

GLOBALIZATION and INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IR 301- Fall 2024)

Wednesday, 16:40 - 19:30

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This course deals with the changing nature of international relations within the broader context of globalization. It is organized around a number of topics that have become crucial especially after the end of the Cold War. It is especially important to note that the course aims at advancing our understanding of international relations by discussing (a) the political, economic, cultural, cognitive dimensions of globalization, as well as (b) the crucial problems of international relations such as governance, power, hegemony, leadership, sustainable development goals and (c) important case studies such as American hegemony, global economic crisis, climate crisis, renewable energy, resistance through arts, the Coronavirus pandemic, disaster and refugees. The course is based on lectures (by instructor and a number of guest lecturers) and in-class discussions. Active student participation and the reading of course material before attending the lectures are expected and required.

Plagiarism is a serious and illegal form of academic dishonesty and a crime punishable by the university.

Texts:

There is no specific textbook for this course. All of the required readings are available in PDF format on **SUCOURSE**. To complement the readings, there will be guest lecturers, short videos, and TED talks.

Evaluation:

(% 15) Participation

(% 40) The Term Paper (5-page/2000-word essay on topics related to globalization, written in your own words with proper references)

(November 30)

(% 45) Exam (December 11)

Term Paper:

5-page/2000-word essay on topics related to globalization, written in your own words with proper references. Plagiarism in all its forms is strictly forbidden and will be subject to legal action.

Topics:

WEEK (1 & 2) Globalization: Which World Are We Living In? (I & II) (September 25 & October 2)

- Which World Are We Living In?: Realist World, Liberal World, Tribal World, Marxist World, Tech World, Warming World. (2018) *Foreign Affairs*, 97(4), pp.10-55.
- “The Multiple Crises of Globalization,” PowerPoint Presentation

WEEK (3) The Making of Global International Relations (October 9)

- Ayşe Zarakol, “Remembering the Shared History of (Eur)Asia: Is This a Good Idea in the Twenty-First Century?” *Global Studies Quarterly* (2022) 2, 1–4.
- Ziya Öniş, “The West Versus the Rest: The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and the Crisis of the ‘Post-Western’ Order,” *Transatlantic Policy Quarterly* (2022), 33–52.
- Shivshankar Menon, “Nobody Wants the Current World Order: How All the Major Powers—Even the United States—Became Revisionists,” *Foreign Affairs* (2022).
- Shivshankar Menon, “Out of Alignment: What the War in Ukraine Has Revealed About Non-Western Powers,” *Foreign Affairs* (2023).

WEEK (4) Sovereignty and Security: Realists (October 16)

Guest Lecturer: Samer Sharani

- John J. Mearsheimer, “Anarchy and the Struggle for Power,” in Joel Krieger, *Globalization and State Power: A Reader* (New York: Pearson Longman, 2006), 49-60.
- Dani Rodrik and Stephen M. Walt, “How to Build a Better Order,” *Foreign Affairs*, September/October 2022.

WEEK (5) Reform, Resistance and Change (October 23)

Guest Lecturer: Yüksel Kılıç

- Joseph Stiglitz, “Shock Therapy for Neoliberals,” Project Syndicate, 05 April 2022

- Joseph Stiglitz, “Inequality and Democracy,” Project Syndicate, 31 August 2023
- Naomi Klein, “A Time to Leap” in *NO IS NOT ENOUGH*, 2017, pp. 231-256.

WEEK (6) Globalization and Power (October 30)

Guest Lecturer: Oya Yeğen

- Joseph Nye, *The Future of Power* (New York: Public Affairs, 2011), chps.1 and 4.
- Zbigniew Brzezinski, “Domination or Leadership,” in Joel Krieger, *Globalization and State Power: A Reader* (New York: Pearson Longman, 2006), 339-351.

WEEK (7) 6 make up for WEEK (3) The Making of Global International Relations (November 6)

Guest Lecturer: Samer Sharani

- Ayşe Zarakol, “Remembering the Shared History of (Eur)Asia: Is This a Good Idea in the Twenty-First Century?” *Global Studies Quarterly* (2022) 2, 1–4.
- Ziya Öniş, “The West Versus the Rest: The Russian Invasion of Ukraine and the Crisis of the ‘Post-Western’ Order,” *Transatlantic Policy Quarterly* (2022), 33–52.
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WEEK (8) Globalization and Hegemony (November 13)

Guest Lecturer: Samer Sharani

- G. John Ikenberry, “Liberal Hegemony and the Future of the American Postwar Order,” in Joel Krieger, *Globalization and State Power: A Reader* (New York: Pearson Longman, 2006), 111-128.

WEEK (9) Globalization, Rising Populism and the Wave of Authoritarianization (November 20)

Guest Lecturer: Berk Esen and Özge Kemahlioğlu

- Destradi, S., & Plagemann, J. (2019). Populism and International Relations:(Un) predictability, personalisation, and the reinforcement of existing trends in world politics. *Review of International Studies*, 45(5), 711-730.

**WEEK (10) Global Security Agenda: Climate Change as a Case Study
(November 27)**

Guest Lecturer: Ümit Sahin, “Climate Crisis and Sustainable Development Goals.” (Lecture material will be announced and added.)

- UNDP, *Sustainable Development Goals*, Annual Report.
- UNDP Human Development Report 2020, "The Next Frontier: Human Development and the Anthropocene," 1-14 (Overview)

**WEEK (11) Globalization and Sustainable Development Goals:
Climate Change, Food Security and Resistance through Art
(December 4)**

Guest Lecturers: Zafer Yenil, “Food Security and Food Sovereignty”

Murat Germen, “Climate Crisis, Disaster and Art” (Lecture material will be announced and added.)

WEEK (12) EXAM: DECEMBER 11, 16:50-18:15 (In class)