

**POLS 260**  
**Politics of Globalization**  
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## Overview and Objectives

This course examines the effects of globalization (broadly defined) on domestic political processes around the world. We start by looking at economic globalization historically, comparing the degree and forms of international economic integration during the late 19th century with today. We then consider, in more detail, the domestic consequences of trade and international capital mobility: Who wins and loses? How does globalization constrain economic policymaking? Does it undermine longstanding socio-economic institutions? More specifically, we survey the evidence on global poverty and income inequality and consider the appropriate roles of the major international trade and financial organizations in promoting development around the world. Next, we study the globalization of law, focusing primarily on international human rights treaties. Do these agreements matter? To what extent do they guarantee freedoms and improve the quality of democracy internationally? We finish the course by looking at social globalization and the relationship between globalization and the environment.

## Requirements

**Two Exams:** 45%

There will be two non-cumulative examinations for this class worth a total of 45% of the grade (20%, 25%). The exams will be based on the readings, lectures, and discussions in class and section. Students who wish to do well on these tests should read the assigned material and attend the lectures and discussion sections.

**Research Paper:** 25%

In the term papers you will address one of the globalization topics covered in the class or a closely related topic. This assignment will be completed in three stages: Paper Topic Proposal (250 words), Rough Draft (3-5 pages), and Final Draft (8-10 pages). The final paper must incorporate the feedback received on the rough draft. The paper should be double-spaced, use a 12-point standard serif font (e.g., Times), 1-inch margins, use conventional construction, grammar, spelling, and punctuation, and follow ASPA formatting and citation style. More information about the paper will be distributed as the semester progresses.

**Participation:** 30%

I will lecture in class from time to time, mainly as a way to provide important background information to help you better understand the material. For the most part, however, we will treat the class as a seminar. Therefore, students are expected to be familiar with the assigned readings and ready to discuss them. Occasionally, we will do “active learning”/small group exercises in class.

## Administrative Issues

*Grade Complaints:* Grade complaints will only be taken 24 hours after an assignment has been returned. Complaints should be submitted in writing and explain the particular discrepancy and recommend an appropriate recourse. The instructor maintains the right to add or subtract points on work that is submitted for reconsideration.

*Academic Honesty:* A copy of the University’s policies on academic misconduct and complaint actions is attached and available on the the course website. Read and become familiar with these policies. Students caught violating conditions of academic honesty will fail this course and be reported to university authorities. It is recommended that you retain all notes and drafts of your coursework until two weeks after grades are received in order to protect your work.

*Students with Disabilities:* Students with disabilities should notify the instructor as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of any student with a disability who requests a reasonable accommodation to contact Student Disability Services. Student Disability Services will arrange with the student and instructor a plan to ensure the student has the opportunities for full participation in the class.

## Required Texts

Peter Singer. 2004. *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*. Yale University Press (2nd Ed).

The remaining readings are available on Google Scholar and through the library’s electronic journal subscriptions or on library reserves.

## Course Outline

### Part I. Economic Globalization

**Introduction** (Week 1)

**Historical Overview** (Weeks 2 and 3)

- Chapter 1, One World, “A Changing World”

- Stanley Fischer. 2003. "Globalization and Its Challenges." *American Economic Review*. 93 (2): 1-30.
- Dollar, David, and Kraay, Aart 2002. "Spreading the Wealth." *Foreign Affairs*. 81 (120).
- Angell. *The Great Illusion*. Chapter 4: "The Impossibility of Confiscation."
- Bordo, Michael, and James, Harold, 2010. "The Great Depression analogy." *Financial History Review*, Cambridge University Press, vol. 17(02), pages 127-140, October. Available online at <http://www.nber.org.proxy.lib.uiowa.edu/papers/w15584>.

### **Trade's Winner and Losers** (Week 4)

- Paul Samuelson. 2004. "Where Ricardo and Mill Rebut and Confirm Arguments of Mainstream Economists Supporting Globalization." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*. 18 (3): pp. 135-146.
- Jagdish Bhagwati et al. Forthcoming. "The Muddles Over Outsourcing." *The Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

### **International Capital Mobility and Economic Policy Autonomy** (Week 5)

- Thomas L. Friedman. *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*. Ch. 5: "The Golden Straight-jacket."
- Simmons, Beth A. 2001. The International Politics of Harmonization: The Case of Capital Market Regulation. *International Organization* 55(3): 589-620.
- Geoffrey Garrett. 1998. "Global Markets and National Politics: Collision Course or Virtuous Circle?" *International Organization*. 52 (4): pp. 787 - 824.
- Jude C. Hays. 2003. "Globalization and Capital Taxation in Consensus and Majoritarian Democracies." *World Politics*. 56 (1): pp. 79-113.

