

PSCI 3802B/SOCI/ANTH 3027B
GLOBALIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS
Tuesday & Thursday 6:05 – 8: 55 pm

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Course Format: ONLINE via ZOOM – Synchronous Course

Course Description:

This course will examine some key issues related to economic, social, environmental and indigenous human rights in international and Canadian context. We will first introduce some basic historical background and theoretical concepts, and then move into more specific human rights violations with a special emphasis on international economic order imposed by neoliberal globalization. We will particularly investigate the relationship between economic globalization and corporate assault on human rights, involving labour rights, food insecurity, water crisis as well as environmental and indigenous rights. While some scholars and politicians still insist that our economic and social rights are less important than our civil and political human rights, we will see that all human rights are interrelated and inseparable, as are also their violations. Indeed, can we be free if we are hungry? Or, is our right to life meaningful if there is no work or fresh water?

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of this course are:

- 1) to enhance students' capacity for critical thinking,
- 2) to acquire a more profound understanding of the roots and the scope of human suffering as well as of people's incessant struggle for survival and social justice,
- 3) to improve students' ability to link academic research with the key theoretical concepts and international agreements, and

- 4) to reflect critically upon taken-for-granted assumptions about social equality and justice in Canada and worldwide.

Required Readings/ Texts:

- **All required readings** will be available online (on Brightspace via ARES).
- **Supplementary documentary films** will also be available on Brightspace/ARES.

Students are not required to purchase textbooks or other learning materials for this course.

Course Requirements & Methods of Evaluation:

Students are expected to be present in every virtual class and should prepare beforehand by reading assigned materials and watch documentaries in order to meaningfully participate in class discussions. Both assignments will be posted on Brightspace and must be submitted on time.

Mid-Term Assignment	50%
Critical Essay	40%
Attendance & Participation	10%
Total/Final Grade	100%

Mid-Term Assignment (50%):

This assignment will be handed out in class on **July 22 and is due on July 29 by 11:59 pm**. Students will be required to answer selected question(s) from the assigned readings and will be provided with clear instructions for the structure of the paper. Your paper should have **8-10 double-spaced pages** (12 points Times New Roman font, 1" margins) and must be electronically submitted on due date at the assigned drop box on Brightspace.

Critical Essay/Research Project (40%):

This paper should be a critical essay that will analyze a chosen issue or topic related to economic globalization and addressing human rights. More detailed instructions will be provided early on in the course and will be posted on Brightspace. The essay should have **8-10 typed pages** (12 points Times New Roman font and double spaced), **5-10 references**, and must contain an introduction, the body of the text and a conclusion. Students will apply at least two theoretical concepts and relevant human rights documents to their selected topic/issue and provide a critical insight or analysis. An excellent paper will have clear links between theory and practice, introduce some critical and original ideas, and demonstrate a good understanding of the issue. **Essays are due on August 14 by 11:59 pm** and must be electronically submitted in the drop box on Brightspace. Late papers without adequate documentation **will not be accepted after three days**.

General Criteria for Evaluating Students' Work:

You are expected to demonstrate an ability to think critically about the issues discussed during this course. The main evaluation criteria are: 1) critical thinking and analytical skills; 2)

organization of thoughts and materials; 3) clear expression of ideas and arguments; 4) academic writing skills (appropriate format, spelling, grammar, consistent citation style, etc).

IMPORTANT:

Wikipedia is not a valid and credible reference and should not be used in this course.

AI generated or assisted texts are not acceptable and AI should not be used in this course.

My lecture notes/slides are not an academic source and cannot be used as such.

Any **citation style** is acceptable, but it must contain the author's name, year of publishing, and page number in the text.

Late Papers Policy

Assignments must be submitted on the due dates to obtain full marks. If an assignment is handed in within 3 days of the due date, for any reason, it will be accepted, but the mark will be reduced by one letter grade per day (for example, an A- becomes a B+). **Assignments will not be accepted later than 3 days after the due date.** If you are ill or personally injured, no late penalty will apply if a doctor's note is presented.

Diversity and Inclusion:

The materials covered in this course will engage a range of complex and at times contentious topics. Some topics in this class include political and socially dynamic issues including how people have been marginalized, excluded, and exploited. It is important that these issues be addressed collectively within the class in a sensitive, respectful, and accountable manner.

