4) Final test: maximum 30 points

- Take-home exam - short essays (400-800 words)
- Based on lectures, students' presentations and readings
- To be submitted by 9th December

To pass the course it is necessary to reach at least 60 % of all assignments in total, i.e. at least 60 points.

Course materials

Detailed course instructions, course schedule, lecture presentations, seminar readings, student presentations, etc. will be available on the CESP website.

OTHER RECOMMENDED READINGS:

ISBN	Title	Authors	Year
978-0-19-965617-2	The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations	J. Baylis, S. Smith, P. Owens	2013
978-1-85743-332-6	A Dictionary of Globalization	J.-U. Wunderlich, M. Warrier	2007
978-0415385497	The Study of World Politics: Volume 2: Globalization and Governance	J. N. Rosenau	2006
978-0-470-65563-4	The Globalization Reader	F. J. Lechner, J. Boli	2012
0-7456-3135-5	The Global Transformations Reader: An Introduction to the Globalization Debate	D. Held, A. McGrew	2000