

## Sociology 202: The Sociology of Globalization



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**Spring 2006**  
**Tuesday and Thursday**  
**4:00-5:15**

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### The Sociology of Globalization

In the Sociology of Globalization, we will engage in the systematic analysis of globalization—both the processes that produce globalization and the outcomes. We will look beyond the headlines, stereotypes, and hype to study the processes of globalization and its impact on our lives and people around the globe.

We will employ a sociological lens to examine: the globalization of politics; the global economy and inequality; globalization of culture; human rights, the global media; feminism; and alternatives to globalization. We will question and analyze global processes, enabling us to become *informed* participants in social reproduction and change.

During this course you will:

- Achieve comprehension of the way sociologists view globalization.
- Examine how globalization impacts social institutions.
- Critically explore alternatives to globalization.
- Enter the global dialogue that is a product of globalization.
- Improve your written and spoken communication skills.

### Preparing for Class

Read all materials ahead of class on the day assigned. *This is a reading intensive class—do not get behind or you will find it very hard to catch up.* During class, we will often be learning and reviewing concepts and skills in small groups. It is important that you are prepared to actively participate by: contributing ideas, listening to others, and being a constructive force in the learning process. Class time will also include lectures, discussions, exercises, structured debates, and film clips.

### Rules of the Road

1. We will start and end class on time.
2. Cell phones must be turned off.
3. Some class business will be conducted via e-mail. Check your mail regularly.
4. Please remember common courtesy during class discussions.

### Required Texts

*A Globalizing World? Culture, Economic, Politics.* 2004. Edited by David Held.  
London, UK: Routledge Press.

*One World: Second Edition.* 2004. By Peter Singer. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Additional reading materials will be distributed in class.

### Examinations

There will be two Midterm Examinations in this course, worth *25 points* each. The exams will be **take home** exams to be distributed in class. The exams will be open book, open notes, open library—you may even use the writing center if you wish. Remember that all work must be your own: no plagiarism and use proper citations.

Our final examination, worth *30 points*, will take place on **May 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am**, as scheduled by the registrar. This will be an essay examination written by the class. Time for review and exam preparation will be allotted during our final session.

### Presentation

In teams of four to five, you will be giving class presentations. During the presentation, you will examine the impact of globalization on local **or** global cultural, political, and economic structures. Your time will be best used if you provide case studies or

examples, highlighting the shifts in the institutions due to our increasingly global experiences. Make links to our reading materials so that your classmates can follow along. Creativity is welcome! Plan an exercise, a game, bring in visual aids (e.g. a website or a film clip), or design small group discussion questions. *Criteria for grading are: clarity, accuracy, and creativity.*

Presentations should be 20-25 minutes long. Practice your presentation—I will stop you at the end of 25 minutes, and your grade will be based upon the information that you present. You will choose your own teams for this assignment. We will sign up for topics and dates in class on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Computing Your Grade

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Midterm Examination #1 | 25%        |
| Midterm Examination #2 | 25%        |
| Presentation           | 15%        |
| Final Examination      | 35%        |
| Total                  | <hr/> 100% |

### Academic Honesty

The College's policy on Academic Honesty will be strictly enforced. You may view the Academic Honesty policy online <http://www.stonehill.edu/catalog/academic/policies.htm>. If you have any questions about the policy, please take advantage of my office hours.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **January 19**

*An Introduction to the Course*

### **January 24**

Reading:

- Pages 15-30 in *A Globalizing World?* 2004. By David Held.

### **January 26**

Reading:

- Pages 31-44 in *A Globalizing World?* 2004. By David Held.
- "A Changing World" (pp. 1-13) in *One World*. 2004. By Peter Singer.

## **GLOBALIZATION OF CULTURE**

### **January 31**

Reading:

- Pages 48-65 in *A Globalizing World?* 2004. By David Held.

**February 2**

Reading:

- Pages 65-83 in *A Globalizing World?* 2004. By David Held.

**February 7**

Reading:

- “One Culture” (pp. 150-195) in *One World*. 2004. By Peter Singer.

**February 9**

Reading:

- Chapter 5 in *Globaloney*. 2005. By Michael Veseth.

Presentation Day: Global**February 14**

Reading:

- Pages 89-104 in *The Ends of Globalization*. 2000. By Mohammed A. Bamyeh.

Presentation Day: Local**February 16****Exam #1****GLOBALIZATION OF POLITICS****February 21**

Reading:

- “One Law” (pp. 106-127) in *One World*. 2004. By Peter Singer.

**February 23**

Reading:

- “One Law” (pp. 127-149) in *One World*. 2004. By Peter Singer.

**February 28**

Readings:

- Chapters 26, 27, and 30 in *The Globalization Reader*. 2004. Edited by Frank J. Lechner and John Boli.

Presentation Day: Global

**March 2**

Reading:

- “Promoting Peace Through Global Governance.” By Jerry Pubantz and John Allphin Moore, Jr. In *Public Sociologies Reader*. Forthcoming.

Presentation Day: Local**SPRING VACATION****THE GLOBALIZATION OF THE ECONOMY****March 14**

Reading:

- Pages 86-104 in *A Globalizing World?* 2004. By David Held.

**March 16**

Reading:

- Pages 105-125 in *A Globalizing World?* 2004. By David Held.

**March 21**

Readings:

- Chapters 1 and 3 in *Capitalism in the Age of Globalization*. 2000. By Samir Amin.

**March 23**

No class today—Prof. Iyall Smith is in New Orleans for a conference.

**March 28**

Reading:

- Chapter 1 in *A Theory of Global Capitalism*. 2004. By William I. Robinson.

**March 30**

Reading:

- Chapter 4 in *A Theory of Global Capitalism*. 2004. By William I. Robinson.

Presentation Day: Global**April 4**

Reading:

- Chapters 14 in *The End of Poverty*. 2005. By Jeffrey D. Sachs.

Presentation Day: Local**April 6****Exam #2**

## **GLOBALIZATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

### **April 11**

Reading:

- Introduction in *Globalization and Human Rights*. 2002. Edited by Alison Brysk.

### **April 13<sup>th</sup> Easter Holiday—No Class**

### **April 18**

Reading:

- Chapter 2 in *Human Rights*. 2002. By Judith Blau and Alberto Moncada.

### **April 20**

Reading:

- Chapter 6 in *Human Rights*. 2002. By Judith Blau and Alberto Moncada.

### **April 25**

Readings:

- Chapters 10-11 in *Globalization and Human Rights*. 2002. Edited by Alison Brysk.

## **GLOBALIZATION: Good or Bad?**

### **April 27**

Readings:

- Chapters 7 and 14 in *Why Globalization Works*. 2005. By Martin Wolf.

### **May 2**

Readings:

- “How to Judge Globalism.” 2004. By Amartya Sen.
- “Towards a Global Covenant: Global Social Democracy.” And “Appendix.” 2004. By David Held.

### **May 4**

*Review and Final Considerations...*

Reading:

- “A Better World” (pp. 196-291) in *One World*. 2004. By Peter Singer.

### **May 9**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Final Examination**