

IP_317 GLOBALIZATION AND WORLD POLITICS

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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: Exploring global issues (M.T.Snarr)
3	Cultural dimension of globalization	Religion and globalization Reading: The ‘return’ of religion and the conflicted condition of world order (Roland Robertson)
4	Migration (basic terms, development, economic and political aspects)	Migration in the EU, EU immigration policy Refugee policy, Gender equality, Minority rights in the EU Readings: Migration in an ageing Europe: What are the challenges?
5	Political dimension of globalization	Security and globalization, Copenhagen school Readings: Globalization, Power, and Security (Sean Kay)
6	Conflicts, new wars and (cyber)terrorism <i>Readings: Terrorism in Europe and the Middle East (Farhad Khosrokhavar)</i>	Presentation: current conflict or security problem – case study (Syria, Ukraine, terrorism, Boko Haram...)
7	Globalization and nation state, state sovereignty Readings: Abiding Sovereignty (S. Krasner)	Presentation: Fragile states – case study
8	Mid-term test Globalization and non-state actors	European Union Readings: The European Union: What Kind of International Actor? (<i>Nick Wright</i>)
9	Globalization and economy Readings: Economic globalization	<i>Simulation game on World Trade</i>
10	Globalization and developing countries Case study: EU-Africa relations, Aid to Africa – success or failure?	Presentation: problems in developing/developed countries – case study (development aid, diseases, education, blood diamonds...)
11	Globalization and environment (i.e. Paris agreement, developing countries and environment)	Presentation: environment - case study (palm oil, climate change, power/food waste...)
12	Globalization, media and future, movies about world politics	Presentation: media coverage/analysis of an event (political campaign) or social media, propaganda – case study
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
 - 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

- 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
- 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 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 at 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