

GVPT409A Seminar in International Relations and World Politics:
Globalization and Global Governance
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MW 12:30-3:50 p.m. 1101 Tydings Hall

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Course Overview

This course aims to facilitate students' understanding in the debate, theories, and key themes of globalization and global governance. The course consists of four parts. Firstly we will introduce the history of globalization and global governance. We then present different dimensions of globalization. The third part investigates the role of state and various non-state actors in global governance. Finally we examine the future of global governance.

I will lecture for about 1.5-2 hours every class meeting. The other 1-1.5 hours is left for students to discuss the assigned readings. In order to have insightful discussion and gain in-depth knowledge on the subject, students must read all the assigned articles before coming to class.

Required Readings:

1. Wilkinson, Rorden and Steve Hughes (2005) *Global Governance: Critical Perspectives*. NY: Routledge (Hereafter WH)
2. Bhagwati, Jagdish (2005) *In Defense of Globalization*. Oxford University Press. (Hereafter JB)
3. Several supplementary readings are assigned and are ready for photocopying upon request.

Course Requirements

1. Midterm Exam 20%

The Midterm Exam is a 40-minute exam, composed of five short-answer questions and one essay question. Questions come from both the text books and my lectures.

2. Final Exam 30%

The Final Exam is a 60-minute exam, composed of five short-answer

questions and two essay questions. Questions come from both the text books and my lectures.

3. Term Paper 30% (Format: 6-8 pages, double spaced, 12 font.)

Select a case in the real world which you think demonstrates the phenomenon of globalization and reflects success or failure of global governance in certain ways. Briefly describe the case (no more than a half of the length of your paper) and then illustrate how you think it fits into the context of globalization and how globalization and mechanisms of global governance affect the case chosen. You can search newspapers, magazines, or journals for cases. Please indicate the source of your case to me by e-mail at least one day prior to your presentation.

4. Participation 20%

Your participation in discussion is critical to your success in advancing your knowledge on globalization and global governance. Assuming you have read all the assigned articles before coming to class, active discussions of readings are strongly encouraged. Participation includes your full attendance (5%), class discussion (10%), and term paper presentation (5%).

Important Notes

1. No make-up examinations will be provided unless you have legitimate reasons and proofs (e.g. Doctor's note). Late papers will seriously affect your grade. 5 out of 30 points will be deducted for each day the paper is submitted after the due date.
2. Please inform me within the first week of class if there is a conflict between the course schedule and any religious obligations, so that we can make alternative arrangements ahead of time.
3. Please inform me within the first week of class of any physical or learning disability, so that your needs can be accommodated.
4. All students must observe the Academic Integrity Code of the University. Prior to handing in assignments and exams you will be asked to sign a statement that the work represents your own personal efforts. No cheating or plagiarism please!

Course Schedule

I. Introduction to Globalization and Global Governance

Mon. 4 June: Overview and Introduction

- Overview of the course objectives, syllabus, and course requirements
- Global Governance in IR theory
- What is Globalization? What is Global Governance?
- History of Globalization and Global Governance

II. Dimensions of Globalization

Wed. 6 June: Globalization in Economic and Technological Aspects

- Impact of Globalization on Corporations and Labor
- Globalization of Information Communication Technology

Readings

1. JB: Ch. 10, 12
2. Kamssu, Aurore J. (2004) "Shortcomings to Globalization: Using Internet Technology and Electronic Commerce in Developing Countries." *The Journal of Developing Areas* 38 (1): 151-169.

Mon. 11 June: Globalization in Political and Security Aspects

- Does Globalization Promote or Restrain Democracy?
- The Impact of Legal and Illegal Immigrants on State Security

Readings

JB: Ch. 8, 14

Wed. 13 June: Globalization in Social and Cultural Aspects

- Cultural Homogenization or Heightened National Identity?
- Globalization from Below
- Anti-Globalization Movement

Readings

JB: Ch. 6, 9

Mon. 18 June: Is Globalization Inevitable and Desirable?

- Environmental Degradation?
- Dependence and Inequality?

*** 30-Minute MIDTERM EXAM at the Beginning of Class**

Readings

JB: Ch. 1, 5, 11

III. Actors in Global Governance

Wed. 20 June: The Role and Power of State in Global Governance

- Is State Sovereignty Increasing or Decreasing?
- A World Government? Or Hegemonic Leadership?
- Rule by International Law?

Readings

1. Miller, Marian (1998) "Sovereignty Reconfigured: Environmental Regimes and Third World States." In Karen Litfin ed., *The Greening of Sovereignty in World Politics*. MA: MIT Press.
2. Mann, Michael (2000) "Has Globalization Ended the Rise and Rise of the Nation-State?" In David Held and Anthony McGrew eds., *The Global Transformations: Reader*. MA: Polity Press.

Mon. 25 June: Global Governance by International Economic/Developmental Regimes

- UN
- IMF and World Bank
- WTO

Readings

WH: Ch. 2, 3

Wed. 27 June: Global Governance by International Environmental, Human Rights, and Health Regimes

- Montreal Protocol and Kyoto Protocol
- International Human Rights Law
- World Health Organization (WHO)

Readings

WH: Ch. 4, 5, 6

Mon. 2 July: Global Governance and Civil Society

- Power and Legitimacy of Issue Advocacy NGOs
- Creation and Spread of Norms

Readings

JB: Ch. 4

WH: Ch. 11, 12

Wed. 4 July: No Class

IV. The Future of Global Governance

Mon. 9 July: Toward A Better Global Governance

- Problems and Prospects of Global Governance
- Remedy for Irreversible Globalization

Readings

JB: Ch. 15, 16, 17, 18

Wed. 11 July

- **60-Minute Final Exam at the Beginning of Class**
- Term Paper Presentation and Submission
- * **Term Paper Due at the End of Class Today**