**ANTH 255: Local Cultures, Global Forces**

**SPRING 2021**

**Mondays 12:40-14:30 (over Zoom)**

**Wednesdays 11:40-12:30 (over Zoom)**

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**Office Hours:** By appointment

**Course Description:** This course aims to map out the contemporary forces that produce an interconnected, interdependent world and to discuss the uneven consequences for different localities. What is globalization indeed? Is it as historically novel as it is purported to be? Does globalization draw everything and everyone together? What tensions and inequalities are embedded within emergent global linkages? Which institutions promote globalization? Who opposes globalization? Can we talk about alternative globalizations? How does globalization impact our sense of place and time? We will be answering these questions by examining a variety of cases from different parts of the world, including Turkey.

**Requirements and Grading:**

**Attendance & Participation (10%):** I expect each student to come to class having read the required material. Attendance will be taken through Zoom. You are allowed to miss a total of three classes without an excuse. Any unexcused absences beyond that would be reflected in your grade. If you miss more than eleven classes, you will not be eligible for an attendance grade.

**Zoom rules:** Please keep your camera on at all times! If you cannot or are unwilling to, please inform me in writing prior to class.

**Images of globalization exercise (5%):** Please upload 3 images that you associate with globalization in the relevant folder on SUCourse+ **by midnight on March 1st**.

**Debates (10% each, 20% in total):** Starting in W4 through W9, we will have a debate each Wednesday. Depending on final student enrollment, I will organize you into debate groups in such a way that each group will participate in a debate twice in the semester. I will set the debate questions, yet, debate participation will require researching outside material (mainly news articles or policy reports) and prior planning amongst group members.

**Midterm Exam (30%):**We will have a synchronous, take-home exam in W7. The exam will consist of two short-essay questions. I will post the questions on SUCourse+ at the beginning of class hour on Monday and expect students to upload their answers at the end of class hour.

**Final Exam (35%):** There will be a final exam over Zoom in the finals week. Date to be determined by Student Resources. You will be asked to write three short essays.

**Grade Catalog**

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| 90 and above: A (A-’s are automatically rounded up to A) | 89-86: B+ | 77-74: C+ | 64-60: D+ | Below 55: F |
| 85-82: B | 73-70: C |
| 81-78: B- | 69-65: C- | 59-55: D |

**Extra-Credit Policy:** No extra-credit opportunities will be available.

**Note on Plagiarism:** Please do not plagiarize, it is so not worth it! If you are caught plagiarizing, I will follow the disciplinary measures stipulated in the relevant University policy.

**Outline of Readings**

**Readings will be provided on SUCourse+.**

**Week 1 (Feb. 22-24): Introduction to the course**

**Week 2 (Mar. 1-3): What is globalization?**

* M. B. Steger (2020) “What is globalization?”, *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction (5th edition)*, pp. 1-18.

**Week 3 (Mar. 8-10): Histories of globalization**

* A. Gupta (2012) “A Different History of the Present: The Movement of Crops, Cuisines, and Globalization” in K. Ray and T. Srinivas (eds.) *Curried Cultures: Globalization, Food, and South Asia*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 29-46.

**Week 4 (Mar. 15-17): Futures of globalization post-Covid-19**

* M. B. Steger (2020) “The future of globalization”, *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction (5th edition)*, pp. 129-136.

**Week 5 (Mar. 22-24): Globalization as ideology**

* M. B. Steger (2020) “Ideological confrontations over globalization”, *Globalization: A Very Short Introduction (5th edition)*, pp. 111-128.

**Week 6 (Mar. 29-31): Uneven globalization**

* J. Ferguson (2006) “Globalizing Africa? Observations from an Inconvenient Continent”, in *Global Shadows: Africa in the Neoliberal World Order*, Durham: Duke University Press, pp. 25-49.

**Week 7 (Apr. 5-7): Midterm**

Midterm will take place on the 5th and there will be no class on the 7th

**Week 8 (Apr. 12-14): Global inequality / global responsibility I**

* K. Timmerman (2012) *Where am I wearing? A Global Tour of the Countries, Factories and People that Make Our Clothes*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley. (selections)

**Week 9 (Apr. 19-21): Global inequality / global responsibility II**

* D. Pellow (2011) “Politics by Other Greens: The Importance of Transnational Environmental Justice Movement Networks”, in J. Carmin & J. Agyeman (eds) *Environmental Inequalities Beyond Borders: Local Perspectives on Global Injustices,* Cambridge: MIT Press, pp. 247-266.

**Week 10 (Apr. 26-28): Global inequality / global responsibility III**

* S. Engle Merry (2003) “Constructing a Global Law: Violence against Women and the Human Rights System”*,* *Law & Social Inquiry*, 941-977.

**Week 11 (May 3-5): Tracing globalization in Turkey – I (global cities)**

* Ç. Keyder (1999) “A Tale of Two Neighborhoods”, in Ç. Keyder (ed) *Istanbul: Between the Global and the Local*, London: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 173-186.
* Ç. Keyder (2010) “Istanbul into the Twenty-First Century” in D. Göktürk, L. Soysal, İ. Türeli (eds.) *Orienting Istanbul: cultural capital of Europe?*, London: Routledge, pp.25-34.

**Week 12 (May 17-19): Tracing globalization in Turkey – II (global identities)**

* K. Değirmenci (2013) “Homegrown Sounds of Istanbul” in *Creating Global Music in Turkey*, Plymouth: Lexington Books, pp. 21-52.

**Week 13 (May 24-26): Tracing globalization in Turkey – III (global citizenship)**

* E. Balta & Ö. Altan-Olcay (2016) “Strategic citizens of America: transnational inequalities and transformation of citizenship”, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 39(6): 939-957.