

INTL 1100 Introduction to Global Issues (Fall 2004)

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Course Objectives

The course is designed to familiarize students with a wide range of issues and problems associated with the process of globalization, including environment, population and food, distributive justice, human rights, terrorism, security, social systems, and cultural change. The course will help students enhance their “global literacy” in a way that they become more capable of understanding and analyzing the complexity of globalization, and help them function more effectively in the contemporary world.

Course Requirements and Grading

As classroom lectures will not replicate the assigned readings, attendance is necessary to successfully complete the course. Grading will be based on a midterm test (30%), a final examination (40%), and an essay (20%), and class attendance/participation (10%). The nature of the required essay and other pertinent matters will be clarified further on the first day of class.

Reading Assignment

The student must read the assigned readings before class. In addition to the two books listed below, news releases, book chapters, and journal articles will be assigned as needed.

Robert M. Jackson, *Annual Additions: Global Issues 04/05 (Annual Edition)*

Jan Aart Scholte, *Globalization: A Critical Introduction*, 2004 (second edition) (Scholte)

Topical Outline

Introduction: Problems Solving and Education

Based on the premise of “sociology of knowledge,” problem solving will be advanced as the purpose of learning.

Causes and Contrasting Perspectives of Globalization

In addition to the perspectives introduced in the textbooks, the instructor will advance a perspective of globalization as an extension of development. This necessitates a comprehensive analysis of the process of development leading to globalization.

- “What is Happening?” (Scholte)
- “What is 'Global' About Globalization?” (Scholte)
- “Globalization in History” (Scholte)
- “Towards a Theory of Globalization?” (Scholte)
- “Globalization and (In)Security” (Scholte)

- “A Special Moment in History,” Bill McKibben (*Annual Edition*)
- “Clash of Globalizations,” Stanley Hoffmann (*Annual Edition*)
- “A New Grand Strategy,” Benjamin Schwarz and Christopher Layne (*Annual Edition*)
- “Mr. Order Meets Mr. Chaos,” Robert Wright and Robert Kaplan (*Annual Edition*)

- “Development and Global Consequences,” Han S. Park (In *Human Needs and Political Development*) (To be distributed).

Global Issues: Areas of Global Problems

(1) Food Production and Population

- “The Big Crunch,” Jeffrey Kluger (*Annual Edition*)
- “SARS Has Lots of Company as Emerging Disease,” Seth Borenstein (*Annual Edition*)
- “Bittersweet Harvest: The Debate Over Genetically Modified Crops,” Honor Hsin (*Annual Edition*)

(2) Sustainable Development (Environment and Resource)

- “The Challenges We Face,” Jeffrey Kluger and Andrea Dorfman (*Annual Edition*)
- “Shifting the Pain: World’s Resources Feed California’s Growing Appetite,” Tom Knudson (*Annual Edition*)
- “Water Scarcity Could Overwhelm the Next Generation,” Janet L. Sawin (*Annual Edition*)
- “We *Can* Build a Sustainable Economy,” Lester R. Brown (*Annual Edition*)

(3) (In)Justice

- “Globalization and (In)Justice” (Scholte)
- “Globalization and Marginalization,” Thomas M. Callaghy (from *Current History*, November 1997) [<http://www.mty.itesm.mx/dhcs/deptos/ri/ri95-801/lecturas/lec225.html>]
- “Life is Unfair: Inequality in the World,” Nancy Birdsall (from *Foreign Policy*, Summer 1998) [<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/birdsall.htm>]

(4) Conflict

- “The Transformation of National Security,” Philip Zelikow (*Annual Edition*)
- “Nuclear Nightmares,” Bill Keller (*Annual Edition*)
- “Why Do They Hate Us?,” Peter Ford (*Annual Edition*)
- “Changing Course on China,” Elizabeth Economy (*Annual Edition*)

“The Korea Crisis,” Victor D. Cha and David C. Kang (*Annual Edition*)
“India, Pakistan, and the Bomb,” M. V. Ramana and A. H. Nayyar (*Annual Edition*)

(5) (In)Security: Unconventional Sources

Scholte “Globalization and (In)Security

(6) Cooperation, Global Order, Peace

“Strategies for World Peace: The View of the UN Secretary-General,” Kofi A. Annan (*Annual Edition*)

“Europe Drafting Its Constitution,” Elaine Sciolino (*Annual Edition*)

“The New Containment: An Alliance Against Nuclear Terrorism,” Graham Allison and Andrei Kokoshin (*Annual Edition*)

“Countdown to Eradication,” Anne Stein (*Annual Edition*)

“Aerial War Against Disease: Satellite Tracking of Epidemics Is Soaring,” John Pickrell, (*Annual Edition*)

(7) Global Governance?

“Globalization and Governance” (Scholte)

“Globalization and Community” (Scholte)

(8) Values, Ethics, Global Culture

“Globalization and Knowledge” (Scholte)

“What’s Wrong With This Picture?,” Mark Crispin Miller (*Annual Edition*)

“Are Human Rights Universal?,” Shashi Tharoor (*Annual Edition*)

“The Grameen Bank,” Muhammad Yunus (*Annual Edition*)

“Why Environmental Ethics Matters to International Relations,” John Barkdull (*Annual Edition*)

“Exploring the ‘Singularity’,” James John Bell (*Annual Edition*)

“Women Waging Peace,” Swanee Hunt and Cristina Posa (*Annual Edition*)

“The Next Christianity,” Philip Jenkins (*Annual Edition*)

“Modernization’s Challenge to Traditional Values: Who’s Afraid of Ronald McDonald?,” Ronald Inglehart and Wayne E. Baker (*Annual Edition*)

(9) Ideology and Democratization

“Globalization and (Un)Democracy” (Scholte)

Global Futures

(1) Economic Pulse of Globalization

“Globalization and Production” (Scholte)

- “The Complexities and Contradictions of Globalization,” James N. Rosenau (*Annual Edition*)
- “The Five Wars of Globalization,” Moises Naim (*Annual Edition*)
- “Will Globalization Go Bankrupt?,” Michael Pettis (*Annual Edition*)
- “Croesus and Caesar,” Richard Rosecrance (*Annual Edition*)
- “Render Unto Caesar: Putin and the Oligarchs,” Marshall I. Goldman (*Annual Edition*)
- “The Fall of the House of Saud,” Robert Baer (*Annual Edition*)
- “Thirty Years of Petro-Politics,” Daniel Yergin (*Annual Edition*)
- “India and China: Two Systems, One Grand Rivalry,” *The Economist* (June 21, 2003) (*Annual Edition*)
- “Overcoming Japan’s China Syndrome,” Chi Hung Kwan (*Annual Edition*)
- “Leasing the Rain,” William Finnegan (*Annual Edition*)
- “Humane Global Futures” (Scholte)

Conclusion

From Rationality to Community