

DOKUZ EYLÜL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
IRE 4106
Globalization and International Relations

Fall 2020-2021

Lecture hour: Tuesdays 15.45

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Course description:

This course aims to study globalization through examining its institutions, actors and its impact on transforming international system, relations of production, finance and nation-state. The lecture starts with understanding competing definitions of globalization and competing ideas and camps among scholars. It then proceeds with historicizing globalization and studying how globalization has transformed trade, finance, development question of developing countries, position of labour in global economy. The course ends with casting some light on the current debates around crisis of globalization and/or retreat from globalization.

Course Requirements:

- 1) Students shall read assigned materials **before** the date indicated in the syllabus and actively participate in class discussions.
 - 2) Students are expected to write **four** reflection papers. Students will choose assignment topics from the reading list and prepare a summary of the reading of the particular week with an emphasis on research questions, methodology and argument of the authors. Assignments should not exceed **one page**. Hand-written assignments will not be accepted. The assignments are due to be handed during the lecture of that week. (%40 of overall grade)
 - 3) Students will make a presentation on a topic related to sustainable world and its relation to globalization. (20%)
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Grading:

Assignment	60 %
Term Project	40 %

Class Schedule & Topics

Week 1: Introduction

20 October

Week 2: Competing Definitions of Globalization

27 October

Hirst, P. and Thompson, G. (1996), *Globalization in Question, The International Economy and the Possibilities of Governance*, Cambridge: Polity, p. 1-17 and 195-205.

Friedman, T. L. (2000), *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, New York: Anchor, p. 3-28.

Week 3: Competing Definitions of Globalization

3 November

Held, D. and McGrew, A. (2000), 'The Great Globalization Debate: An Introduction', in Held, D. and McGrew, A., *The Global Transformations Reader, An Introduction to the Globalization Debate*, (Cambridge: Polity), pp. 1-50.

Week 4: Historical Antecedents: International Political Economy in the 19th

10 November

Century and British Hegemony

Polanyi, K. (1944), *The Great Transformation The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time*, Boston: Beacon Press, pp. xix-20.

Week 5: Historical Antecedents: American Hegemony

17 November

Cox, R. W. (1987) *Production, Power and World Order, Social Forces in the Making of History*, Columbia University Press: New York, pp. 209-67.

Week 6: Globalization and Trade

24 November

Robert Gilpin (2001), *Global Political Economy, Understanding the International Economic Order*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, pp. 196-233.

Dani Rodrik (2018) *Straight Talk on Trade, Ideas for a Sane World Economy*, Princeton University Press: Princeton, p. 1-14, 202-221 and 222-238.

Mid-terms

- Week 7:** **Globalization, financialisation, financial crisis**
15 December Costas Lapavitsas (2009), 'Financialised Capitalism: Crisis and Financial Expropriation', *Historical Materialism*, 17, p. 114-148.
- Costas Lapavitsas and Ivan Mendieta-Munoz (2016), 'The Profits of Financialization', 68/3, *Monthly Review*, p. 49-62.
- Week 8:** **Globalization and Developing Countries**
22 December Scholte, J. A. (2000), *Globalization, A Critical Introduction*, Houndmill: Palgrave, pp. 316-347.
- Rodrik, D. (2000), 'Has globalization gone too far?' in Held, D. and McGrew, A., *The Global Transformations Reader, An Introduction to the Globalization Debate*, (Cambridge: Polity), pp. 378-383.
- Week 9:** **Globalization, Labour and Anti-globalization Movement**
29 December <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TIiwAPitMK4>
- Bieler, A., Lindberg, I. and Pillay, D. (2008) 'What future strategy for the global working class? The need for a new historical subject', in Bieler, A., Lindberg, I. and Pillay, D. (eds.), *Labour and the Challenges of Globalization: What Prospects for Transnational Solidarity*, London: Pluto, pp. 264-285.
- Ronaldo Munck (2002) *Globalisation and Labour, the new 'Great Transformation'*, London: Zed Books, p. 77-134.
- Week 10:** **Globalization and governance / Health regime under pandemic?**
5 January To be announced
- Week 11:** **China, BRICS and Trade Wars**
12 January To be announced
- Week 12:** **Crisis of Globalization and Populism**
19 January Dani Rodrik (2011) *The Globalization Paradox, Why Global Markets, States and Democracy Can't Coexist*, Oxford University Press: Oxford, p. 184-206; 236-247 and 251-280
- Cas Mudde (2004), 'The Populist Zeitgeist', *Government and Opposition* 39 (4), 541-63.

Harvey and post-neoliberalism
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wb6rhHyJJ_4

Week 13: Students' Presentations
26 January

Final and Re-sit Exams (1-26 February 2020)