Territorial Acknowledgment: Carleton University acknowledges the location of its campus on the traditional, unceded territories of the Algonquin nation. In doing so, Carleton acknowledges it has a responsibility to the Algonquin people and a responsibility to adhere to Algonquin cultural protocols. If you are not located near Carleton, you may use the website <https://nativeland.ca/> to help identify whose Indigenous territories you are currently located in.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND READINGS

Part I Globalization and Economic and Social Human Rights

July 3 Introduction to the course (no readings)

July 8 Human Rights in World Politics: International Bill of Human Rights

International Human Rights Law (UDHR, ICCPR, and ICESCR):

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/InternationalLaw.aspx>

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CCPR.aspx>

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/ICESCR.aspx>

Marjorie Cohn. "Human Rights Hypocrisy: US Criticizes Cuba." *TruthOut.org*. March 19, 2016.

<https://truthout.org/articles/human-rights-hypocrisy-us-criticizes-cuba/>

Reed Brody. "America's Problem with Human Rights." *Third World Network*. May 1999.

<https://www.twn.my/title/1893-cn.htm>

July 10 The Rise of Corporation and Economic Globalization

Joel Bakan. "Introduction" and "The Corporation's Rise to Dominance." *The Corporation: The Pathological Pursuit of Profit and Power*. Penguin Canada. 2004, pp. 1-27.

Helena Norberg-Hodge. "Globalization and Extremism – Join the Dots." *New Internationalist*. November-December 2019, pp. 48-50.

Screening: *The Corporation* (2003, Mongrel Media, based on Joel Bakan's book)

July 15 The Globalization of Poverty: Structural Adjustment Programs

Joseph Stiglitz. "The Promise of Global Institutions." *Globalization and its Discontents*. New York: Norton. 2003, pp. 3-22.

Michel Chossudovsky. "The Globalisation of Poverty." *The Globalization of Poverty: Impacts of IMF and World Bank Reforms*. Halifax: Fernwood. 1998, pp. 33-44.

Screening: *Food War* (New 2008 Version, 52 min, Arts & Images, Cine Fete, Montreal)

July 17 Economic Shock Therapy: Disaster Capitalism from Chile to Haiti

Naomi Klein. "Introduction." *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*. Toronto: Alfred A. Knopf. 2008, pp.3-24.

Siddhartha Mahanta. "Haiti's Disaster Capitalists Swoop In." *Mother Jones*. Sept. 14, 2010.
<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2010/09/haiti-refugee-work-camps/>

Screening: *The Shock Doctrine* (2009, based on Naomi Klein's book, 78 min)

July 22

A Right to Food: GMOs and the Politics of Hunger

Vandana Shiva. "Stolen Harvest: The Hijacking of the Global Food Supply." *Sickness and Wealth: The Corporate Assault on Global Health*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: South End Press. 2004, pp. 107-117

Vandana Shiva. 'The Seeds of Suicide: How Monsanto Destroys Farming.' *Global Research*. March 9, 2016. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-seeds-of-suicide-how-monsanto-destroys-farming/5329947>

Beverly Bell. "Monsanto in Haiti." *Toward Freedom*. June 29, 2011. <https://towardfreedom.org/story/archives/americas/monsanto-in-haiti/>

Devlin Kuyek "Time for a Food Revolution." *Canadian Dimension*. Vol 45, No 4, July/Aug 2011, pp. 11-16.

William F. Engdahl. "The Agribusiness Model is Failing." *Global Research*. April 22, 2020. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/agribusiness-model-failing/5710289>

Screening: *Seeds of Death: Unveiling the Lies of GMO's* (by Gary Null & Richard Polonetsky)

Mid-term Assignment hand out

July 24

A Right to Adequate Housing: Homelessness and Slum Cities

OHCHR. "Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing as a Component of the Right to an Adequate Standard of Living, and on the Right to Non-Discrimination in this Context" <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Housing/Pages/HousingIndex.aspx>

Raquel Rolnik. "Statement of the Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing as a Component of the Right to an Adequate Standard of Living, and on the Right to Non-Discrimination in this Context." *Human Rights Council*. Tenth Session. March 9, 2008 (web). (<http://www.unhchr.ch/hurricane/hurricane.nsf/view01> search by date)

Yutaka Dirks. "Housing is a Human Right." *This Magazine*. July/August 2014, pp 29-31.

