

The Politics of Globalization
Political Science 344
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This course looks at the contemporary phenomenon of globalization and its impact on politics at the international, national, and sub-national levels. It situates globalization within the broader context of emerging international civil society with its economic, cultural, social, and political components. The course also assesses the “backlash” to globalization, as well as the rise of transnationalism and global public policy-making.

This is an upper level elective within the political science major. PSC 344 is intended for students at the junior/senior level with an interest in international and comparative politics. While no prerequisite is listed for the course, given its 300-level designation, the course is designed for students with background in general political science courses, introductory international relations, or work in other disciplines that provide foundational studies relevant to the study of globalization.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the successful conclusion of this course, students should be able to:

- describe and discuss the globalization phenomenon;
- analyze how globalization affects politics at the international, national, and sub-national levels;
- critique negative and positive political responses to globalization;
- identify and interpret current scholarly literature on the politics of globalization;
- understand competing globalization political theories; and
- use basic research methods in the field of political globalization studies.

Required Texts

Frank J. Lechner. *Globalization: The Making of World Society*

Manfred B. Steger, *Globalisms: The Great Ideological Struggle of the Twenty-first Century*

Frank J. Lechner and John Boli (eds.). *The Globalization Reader*

Additional Readings on the Canvas website for this course

Assignments

There will be two tests during the term and a final exam. The first two tests will be given on September 28 and November 2 respectively. **Please note: The final exam will NOT be given individually or collectively at any earlier date and time than the scheduled period set by the Registrar. This semester it is scheduled for December 12 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Please plan your departure from campus and travel plans for the holiday accordingly.** There will also be a two-part research project required in the course. Your project will assess the impact of a particular aspect of globalization on a

Theme 2: Globalism: Its Challenge to Nation-State Politics

- V. Governments and Globalization October 17 - 31
A. Threats to Sovereign Independence
B. Growth of Global Governance
C. Public Power vs. Nonstate Power
Readings: Lechner, Chapter 7
Lechner and Boli, Articles 28 and 35
Canvas: Baran, "Fighting the War of Ideas"
- VI. Emergence of International Civil Society Nov. 4 - 9
A. Transformation of IGOs
B. The Age of the NGO
Readings: Lechner, Chapter 8
Lechner and Boli, Articles 39, 42, 70-71
Canvas: Jessica Matthews, "Power Shift"
Pubantz and Moore, "The Age of the Nongovernmental Organization in World Bodies"
- VII. Transnationalism and International Public Policy-Making Nov. 11-28
A. Environmental Politics
B. Human Rights
C. Women's Rights
Readings: Lechner, Chapter 12
Lechner and Boli, Articles 40-41, 58, 65-66
- VIII. Global Identity Politics Nov.30–Dec.5
A. Migration and Assimilation
B. Intermesticity
C. Personal Empowerment, Technology, and Democracy
Readings: Lechner and Boli, Articles 62-63
Canvas: Fred Iklé, "The Next Lenin"

Some General Notes and Guidelines

Canvas: Please establish access to the Canvas site for this course. Regular announcements, reserve readings (under the "files" tab), the syllabus, assignments, and other critical information for the class will be maintained there. Check the site daily if possible. You are responsible for knowing all course information on the site.

Tests and other assignments: Except in the case of a bona fide medical emergency with confirming documentation, or the sudden death or catastrophic illness of an **immediate** relative, I do not approve make-up tests or accept assignments late. If you have a commitment scheduled for the day of a test or assignment, you should contact me well before the date so that we can consider the possibility of taking the test or submitting the

assignment early. Given the percentage each test and assignment counts in this class, it should be expected that you will likely do poorly in the course in terms of your final grade if you do not take a test or turn in a required assignment. It is absolutely critical that you complete all of the work in the course.

Class rules: This class is wide open for discussion. So please come prepared, be on time, and actively participate. In our exchanges all of us have the right to expect professionalism and courtesy. As part of that courtesy, you are expected to arrive in the classroom by the time the class begins and to remain for the full class period.

If you have a cell phone or pager with you, **BE SURE to turn it off before you enter the room.** If it rings while in class, you will not be allowed to bring it to class again. Please bring old-fashioned paper, pens, and pencils. **I do not want you to use your laptop, iphone, or tablet during class.** It is far better to be focused on the discussion and materials in the class than on trying to transcribe every aspect of the session. If you wish, you can transfer your handwritten notes to your computer at a later time, which will prove a very valuable learning exercise.

All students must abide by the University's academic integrity regulations. If you are not familiar with the University's policy, please see <http://sa.uncg.edu/handbook/academic-integrity-policy/>. Plagiarism (presenting the ideas or words of another as if they were one's own) is cheating. **At a minimum, plagiarism on the paper assignments or cheating on the tests will result in a grade of "F" for the course – not for the assignment, but for the course.** The UNCG Honor System and judicial process will be triggered by your misuse of materials, or by your submission of work that was done by others but passed off as your research and writing.

Office hours: This semester I will hold office hours on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30pm, and on Wednesdays right after this class from noon to 1pm. Should you need to make an appointment for another time, you may do so by e-mail or in person and we will set a time to meet. I look forward to talking with you about your work.