

IP_317 Globalization and World Politics

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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 – prioritizing Readings: Al-Rodhan-Stoudmann Ted talk – B. Lomborg
3	Global problems - Factfulness Migration (basic terms)	Migration (development) Readings: H. Rosling - Factfulness
4	Integration policies	Migration in the EU, current events Ted talk – A. Guterres
5	Globalization and nation state, fragile states	State sovereignty Readings: Development of sovereignty 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	Wars and conflicts Readings: M. Kaldor – new war; Trends in Armed Conflict 1946-2014 Ted talk – S. Pinker
8	Mid-term test New wars and new types of conflict, Ted talk - drones	Presentation: current conflict or security problem – case study (Syria, Ukraine, terrorism, Boko Haram...)
9	Globalization and media, freedom of speech, post-truth	Presentation: media coverage, social media, propaganda – case study
10	Globalization and environment Readings: Paris agreement	Presentation: environment - case study (palm oil, climate change, power/food waste...)
11	Globalization and developing countries Video - 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 economy Readings: T. Piketty	Presentation: fragile states – case study / free topic
13	In-class essays	In-class essays

Assignments

1) Active participation: maximum 40 points

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

2) Team presentations: maximum 15 points

- Ca. 5 presentations – broader topics given => to be narrowed down and specified by students
- Each presentation should take about 60 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

- Short essays (400-600 words)
- Based on lectures, students' presentations, news and readings
- In-class, during 13th week

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.