Liam Casey. "Coronavirus: Infections among Toronto's Homeless growing with 30 positive cases." *Global News*. April 14, 2020. <https://globalnews.ca/news/6816954/coronavirus-toronto-homeless-infections-growing>

Screening: *Priced Out: Canada's Rental Crisis* (CBC, The Fifth Estate, September 19, 2022)

Part II

Indigenous and Environmental Rights

July 29 Development and Indigenous Rights: Grab for Land & Natural Resources

Sandra Cuffe. "A Backwards, Upside-Down Kind of Development." *Rights Action*. 2005.

Yves Engler. "Mining Profits and Canadian Imperialism." *Canadian Dimension*. Vol 47, No 2, Mar/Apr 2013, p. 52.

Jen Wilton. "Historic Ruling Threatens Status Quo of Canadian Mining Industry." *Canadian Dimension*. Vol 48, No 2, Mar/Apr 2014, pp. 17—18.

Brent Patterson. "Trade Deals Give Corporations the Power to Sue." *Canadian Perspectives*. The Council of Canadians. Spring 2016, p. 7.

Mid-term assignment due date

July 31 Indigenous Rights at Home: Third World Canada?

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. General Assembly. September 13, 2007. <https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

John Ibbitson "Ottawa wins praise for endorsing UN indigenous-rights declaration." *Globe and Mail*, online. Nov 12, 2010

PM Harper Offers Full Apology on Behalf of Canadians for the Indian Residential Schools System. PMO. June 11, 2008. <http://www.pm.gc.ca/eng/media.asp?id=2149>

Ashly Dyck. "Something in the Water." *This Magazine*. Nov/Dec 2010, pp. 10-14.

Helen Fallding "No Running Water." *Canadian Dimension*. Vol 45, No 2, Mar/Apr 2011, 16-19

Pamela Palmater. "True Test for Reconciliation: Respect the Indigenous Right to Say No." *Canadian Dimension*. Vol 52, No 1, spring 2018, pp. 6, 7.

Joyce Nelson. "Monsanto's 'Rain of Death' on Canada's Forests." *Global Research*. May 16, 2019, at <https://www.globalresearch.ca/monsantos-rain-death-forests/5677614>

Screening: *The Big Burn* (CBC, The Fifth Estate, October 9, 2022)

August 5

Human Right to Water and Sanitation: Canadian Record

United Nations General Assembly. "The Human Right to Water and Sanitation." Resolution 64/292, adopted on 28 July 2010.

Katy Daigle. "Water crisis coming in 15 years unless the world acts now, UN report warns" The Associated Press, Published Friday, Mar. 20 2015.

http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/water-crisis-coming-in-15-years-unless-the-world-acts-now-un-urges/article23551722/?click=sf_globe

Maude Barlow and Anil Naidoo. "A Human Right Canada Rejects: Access to Clean Water."

The Toronto Star. Editorial Opinion, Saturday, March 28, 2015 (Jul 13 2010)

http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorialopinion/2010/07/13/a_human_right_canada_rejects_access_to_clean_water.html

Maude Barlow. "Blue Betrayal: The Harper's Government Assault on Canada's Freshwater." *The Council of Canadians*. March 2015, pp. 3-14.

Meera Karunanathan. "Five Years Later: Continuing the Fight for the Human Right to Water and Sanitation at the UN." *Canadian Perspectives*. The Council of Canadians. Fall 2015, p. 25.

Screening: *Blue Gold: World Water Wars* (Purple Turtle Films, 2008)

August 7

The Right to Healthy Environment and Climate Change

OHCHR. "Expert calls for resolution on right to healthy environment." March 11, 2020.

https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/SR_Environment.aspx

W. Andy Knight and Tom Keating. "Governing the Global Environment." *Global Politics*. Oxford U Press. 2010, pp. 328-347.

Jess Worth and Danny Chivers. "Forget Paris?" *New Internationalist*. Nov 2015, pp. 12-16.

Dr. Andrew Glikson. "Hothouse Earth: Demise of the Planetary Life Support System?" *Global Research*. August 8, 2018. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/hothouse-earth-demise-of-the-planetary-life-support-system/5649902>

Screening: *Climate of Concern* (1991, Shell)

August 12

Resistance to Corporate Globalization and the Rights of Mother Earth

Andy W. Knight and Tom Keating. "Anti-Globalization Transnational Movements" *Global Politics*. Oxford U Press. 2010. pp. 237-253

Andrea Levy and Cy Gonick. "Interview with Vandana Shiva". *Canadian Dimension*. Vol. 48. No 4. July/August 2014, pp. 16-21.

