POLITICS OF GLOBALIZATION (INR 4011.0001)

Credit: 3 Units

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Required book	Mark Kesselman. 2007. *The Politics of Globalization: A Reader* ISBN: 0-618-39599-7. Available at the Bookstore.

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Course Description: Globalization is one of the most discussed and debated large scale phenomena of our times: it captures the attention of scholars, policy-makers, and of the general public. And yet, the concept of globalization is often misunderstood and poorly defined. In this class, we will address political, economic, security, and cultural components or consequences of globalization. The course covers the key globalization debates: e.g., whether its economic benefits outweigh its costs, whether it constrains the autonomy of sovereign states, and whether it increases or decreases the likelihood of international conflict.

Course Goals: 1) Students will develop a stronger grasp of the analytical tools and debates needed to understand the political causes and consequences of globalization. 2) Students will further their knowledge of facts about various aspects of globalization and about their policy relevance. 3) Students will improve written communication skills.

Course Requirements: Your final grade will be based on two short papers (3 pages each; standard formatting), a midterm exam, and a final exam.

The short papers will account for 35% of your grade. The higher short paper grade you receive will count for 20% of the final grade. The lower short paper grade will count for 15% of the final grade. The papers should build on course readings and the information included in class lectures. External research is neither required nor expected.

The midterm will account for 30% of the final grade. The final exam will account for 35% of the final grade. The final exam will cover the entire course. The midterm and the final will be based on the information covered in the course readings as well as the information included in the lectures.

Attendance is not mandatory in this course. However, please remember that the material covered by the course is delivered via readings as well as via in-course lectures. There is important information in the readings that may not be specifically addressed in class, and in-class lectures may go beyond the readings. The best way to do well in the course and develop a strong grasp of the material it covers is to attend the course regularly, read and carefully consider the required materials beforehand, and be prepared to analyze and discuss those materials in class.

Course Correspondence and Webcourses: All correspondence with the instructor will be via Webcourses. I will usually respond to your message within 48 hours on business days. Webcourses can be accessed at MyUCF (https://my.ucf.edu). All required readings that are not in the Kesselman book will be available at Webcourses.

Make-up Exam Policy: Make-up exams will be granted only in the case of an emergency and/or a university documented absence. If exam dates conflict with a religious holiday, please notify the instructor about this at the beginning of the class. I will seek to accommodate you.

Paper Lateness Policy: the penalty for submitting a paper late is one letter grade reduction for each day of lateness (i.e., an A paper submitted a day late will receive a grade of B; if submitted two days late it will receive a grade of C, etc.).

UCF Disability Statement: The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services, Student Resource Center, Room 132, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

UCF Rules of Conduct: As reflected in the UCF creed, integrity and scholarship are core values that should guide our conduct and decisions as members of the UCF community. Plagiarism and cheating are very serious academic offenses. Please refer to the University's Rules of Conduct (available at: http://www.osc.sdes.ucf.edu/) for more information on these issues. Failure to comply with university rules may subject violator(s) to appropriate action by university authorities and/or appropriate civil authorities. The penalty for students who plagiarize or cheat on an exam or an assignment will include a grade of F on that exam or assignment.

Grading scale:

Letter Grade	Points
A	93 – 100 points
A-	90 – 92 points
B+	87 – 89 points
B	83 – 86 points
B-	80 – 82 points
C+	77 – 79 points
C	73 – 76 points
C-	70 – 72 points
D+	67 – 69 points
D	63 – 66 points
D-	60 – 62 points
F	59 and below

Course Schedule

Introduction, Definitions, and Historical Background

1) August 23 – Introductory Meeting

No readings

2) August 25 – What is Globalization?

"Defining Globalization," in Brawley, Mark R. *The Politics of Globalization* (2003), pp. 11-35. Available at Webcourses.

3) August 30 – Historical Background

Sen, Amartya. "How to Judge Globalism." Article 2.3 in Kesselman, pp. 28-36.

Wade, Robert. "Globalization and its Limits." Article 2.4 in Kesselman, pp. 37-47.

Ferguson, Niall. "Sinking Globalization." Article 2.5 in Kesselman, pp. 50-56.