### **Globalization and Socio-Economic Institutions** (Week 6)

- Golden, Wallerstein and Lange. 2008. "Postwar Trade Union Organization and Industrial Organization in Twelve Countries." In *Selected Works of Michael Wallerstein: The Political Economy of Inequality, Unions, and Social Democracy*.
- Pierson, Paul. 2001. "Post-Industrial Pressures on the Mature Welfare States." In *The New Politics of the Welfare State*.

**Midterm 1** (October 9)**Public Support for (and Opposition to) Neoliberal Globalization**

(Weeks 7-8)

- Kapstein, Ethan B. 1996. "Workers and the World Economy." *Foreign Affairs*. 75: 16-37.
- Ruggie, John Gerard. 1998. "Globalization and the Embedded Liberalism Compromise: The End of an Era?"
- Jude C. Hays, Sean D. Ehrlich and Clint Peinhardt. 2005. "Government Spending and Public Support for Trade in the OECD: An Empirical Test of the Embedded Liberalism Thesis." *International Organization*. 59 (2): pp. 476-494.
- Peter Singer. 2002. *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*, Chapter 3.
- Jagdish Bhagwati 2004, *In Defense of Globalization*, ch.1.

**Globalization and Development: Growth, Poverty, and Income Equality** (Weeks 9-10)

- Robert Wade. 2003 "The Disturbing Rise in Poverty and Inequality." *Taming Globalization*: Chp. 1.
- Surjit S. Balla. 2002. "Imagine There's No Country: Poverty, Inequality, and Growth in the Era of Globalization: Two Policy Briefs." *Institute for International Economics*.
- Martin Ravallion. 2003. "The Debate on Globalization, Poverty, and Inequality: Why Measurement Matters." *International Affairs* 79 (4): pp. 739-753.
- Joseph Stiglitz. 2003. "Globalization and Development." *Taming Globalization*: Chp. 2.
- Krueger, Anne. 1998. "Why Trade Liberalization is Good for Growth." *The Economic Journal*. 108: 1513-1522.
- Dani Rodrik. 2001. "Trading in Illusions." *Foreign Policy*: 2001.

**Part II. The Globalization of Law****International Human Rights Law** (Weeks 11 and 12)

- Peter Singer. 2002. *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*, Chapter 4.
- Stephen D. Krasner. 1999. "Rulers and Ruled: Human Rights." In *Sovereignty: Organized Hypocrisy*. (Princeton University Press: 105-126.

- Downs, Roque, and Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News about Compliance Good News About Cooperation?" *International Organization*. 50 (3): pp. 379-406.
- Selections from Beth Simmons' new book *International Human Rights: Law, Politics, and Accountability* (TBD).
- Emilie Hafner-Burton. 2005 "Trading Human Rights: How Preferential Trade Agreements Influence Government Repression." *International Organization*. 59(3): pp. 593-629.
- Oona Hathaway. 2002. "Do Human Rights Treaties Make a Difference?" *Yale Law Journal*. 111: Selections TBD.

### **Social Globalization** (Week 13)

- Pevehouse, John. 2002. "Democracy from the outside-in? International Organizations and Democratization." *International Organization*. 56 (3).
- Margaret E. Keck, and Kathryn Sikkink. 2002. "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International and Regional Politics." *International Social Science Journal*. 51 (159).
- Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and Michael D. Ward. 2006. "Diffusion and the International Context of Democratization." *International Organization*. 60: pp 911-933.

### **The Global Environment** (Week 14)

- Peter Singer. 2002. *One World: The Ethics of Globalization*, Chapter 2.
- John Conybeare. 1980. "International Organization and the Theory of Property Rights." *International Organization* 34 (3).
- Speth, James Gustave. 2003. "Two Perspectives on Globalization and the Environment." *Worlds Apart: Globalization and the Environment*. Chapter 1. Available online through Google Scholar.
- Jagdish Bhagwati. 2004. "Environment in Peril?" In *Defense of Globalization*, ch.11, pp. 135-161.

### **Exam 2** (December 10)