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## Globalization

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Political Science Department, course #521  
Spring 2006  
Meets Tuesday 9:40 – 12:00 in LA 344  
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**Overview:** This graduate seminar critically examines the politics, economics, and culture of globalization from a variety of perspectives.

**Course Expectations and Assignments:** The success of this seminar depends on members' careful attention to the readings and active participation in weekly discussions. The format of the class discussion will vary and is amenable to changes and experimentation over the course of the semester. We will hold a preliminary discussion of format and expectations on the first day of class. All students will be required to undertake a substantial research project on some aspect of globalization. All students must prepare a project statement that includes a thesis statement, methodology, and at least tentative bibliography no later than April 4. Your grade will be based on presentations and day to day class participation (60 percent) and a research paper (40 percent).

There are two primary goals of this class. First, to introduce students to one of the most framings for international relations today: globalization. The first introductory reading by Steger is meant to introduce students unfamiliar with the topic. We then move to a series of more advanced and recent studies of globalization both from critical perspectives and from proponents of globalization. The second goal of the class is for each student to make substantial progress in their ability to think critically about complex political questions, in both written and oral forms.

Since class participation is so important in this class, and because the class meets only once a week, students should make every effort to attend class and to arrive on time. If you miss a class, please write me a note telling me why you missed and email it to me. **Do not tell me about it: write to me about it on email.** Get to class on time.

**The following books are or will be soon available at the bookstore.**

Manfred Steger. *Globalism: The New Market Ideology*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2002.  
David Harvey. *A Brief History of Neoliberalism*. Oxford University Press, 2005.  
Richard Appelbaum and William Robinson. *Critical Globalization Studies*. Routledge, 2005.  
Martin Wolf. *Why Globalization Works*. Yale University Press, 2005.  
Mike Davis. *Planet of Slums*. Verso Press, 2006 (due out in March).

**Schedule of Class Meetings, Student Assignments, and Reading Assignments:** Please remember that the reading assignments listed here are subject to change and new items may be added as our discussions evolve over the course of the semester. Thus, it is imperative that you check with a classmate if you miss class to be sure you will be on target for the next class.

Jan 24 Introduction to the course

Jan 31 Steger (all of it)

Feb 7 Harvey Part I

Feb 14 Harvey Part II

February 21 Wolf Part I

Feb 28 Appelbaum and Robinson Part I

March 7 Wolf Part II

March 14 Appelbaum and Robinson Part II. I am out of town. Students meet and prepare class for March 21 on the globalization debate. Each student must take a position and defend it.

March 21 Class run by students. I play role of skeptical critic and respond to your presentations.

March 28 No class, Spring Break

April 4 Davis, Part I

April 11 Davis, Part II

April 18 Proposals for Change I (students will need to present their views in a coherent way on the question of globalization reform on one of these two days)

April 25 Proposals for Change II

We will decide together how we want to study proposed solutions for globalization reform or revolution. Candidates include aid (Millennium Project, for example), trade (we could together read either the Oxfam Trade Initiative and/or a new book by Joseph Stiglitz and Andrew Charlton, *Fair Trade for All: How Trade Can Promote Development*. Oxford University Press, December 2005), or social movement activism in general or related to specific regions of the world.

There is another new book that we might want to consider, perhaps instead of something I have proposed above. The book is by Moises Naim, the editor of the well respected journal, Foreign Policy. The book is called *Illicit*, and speaks to the illegal networks of commerce that have been set up all around the world. This is an aspect of globalization that is not given in the view of many as much attention as its importance warrants.

May 2 Paper Presentations (based on at least rough drafts). I will read and comment upon strong first drafts, I will not read shoddy drafts. If you hand me in a draft, I will read it and return it to you by Thursday, May 4. It is due on Monday May 8.