4) September 1 – Understanding Globalization: Theoretical Perspectives

"Theoretical Lenses for Viewing Globalization," in Brawley, Mark R. *The Politics of Globalization* (2003), pp. 35-59. Available at Webcourses.

Evaluating Economic Globalization

4) September 6 – Globalization and Economic Efficiency (part 1)

Friedman, Thomas. "The Lexus and the Olive Tree." Article 3.1 in Kesselman, pp. 59-69.

Friedman, Thomas. "It's a Flat World After All." Article 3.2 in Kesselman, pp. 69-74.

Wolf, Martin. "Why Globalization Works." Article 3.3 in Kesselman, pp. 74-84.

5) September 8 – Globalization and Economic Efficiency (part 2)

Stiglitz, Joseph. "Globalism's Discontents." Article 3.4 in Kesselman, pp. 86-96.

Milanovic, Branko. "The Two Faces of Globalization." Article 3.5 in Kesselman, pp. 96-111.

Shiva, Vandana. "Stolen Harvest," Article 3.6 in Kesselman, pp. 112-120.

6) September 13 – Does Globalization Increase or Decrease Poverty and Inequality? (part 1)

Dollar and Kraay. "Spreading the Wealth." Article 4.1 in Kesselman, pp. 124-138.

Wade, Robert. "The Disturbing Rise of Poverty and Inequality," Article 4.2 in Kesselman, pp. 138-148.

7) September 15 –Does Globalization Increase or Decrease Poverty and Inequality? (part 2)

Wolf, Martin. "Why Globalization Works." Article 4.3 in Kesselman, pp. 148-157.

Bhagwati, Jagdish. "In Defense of Globalization." Article 4.4 in Kesselman, pp. 157-165.

8) September 20 – Globalization, Wages, and Labor Standards (part 1)

Millen and Holtz, "Dying for Growth, part I." Article 5.1 in Kesselman, pp. 167-187

Greenhouse, Steven. "Falling Fortunes." Article 5.4 in Kesselman, pp. 202-208.

9) September 22 – Globalization, Wages, and Labor Standards (part 2)

Kristof and WuDunn. "Two Cheers for Sweatshops." Article 5.3 in Kesselman, pp. 198-202.

D'Mello, Bernard. "Reebok and the Global Footwear Sweatshop." Article 5.2 in Kesselman, pp. 187-198.

Globalization, the State, and International Governance

10) September 27 - Globalization and the Role of the State (part 1)

Strange, Susan. “The Retreat of the State.” Article 6.1 in Kesselman, pp. 210-216.

Van Creleld, “The Fate of the State.” Article 6.2 in Kesselman, pp. 216-228.

Rodrik, Dani. “Why Do More Open Economies Have Bigger Governments? pp. 997-1032.
JSTOR link: http://www.jstor.org/stable/2991492

11) September 29 - Globalization and the Role of the State (part 2)

NOTE: first paper due at the beginning of class.

Weiss, Linda. “Guiding Globalization in East Asia.” Article 6.3 in Kesselman, pp. 244-250.

Krasner, Stephen. “State Power and the Structure of International Trade,” pp. 317-347.
JSTOR link: http://www.jstor.org/stable/2009974

12) October 4 – Governance, Corporations, and Globalization

Krahman, Elke. “National, Regional and Global Governance.” Article 7.1 in Kesselman, pp.252-261.

Millen, Lyon, and Irwin. “Dying for Growth, Part II.” Article 7.5 in Kesselman, pp. 288-297.

Karnani, Aneel. “The Case Against Corporate Social Responsibility,” pp. 1- 4. Available at Webcourses.

13) October 6 – The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank

Stiglitz, Joseph. “Globalization and its Discontents.” Article 7.2 in Kesselman, pp. 261-268.

Rogoff, Kenneth. “The IMF Strikes Back.” Article 7.3 in Kesselman, pp. 268-276.

Cammack, Paul. “The Mother of All Governments.” Article 7.4 in Kesselman, pp.276-288.

14) October 11 – American Primacy and Globalization

Ikenberry, “Liberal Hegemony or Empire?” Article 8.1 in Kesselman, pp. 299-313.

Mann, Michael. “Incoherent Empire.” Article 8.6 in Kesselman, pp., 349-354.

Ferguson, Niall. “Colossus.” Article 8.5 in Kesselman, pp. 340-349.

