

# Syllabus for course GLOBALIZATION AND WORLD POLITICS

<b>Course code:</b>	IP_317
<b>Course title:</b>	Globalization and World Politics
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## **Aims of the course:**

The aim of the course is 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 this 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.

## Course content

Lecture	Seminar
General information and organization of the course, Q&A	World Politics and Development of globalization, basic terms, discussion
Global problems	Global problems – prioritizing <b>Readings:</b> Snarr – Global Issues Ted talk – B. Lomborg
Globalization and culture	Culture, religion in the current world <b>Readings:</b> Robertson
Political dimension Globalization and nation state, fragile states	State sovereignty <b>Readings:</b> Al-Rodhan-Stoudmann/Krasner Ted talk – S. Anholt
Globalization and non-state actors	Non-governmental organizations and their activities <b>Readings:</b> M. Shaw-Bond – NGO’s Ted talk – J. Nye
Migration (basic terms and development) and integration policies <b>Reading:</b> Maldini and Thakahashi	Migration in the EU, current events Ted talk – A. Guterres <b>Presentation:</b> Integration policies/current migration challenges – a case study
Globalization and security, Copenhagen school Wars and conflicts <b>Reading:</b> Kay Ted talk – S. Pinker	<b>Presentation:</b> current conflict or security problem – case study (Syria, Ukraine, terrorism, Boko Haram...)
<b>Mid-term test</b> New wars and new types of conflict, Ted talk - drones <b>Reading:</b> M. Kaldor/ F. Khosrokhavar	<b>Presentation:</b> cyberterrorism/terrorism – a case study
Globalization and economy <b>Readings:</b> T. Piketty	Globalization and environment
Globalization and developing countries Video - Why are some countries rich and other poor?	<b>Presentation:</b> problems in developing/developed countries – case study (development aid, diseases, education, blood diamonds...)
Globalization and media, freedom of speech, post-truth	<b>Presentation:</b> media coverage, social media, propaganda – case study
Globalization and human rights	<b>In-class essays</b>

**Assessment methods and criteria:**

<b>Requirement type</b>	<b>Daily attendance</b>
Active lecture/seminar/workshop/tutorial participation	40 %
Presentation	15 %
Mid-term test(s)	15 %
Final test	30 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100 %</b>

**Assessment:**

Graded courses	
1	Excellent (90 - 100%)
2	Very good (75 - 89%)
3	Good (60 - 74%)
4	Insufficient (0 - 59%)

Ungraded courses	
P	Passed
NP	Not Passed

**Special requirements and details:**

none

**Reading:**

<b>Type</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Published in</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>	<b>Library</b>
RE	F.J. LECHNER - J. BOLI.	The Globalization Reader.			2012.	978-0-470-65563-4	
RE	J. BAYLIS - S. SMITH - P. OWENS.	The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations.			2013.	978-0-19-96517-2	
RE	J.N. ROSENAU.	The Study of World Politics: Volume 2: Globalization and Governance.			2006.	978-0415385497	
RE	J.-U. WUNDERLICH - M. WARRIER.	A Dictionary of Globalization.			2007.	978-1-85743-332-6	

RQ required

RE recommended