Kate Aronoff. "'Hothouse Earth' Co-author: The Problem is Neoliberal Economics." *The Intercept*. August 14, 2018. <https://theintercept.com/2018/08/14/hothouse-earth-climate-change-neoliberal-economics/>

Critical Essay due on August 14 by 11:59 pm

Political Science Course Outline Appendix

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Student Mental Health

As a university student, you may experience a range of mental health challenges that significantly impact your academic success and overall well-being. If you need help, please speak to someone. There are numerous resources available both on- and off-campus to support you. Here is a list that may be helpful:

Emergency Resources (on and off campus):

<https://carleton.ca/health/emergencies-and-crisis/emergency-numbers/>

Carleton Resources:

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

<https://carleton.ca/wellness/>

Health & Counselling Services: <https://carleton.ca/health/>

Paul Menton Centre: <https://carleton.ca/pmc/>

Academic Advising Centre (AAC):

<https://carleton.ca/academicadvising/>

Centre for Student Academic Support (CSAS):

<https://carleton.ca/csas/>

Equity & Inclusivity Communities:

<https://carleton.ca/equity/>

Off Campus Resources:

Distress Centre of Ottawa and Region: (613) 238-3311 or TEXT: 343-306-5550, <https://www.dcottawa.on.ca/>

Mental Health Crisis Service: (613) 722-6914, 1-866-996-0991, <http://www.crisisline.ca/>

Empower Me: 1-844-741-6389, <https://students.carleton.ca/services/empower-me-counselling-services/>

ood2Talk: 1-866-925-5454, <https://good2talk.ca/>

The Walk-In Counselling Clinic:

<https://walkincounselling.com>

Academic consideration for medical or other

extenuating circumstances: Students must contact the instructor(s) of their absence or inability to complete the academic deliverable within the predetermined timeframe due to medical or other extenuating circumstances. For a range of medical or other extenuating circumstances, students may use the online self-declaration form and where appropriate, the use of medical documentation. This policy regards the accommodation of extenuating circumstances for both short-term and long-term periods and extends to all students enrolled at Carleton University.

Students should also consult the [Course Outline Information on Academic Accommodations](#) for more information. Detailed information about the procedure for requesting academic consideration can be found [here](#).

Pregnancy: Contact your Instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For accommodation regarding a formally-scheduled final exam, please contact Equity and Inclusive Communities (EIC) at equity@carleton.ca or by calling (613) 520-5622 to speak to an Equity Advisor.

Religious obligation: Contact your Instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details [click here](#).

Academic Accommodations for Students with

Disabilities: The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, please request your accommodations for this course through the [Ventus Student Portal](#) at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). Requests made within two weeks will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. For final exams, the deadlines to request accommodations are published in the [University Academic Calendars](#). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally scheduled exam (*if applicable*).

Survivors of Sexual Violence: As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working, and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and its survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: <https://carleton.ca/equity/sexual-assault-support-services>.

Accommodation for Student Activities: Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

PETITIONS TO DEFER

Students unable to write a final examination because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control may apply within **three working days** to the Registrar's Office for permission to write a deferred examination. The request must be fully supported by the appropriate documentation. Only deferral petitions submitted to the Registrar's Office will be considered. [See Undergraduate Calendar, Article 4.3](#)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s). Permissibility of submitting substantially the same piece of work more than once for academic credit. If group or collaborative work is expected or allowed, provide a clear and specific description of how and to what extent you consider collaboration to be acceptable or appropriate, especially in the completion of written assignments.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

Please reference the [Academic Calendar](#) for each term's official withdrawal dates

OFFICIAL FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD

Please reference the [Academic Calendar](#) for each term's Official Exam Period (may include evenings & Saturdays or Sundays)

For more information on the important dates and deadlines of the academic year, consult the [Carleton Calendar](#).

GRADING SYSTEM

The grading system is described in the Undergraduate Calendar section [5.4](#).

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

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is an essential element of a productive and successful career as a student. Students are required to familiarize themselves with the university's [Academic Integrity Policy](#).

PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as "*presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own.*" This can include:

- any submission prepared in whole or in part, by someone else, including the unauthorized use of generative AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT);
- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another's data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another's works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*"

Plagiarism is a serious offence that cannot be resolved directly by the course's instructor. The Associate Dean of the Faculty conducts a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of "F" for the course.