16) October 13 – Rising Powers and Globalization: China

Brzezinski and Mearsheimer. “Clash of the Titans.” 1-6. Available at Webcourses.

Overholt, William. “China and Globalization,” pp. 1-15. Available at Webcourses.

17) October 18 – Rising Powers and Globalization: India

Schaffer, Teresita. “The United States, India, and Global Governance” Available at Webcourses.

Bhagwati, Jagdish. “India’s Reform and Growth have Lifted All Boats.” Available at Webcourses.

18) October 20 - Midterm Exam

Globalization, Migration, Security, and Culture

19) October 25 - Immigration: The Missing Component of Globalization?

Demeny, Paul. “Prospects for International Migration: Globalization and its Discontents”
Available at Webcourses.

Freeman, Gary. “Migration and the Political Economy of the Welfare State.”
JSTOR: http://www.jstor.org/stable/1045440

20) October 27 - Diaspora Politics

Newland, Kathleen. “Voice After Exit: Diaspora Advocacy,” pp. 1-20. Available at Webcourses.

Kirk, Jason. “Indian-Americans and the U.S.–India Nuclear Agreement,” pp. 275-300.
Available at Webcourses.

21) November 1 – Globalization and Culture

Pieterse, Jan. “Globalization and Culture.” Article 10.2 in Kesselman, pp. 439-449.

Nye, Joseph. “Globalization and American Power.” Available at Webcourses.

Cowen, Tyler. “Why Hollywood Rules the World” Available at Webcourses.

22) November 3 – Globalization and Culture: A Clash of Civilizations?

Huntington, Samuel. *The Clash of Civilizations* (excerpts). Available at Webcourses

23) November 8 – Interdependence and Interstate War

Keohane and Nye. “Realism and Complex Interdependence,” Available at Webcourses.

McMillan, Susan. “Interdependence and Conflict,” Available at Webcourses.

24) November 10 – Terrorism and Non-Traditional Security Challenges

Barber, Samuel. “Jihad vs. McWorld,” Available at Webcourses, pp. 1-9.

Betts, Richard. “The Soft Underbelly of American Primacy.” Article 8.7 in Kesselman, pp. 354-365.

Somaiya, Ravi. “Guerilla Trucks.” pp. 1-3. Available at Webcourses.

25) November 15 – Transnational Contentious Politics (part 1)

Keck and Sikkink, "Activists Beyond Borders." Article 9.1 in Kesselman, pp. 368-379.

Klein, Naomi. "No Logo." Article 9.2 in Kesselman, pp. 379-391.

26) November 17 – Transnational Contentious Politics (part 2)

NOTE: Second paper due.

Forero, Juan. "Still Poor." Article 9.3 in Kesselman, pp. 391-396.

Notes from Nowhere. "The Ecology of the Movements." Artilce 9.4 in Kesselman, pp. 396-407.

Conclusions, Solutions, and Latest Developments

28) November 22 – Latest Developments

Altman, R. C. "Globalization in Retreat," pp. 1-6. Available at Webcourses.

Friedman, Thomas. "The Theory of Everything." 1 page. Available at Webcourses

Rodrik, Dani. "Is Global Governance Feasible?" Available at Webcourses.

29) November 24 - - Thanksgiving – No Class

30) November 29 – Conclusions and Solutions, Part 1

Cavanagh and Mander, "Alternatives to Economic Globalization." Article 11.1 in Kesselman, pp. 465-475.

Sachs, Jeffrey. "The End of Poverty." Article 11.2 in Kesselman, pp. 475-486.

Moore, Mike. "A World Without Walls." Article 11.5 in Kesselman, pp. 502-508.

31) December 1 - Conclusions and Solutions, Part 2

Bello, Walden. "Deglobalization." Article 11.4 in Kesselman, pp. 494-502.

Bhagwati, Jagdish. "In Defense of Globalization." Article 11.6 in Kesselman, pp. 508-513.

Stiglitz, Joseph. "Globalization and its Discontents." Article 11.3 in Kesselman, pp. 486-494.

Final Exam: Tuesday, December 6, 10 am.

Note: This syllabus is subject to change at the instructor's discretion if necessary. Changes to the syllabus, if any, will be announced in class and the updated syllabus will be posted at Webcourses.