

GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**CONF 736 001****Fall 2007****Tuesdays, 7:20 pm –10:00 pm****Truland Building, Room 335****Agnieszka Paczynska****(703) 993-1364****apaczyns@gmu.edu****Office hours by appointment**

Welcome to the course. This course will explore the various meanings of globalization: economic, political, social and cultural. It will examine how these global transformations shape social change and international conflict processes. This course will seek to broaden our understanding of when and under what conditions globalization processes may promote peace and under what circumstances they may aggravate old conflicts and lead to the emergence of new ones.

REQUIREMENTS***Participation***

The emphasis in this class will be on an intellectual give and take between all of us. This means that our meetings will be in the form of a seminar rather than a lecture. This of course places much responsibility on your shoulders and requires you to be responsible for doing all the readings prior to class and actively participating in class discussions. The success of the course thus depends on you coming to the seminar prepared. Discussion participation will be worth 10% of your final grade.

Participation grades will be based on frequency and quality of your involvement each week. You do not need to have something to say on every topic that comes up in discussion but rather should participate in a way that promotes and deepens the discussion. In evaluating participation, I will look for evidence that you have done the readings with sufficient attention and care and have thought about them. I therefore expect from you more than a summary of what you have read. I expect that you will be able to offer opinions on an author's argument. You should come to our meetings ready to answer such questions as: Do you find the authors' arguments convincing? If so, why? If not, why not? Are they clearly presented? Do you find the use of evidence satisfying? Do you think the arguments work best for some cases but are less convincing for other cases?

If you can demonstrate that you know what you have read, have thought about it, and can articulate an opinion on it, you have nothing to worry about.

Short Papers

In addition to active participation in class discussions you will be required to write 6 three-page (double spaced) papers. These papers should be a critical assessment of a

particular week's assigned readings and not just summaries. While you have a choice of which weeks you want to write your papers, you must have one paper for each of the following class sections: Globalization and Cultural Conflict; Economic Interdependence and Local Conflicts; Economic Interdependence and International Conflict; and New Actors in International Relations. In these papers you should address such issues as what are the main arguments; are they convincing and why or why not; the limits of the arguments made; the causal logic/assumptions of the arguments, etc. **The short papers will be due on the day when the readings will be discussed. Late papers will not be accepted.** I will drop the lowest grade. The remaining papers will each be worth 10% of your final grade for a total of 50% of your final grade.

Research Paper

There will also be a 20-25 page research paper due on the class exam date. The research paper will explore the relationship between globalization and conflict through case study analysis. In your paper you can focus on issues relating to the topics we will be discussing during the semester. In other words, there is a broad range of topics you can explore but you should make your final decision about the exact topic after consulting with me. A one page proposal of your research paper is due on **October 2nd**. The paper will be due on **December 11th at 7:30pm. You can either e-mail the paper or leave it in my mailbox on the 5th floor of the Truland Building. Do NOT put it under my office door.** This paper will be worth 40% of your final grade.

If you think you will have to take an incomplete grade in the course **you must speak with me about this by our last class meeting on December 4th.**

BOOKS AND ARTICLES

The following books are available for purchase at the Arlington Campus Bookstore and are on reserve at the Arlington Library. All other readings are available through the GMU's library databases, e-reserves or through websites indicated on the syllabus.

Pippa Norris. *Digital Divide: Civic Engagement, Information Poverty, and the Internet Worldwide*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001

Dennis Altman. *Global Sex*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2001

Kevin Bales. *Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004

Jagdish Bhagwati. *In Defense of Globalization*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004

Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart. *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004

P. W. Singer. *Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2004

Katherine Barbieri. *The Liberal Illusion: Does Trade Promote Peace?* Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2005

Moises Naim. *Illicit: How Smugglers, Traffickers and Copycats are Hijacking the Global Economy*. New York: Doubleday, 2006

Stephen G. Brooks. *Producing Security: Multinational Corporations, Globalization, and the Changing Calculus of Conflict*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

August 28 – Introduction

September 4 – Globalization and Cultural Conflict I

Samuel Huntington, “Clash of Civilizations?” *Foreign Affairs*, Summer 1993 (e-journals)

Benjamin Barber, “Jihad Vs McWorld,” *Atlantic Monthly*, March 1992 (e-journals)

Robert Holton, “Globalization’s Cultural Consequences,” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, vol. 570, July 2000 (e-journals)

John Ishiyama, “Does Globalization Breed Ethnic Conflict?” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, vol. 9, no. 4, Winter 2003 (e-reserves)

September 11 – Globalization and Cultural Conflict II

Pippa Norris and Ronald Inglehart. *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004, chapters 1, 3-10

September 18 – Economic Interdependence and Local Conflicts I

Ranveign Gissinger and Nils Petter Gleditsch, “Globalization and Conflict: Welfare, Distribution and Political Unrest,” *Journal of World-Systems Research*, vol. 2, 1999 (<http://jwsr.ucr.edu/index.php>)

Branko Milanovic, “The Two Faces of Globalization: Against Globalization as We Know It,” *World Development*, vol. 31, issue 4, 2003 (e-journals)

Margit Bussman and Gerald Schneider, “When Globalization Discontent Turns Violent: Foreign Economic Liberalization and Internal War,” *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 51, no. 1, March 2007 (e-journals)

M. Rodwan Abouharb and David L. Cingranelli, "The Human Rights Effects of World Bank Structural Adjustment, 1981-2000," *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 50, no. 2, June 2006 (e-journals)

September 25 – Economic Interdependence and Local Conflicts II

Jagdish Bhagwati. *In Defense of Globalization*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004

October 2 – Economic Interdependence and Local Conflicts III

One Page Research Paper Proposal Due

Kevin Bales. *Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004

October 9 – Columbus Day: no class

October 16 – Economic Interdependence and International Conflict I

Katherine Barbieri. *The Liberal Illusion: Does Trade Promote Peace?* Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2005

October 23 – Economic Interdependence and International Conflict II

Stephen G. Brooks. *Producing Security: Multinational Corporations, Globalization, and the Changing Calculus of Conflict*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007

October 30 – New Actors in International Relations I

Moises Naim. *Illicit: How Smugglers, Traffickers and Copycats are Hijacking the Global Economy*. Doubleday, 2006

November 6 – New Actors in International Relations II

Wade T. Roberts, "The Uneven Globalization of Civil Society Organizations and the Consequences for Cross-National Disparities in Human Development," *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, vol. 25, no. 1/2, 2005 (e-journals)

Clifford Bob, "Marketing Rebellion: Insurgent Groups, International Media, and NGO Support," *International Politics*, vol. 38, no. 3, September 2001 (e-journals)

Mary Anderson, "Humanitarian NGOs in Conflict Intervention," in Chester A. Crocker, Fen Osler Hampson, and Pamela Aall, editors. *Turbulent Peace: the Challenges of Managing International Conflict*. Washington, DC: USIP, 2001. (e-reserves)

Mark Herkenrath and Volker Bornschier, "Transnational Corporations in World Development – Still the Same Harmful Effects in an Increasingly Globalized World Economy?" *Journal of World Systems Research*, vol. 9, no. 1, Winter 2003 (<http://jwsr.ucr.edu/archive/vol9/number1/pdf/jwsr-v9n1-herkenborn.pdf>)

November 13 – New Actors in International Relations III

P. W. Singer. *Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2004

November 20 – Globalization, Gender and Conflict

Dennis Altman. *Global Sex*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2001

November 27 – New Technology and Conflict

Pippa Norris. *Digital Divide: Civic Engagement, Information Poverty, and the Internet Worldwide*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001

December 4 – Summing Up

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