PSCI 1002A
Global Political Issues - GLOBALIZATION
2:35 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. Monday
Azrieli Theatre 302

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Contemporary politics is characterized by globalization. What is globalization? Is it something new? What are its contradictions? What are its costs and what are its benefits? The lectures, the readings and the discussion groups for this course will address all of these questions. By the end of this course, the student should have a better understanding of globalization and how it serves to make contemporary politics at once a fascinating and a complex enterprise.

REQUIRED TEXTS


NOTE: Both textbooks are available at Haven Books (34 Seneca Street).

EVALUATION

3 Critical Essays (3 x 15%) = 45% (Due October 16, November 13, December 4)
TA Discussion Group Participation 20%
Final Exam 35% (To be scheduled during formal exam period, Dec. 6 – 22)

Critical Essays (3 x 15% = 45%)

Students are required to write three critical essays, each worth 15%. These essays will be based on the articles from the Eitzen and Zinn text. These articles are indicated in the schedule below. Students will choose three weeks from the schedule where classes are held and write one essay per week on all of the articles assigned for that week. (For example, if a student chose WEEK 4 for her first essay, she would write her first essay on Articles 18 and 20). The basic format of
these essays is for students to provide a summary of the articles, to compare them, and then to critically assess the strength of their arguments.

Essays must be typed, double-spaced and have a length of between 1000 to 1500 words (5 to 7 pages). The first essay is due October 16, the second essay is due November 13 and the third essay is due December 4. Deadlines are firm. Extensions will only be granted for formally documented medical reasons.

Essays are to be handed into the TA in the discussion groups. Once marked, they will be returned in these same discussion groups. Late essays are penalized one half grade per day. (For example, an essay receiving a B+ would be dropped to a B if one day late)

Note: Late essays or essays granted an extension for medical reasons must be placed in the Political Science drop box located outside the Political Science main office Loeb B640. It is emptied every weekday at 4:00 p.m. and all items collected at that time are date-stamped with that day’s date.

TA Discussion Groups (20%)

Students are required to attend and participate in discussion groups lead by TAs. Participation may include general discussion and/or more formal oral presentations. These discussions will mainly focus on the readings in the Eitzen and Zinn text, with supplementary material drawn from the lectures and from the Sens and Stoett text. They will be extremely useful to help students prepare for the critical essays.

Final Exam (35%)

The final exam will cover all of the course material including lecture content for the entire course (September 11 to December 4) and will be held during the scheduled December examination period (December 6 to December 22).

SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: September 11 – Introduction to the Course (History, Definitions, Themes).

No Required Readings

WEEK 2: September 18 – History and Globalization.

Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 2 (History and Global Politics: War and Peace – pages 35-74)
  Chapter 3 (The Nuclear Era, the Cold War and Foreign Policy Analysis – pages 75-101)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Chapter 1 (Globalization: an Introduction – pages 1-11)
  Article 1 (Globalisation by Anthony Giddens – pages 15-21)
  Article 2 (Opening Scene: The World is Ten Years Old by Thomas L. Friedman – pages 21-29)
Themes of Globalization
Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 1 (An Introduction to the Study of Global Politics – pages 3-34)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 18 (Navigating the Ethics of Globalization by Peter Singer – pages 129-136)
  Article 20 (Global Culture: Sameness or Difference? by Manfred B. Steger – pages 143-146)

WEEK 4: October 2 – Themes of Globalization 1: Economics.
Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 4 (Political Perspectives on the World Economy – pages 116-151)
  Chapter 8 (Globalization, Marginalization and Regionalization in the World Economy – pages 286-328)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 7 (Globalization: Wonder Land or Waste Land? by Murray Weidenbaum – pages 53-60)
  Article 17 (Globalism’s Discontents by Joseph E. Stiglitz – pages 119-129)

WEEK 5: October 9 – Thanksgiving, No Class.

Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 6 (International Security after the Cold War – pages 185-237)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 29 (Globalizing Hate by Amy Chua – pages 234-238)
  Article 31 (Why America is Still an Easy Target by Stephen Flynn – pages 246-252)

WEEK 7: October 23 – Themes of Globalization 3: Environment
Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 10 (Global Ecopolitics: Learning the Limits – pages 367-403)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 38 (Global Warming Heats Up by James M. Lindsay – pages 307-313)
  Article 39 (Infectious Concerns: Modern Factors in the Spread of Disease by Mary E. Wilson – pages 313-319)

Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
Chapter 11 (Population Growth and Movement – pages 404-435)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 5 (Heavy Traffic: International Migration in an Era of Globalization by Susan F. Martin – pages 40-45)
  Article 25 (Global Woman: Nannies, Maids and Sex Workers in the New Economy by Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Russell Hochschild – pages 175-184)

Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 5 (International Institutions and Law – pages 152-175)
  Chapter 9 (Human Rights: Global Unity and Division – pages 329-364)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 40 (Race, Class and Globalization: The Global Struggle for Democracy by Manning Marable – pages 324-329)
  Article 41 (Globalization and Social Movements by Jeremy Brecher et. al. – pages 330-347)

(Note: Second Critical Essay Due Today in TA Discussion Group).
Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 12 (Global Politics and the Information Age – pages 436-470)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 8 (The Uncertainty of Digital Politics: Democracy’s Uneasy Relationship with Information Technology by Benjamin R. Barber – pages 61-69)
  Article 33 (The Underground Web by Ira Sager et. al. – pages 261-270)

WEEK 11: November 20 – Themes of Globalization 7: Gender Studies.
Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 1 (An Introduction to the Study of Global Politics, Feminism – pages 23-24)
  Chapter 8 (Globalization, Marginalization and Regionalization in the World Economy, From Theory to Practice in the Contemporary Global Economy – pages 289-291)
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 26 (The Care Crisis in the Philippines: Children and Transnational Families in the New Global Economy by Rhacel Salazar Parreñas – pages 185-196)
  Article 27 (Global Cities and Survival Circuits by Saskia Sassen – pages 196-216)
  Article 28 (Masculinities and Globalization by R. W. Connell – pages 216-230)

Required Readings
- Movie: Mondovino
- Eitzen and Zinn text:
  Article 21 (Arnold Schwarzenegger, Ally McBeal and Arranged Marriages: Globalization on the Ground in India by Steve Derné – pages 146-153)
  Article 22 (The Place of Community in Globalization by Leon Fink – pages 154-158)

Required Readings
- Sens and Stoett text:
  Chapter 13 (New Directions in Theory and Practice – pages 471-496)

Academic Accommodations

For Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course are encouraged to contact the Paul Menton Centre (PMC) for Students with Disabilities (500 University Centre) to complete the necessary forms. After registering with the PMC, make an appointment to meet with the instructor in order to discuss your needs at least two weeks before the first in-class test or CUTV midterm exam. This will allow for sufficient time to process your request. Please note the following deadlines for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations: November 6th, 2006 for fall and fall/winter term courses, and March 9th, 2007 for winter term courses.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting accommodation for religious observances should apply in writing to their instructor for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student. Instructors and students may contact an Equity Services Advisor for assistance (www.carleton.ca/equity).

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a letter of accommodation. Then, make an appointment to discuss your needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

Plagiarism: The Undergraduate Calendar defines plagiarism as: "to use and pass off as one’s own idea or product, work of another without expressly giving credit to another.” The Graduate Calendar states that plagiarism has occurred when a student either: (a) directly copies another's work without acknowledgment; or (b) closely paraphrases the equivalent of a short paragraph or more without acknowledgment; or (c) borrows, without acknowledgment, any ideas in a clear and recognizable form in such a way as to present them as the student's own thought, where such ideas, if they were the student's own would contribute to the merit of his or her own work. Instructors who suspect plagiarism are required to submit the paper and supporting documentation to the Departmental Chair who will refer the case to the Dean. It is not permitted to hand in the same assignment to two or more courses. The Department's Style Guide is available at: www.carleton.ca/polisci/undergrad/styleguide.pdf

Oral Examination: At the discretion of the instructor, students may be required to pass a brief oral examination on research papers and essays.

Submission and Return of Term Work: Papers must be handed directly to the instructor and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at 4 p.m., stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Please note
that assignments sent via fax or email will not be accepted. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

**Approval of final grades:** Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

**Course Requirements:** Students must fulfill all course requirements in order to achieve a passing grade. Failure to hand in any assignment will result in a grade of F. Failure to write the final exam will result in a grade of ABS. FND (Failure - No Deferred) is assigned when a student's performance is so poor during the term that they cannot pass the course even with 100% on the final examination. In such cases, instructors may use this notation on the Final Grade Report to indicate that a student has already failed the course due to inadequate term work and should not be permitted access to a deferral of the examination. Deferred final exams are available ONLY if the student is in good standing in the course.

**Connect Email Accounts:** The Department of Political Science strongly encourages students to sign up for a campus email account. Important course and University information will be distributed via the Connect email system. See [http://connect.carleton.ca](http://connect.carleton.ca) for instructions on how to set up your account.