This seminar will analyze the impact of globalization on the economic, social and political development of advanced industrialized and developing countries, and those undergoing economic or political transition. It will focus on the implications of economic globalization for development; the social and political dimensions of globalization with a focus on transitions to modernity; human rights and obligations under globalization; environmental implications and responsibilities associated with development and change; and the security implications of globalization including the rise of transnational threats.

REQUIREMENTS

This course will meet twice a week. Students are expected to attend all class sessions. All students will be required to write four of the five short papers specified in this syllabus (maximum length: 5 pages). Each paper will each count for 20% of the final grade. Students will be allowed to rewrite one of their papers after reviewing it with the professor. The rewritten paper may be turned in at any time prior to 5:00pm on December 5. A hard copy of all papers is due at the beginning of class on the date specified. All late assignments will be penalized one half a letter grade per day after the due date (including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). Participation in classroom discussion is strongly encouraged and will be an important determinant of the final grade (20%).

Reading material has been assigned for each class meeting and should be completed before the class session begins. All readings are on reserve at the library. All of the articles are also available on the electronic reserve system. Required and recommended books may also be purchased at the Georgetown University bookstore. Students are encouraged to read the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Economist or other news sources and should feel free to raise questions relating the topics of this course to current events or concerns. This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the professor.
Books for Purchase:


Recommended:


The following writing manuals are also recommended for general use in this course and throughout your Georgetown career:

Strunk & White, *Elements of Style*.

Turabian, *Manual for Writers*.

Course Outline:

I. Globalization, Development and Modernity: Major Theories
II. The Social and Political Dimensions of Globalization
III. Human Rights and Obligations under Globalization
IV. Environmental Scarcity and Responsibility under Globalization
V. Assessing the Security Dimension of Globalization
VI. Managing Economic and Political Change

CLASS SCHEDULE & READINGS

I. Globalization, Development and Modernity (August 28)

Pick up the syllabus and read the material assigned for next time. As you read, ask yourself: What is development? What does it mean to be modern? What is globalization and how does it affect you?
A. **Introduction and Overview: Conceptions Development and Globalization** (September 2)

Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, pp. ix-16.


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B. **Liberalism, Globalization and Development I** (September 4)


Theodore Cohn, *Global Political Economy*, ch. 4.

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C. **Economic Liberalism and Globalization II** (September 9)


Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, pp. 44-72.

Theodore Cohn, *Global Political Economy*, chs. 2, 8.

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D. **September 11 and Globalization** (September 11)


Stanley Hoffmann, “Clash of Globalizations,” *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2002).
E. **Rebuttal 1: Structural Causes of Underdevelopment** (September 16)


Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, pp. 73-100.

Theodore Cohn, *Global Political Economy*, ch. 5.


F. **Rebuttal 2: Marxism and Distributional Problems** (September 18)


G. **Rebuttal 3: Competitive Advantage and Economic Nationalism** (September 23)

Theodore Cohn, *Global Political Economy*, ch. 3.


Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, pp. 112-144.


H. **Writing an Expository Essay** (September 25)

I. Assessing Globalization (September 30)

* The first short (3-5 page) paper is due on September 30 *

An increasingly well organized group of protesters has challenged all of the major multilateral meetings of countries trying to promote liberalization and globalization. Despite their enthusiasm, the protesters have been unable to communicate a coherent explanation of why liberalization and globalization should be challenged. In your essay, develop an argument for or against economic liberalization and globalization. To do so, pick one or two points from one of the readings that you either agree or disagree with, then write an essay that defends your point of view using other readings and discussions from class. A good argument is simple rather than complex. A well developed argument is written in a persuasive manner with supporting evidence. A well defended argument is one that anticipates and addresses the primary concerns of its most likely critics. You must write your own paper, but you are encouraged to discuss your ideas with each other and with the professor. Cite all sources. Everyone should be prepared to discuss his or her paper in class.

II. The Social and Political Dimensions of Globalization and Development

A. Modernization Theory: What does it mean to be modern? (October 2)

Max Weber, selections from The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism, on reserve.


Thomas Friedman, The Lexus and the Olive Tree, pp. 167-103.


B. Adaptation and Change (October 7)

Achebe, Things Fall Apart (entire book).

C. Whose example should we follow? (October 9)

Mitchell Seligson and John Passé-Smith, editors. Development and Under Development: The Political Economy of Inequality, pp. 218-238.

Theodore Cohn, Global Political Economy, ch. 6.
D. **Modernization Theory Essay** (October 16)

* The second short paper is due in class on October 16 *

Analyze one or two of the readings from this section of the course using insights from our classroom readings and discussions regarding modernization. Do you agree with the author(s)? Does modernization theory offer appropriate guidelines for development? Why or why not? What are its limitations? Be prepared to discuss your paper in class. As in the previous assignments, there is no right answer, but you will be evaluated on your ability to make and defend an argument.

III. Human Rights and Obligations under Globalization

A. **Concepts and Criteria: Whose Rights? What rights?** (October 21)


B. **Human Rights in Foreign Policy** (October 23)


**C. Globalization, Freedom and Private Obligations** (October 28)

Theodore Cohn, *Global Political Economy*, ch. 10.


**D. Globalization, Democracy and Government Responsibility** (October 30)

Theodore Cohn, *Global Political Economy*, ch. 11.


**E. Human Rights, Freedom and Obligation in a Global Environment** (November 4)

* The third short paper is due in class on November 4 *
  * Remember to Vote! *

Analyze one or two of the articles from the previous two class sessions based on our readings and discussions regrading human rights, globalization and development. Do you agree with the author(s)? What role, if any, should human rights play in international politics? How has globalization affected human rights
and the pursuit of individual freedom?

IV. Environmental Scarcity and Responsibility under Globalization

A. The Global Commons and Freedom to Consume (November 6)


B. Environmental Limits, Market Failures, and Management Solutions (November 11)

Magnus Wijkman, "Managing the Global Commons," in Robert Art and Robert Jervis, eds. *International Politics*.


C. Multilateral Environmental Efforts (November 13)


Thomas Friedman, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, pp. 276-305.

D. Environmentalism and Globalization (November 18)

* The fourth short paper is due on November 18 *

Are there responsibilities associated with the freedom to make economic and environmental choices? If so, where do they come from? How can they be addressed?

V. Assessing the Security Dimension of Globalization

A. Transnational Threats (November 20)


B. Conflict and Globalization (November 25)


VI. Managing Economic and Political Change (December 2)


VII. Conclusion: Review, Reprise and Riposte (December 4)

* The fifth short paper is due on December 4 *

What are the most critical economic, political, or security problems posed by the globalization? What makes them the most critical? What can be done to address them? Support your viewpoint with information gathered from the class readings and classroom discussions throughout the course.

* * Hard copies of all rewrites are due at 5:00pm on December 5 in my mailbox * *