Course Description

Globalization affects almost every area of our lives. From health, economics, human rights or security to finance technology transportation or communications, just to name a few, there is hardly an area in which globalization doesn’t have an impact on the person or the state.

Course Goals

The purpose of this course is to investigate the roles major powers have, or are taking on, in the age of Globalization, in particular China and the US, and to look how they are affecting the world order in the 21st century.
In addition, the course will seek to look at the changing nature of international relations, nationalism in the time of interdependency between states, and the growing role and impact of non-state actors, international organizations, economic blocs, multinational corporations, social movements, and the private person, from an East and West perspective.

Grading

The students will be expected to write a paper on a topic of their choice subject to the approval of the lecturers and make a presentation to the class on that topic during the semester.

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Additional Notes

Course Plan:

1. Globalization – Actors, Trends, Forces and Beyond
2. China and the Concept of Multilateralism
3. China and International Organizations, NGOs, etc.
4. What China Wants: Arms Control and Non-Proliferation
5. Globalization and Space
6. Student Presentations

Reading List

The Reading list includes academic articles and chapters from books as well as web links to official websites of international organizations, mechanisms, and tribunals. The web links are provided in order to introduce these bodies and mechanisms, as well as the magnitude of updated information that is available on them, in order to provide the students with skills to quickly navigate in the dynamic international sphere. While it is not expected that the students will read all the materials in the web links, a familiarity with the availability of information is expected.

1. Globalization – Actors, Trends, Forces and Beyond:
  ◦ Chapter 1 – Globalization and Global Politics
  ◦ Chapter 19 – International Law
  ◦ Chapter 20 – International Organizations in World Politics
  ◦ Chapter 22 – NGOs in World Politics

Reports:
2. **China and the Concept of Multilateralism:**

- **China’s Foreign Policy in a Fast Changing World: Mission and Responsibility** Speech by Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng at the Lunch Meeting of the Eighth World Peace Forum. Dated July 8, 2019.

3. **China and International Organizations, NGOs, etc:**


4. **What China Wants: Arms Control and Non-Proliferation:**


5. **Globalization and Space:**

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