**2022 Fall**

**[DISS 140] GLOBALIZATION AND BEYOND: CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND POLITICAL ECONOMY**

Korea University College of International Studies

Tue/Thu 10:30am ~ 11:45am

ONLINE LIVE-STREAMING COURSE

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1. **Course Overview**

Globalization is commonly understood as shrinking of space between countries and the intensification of the exchange of economic, political, cultural, and social relations between people on the globe. What do the Nike, the World Bank, Legos, the financial and debt crisis, income inequality, climate change, renewable energy, development, gender equality, and the war on terror have in common? All are manifestations of the contemporary process (or processes) known as globalization. Globalization is a contested keyword that falls outside established disciplinary frameworks, it is a topic that merits serious attention in the field of international studies.

In this introductory course, students will be introduced to the key concepts and theoretical perspectives on globalization, which will then be used as analytical tools to understand different historical stages and substantive aspects of globalization. It is the aim of this course to discuss the major scholarly concepts and debates around globalization and encourage students to critically think about them and apply those frameworks to analyze specific cases of globalization.

1. **Course Requirements**

All students are expected to be read the required texts and book chapters prior attending lectures. I expect all the students to be punctual and be present in all classes. Attendance will be checked, and I expect to be notified by email on your absence before the class begins. The in-class lectures will focus on the reading materials; however, active discussions on additional perspectives are expected from the students.

A few case studies will be assigned for a 30-minute presentation followed by the presenter led discussion. The presentation should include not only the summary of the important points on the articles but also raise issues and include information from further in-depth research carried out by students. You will also be asked to conduct a peer review for all the presentations that you are not part of which will count 15% towards the final score.

1. **Course Evaluation**
* Class Attendance 10%
* Group Presentation: 30% (Including Peer Review 15%)
* Midterm exam: 30%
* Final paper: 25%
* Assignment: 5%

 \* 2 lates=1 absence

\* You can have upto 2 free absences, from the 3rd absence you will lose 1 point per absence. More than 8 absences will lead to a failure of the course.

\* You MUST fulfill all the evaluation criteria, otherwise will fail the course.

1. **Course readings**

**Textbook**

* Ritzer, George and Dean Paul. 2019. Globalization: The Essentials, 2nd Edition, Wiley-Blackwell.
* John McCormick. 2022. Introduction to Global Studies, 2nd Edition, Bloomsbury Academic.

**Other Reading Materials**

* Additional readings may be assigned on a case-by-case basis.
1. **Course schedule**
2. Introduction to the course
* Sep 1: Course introduction
1. Introduction to the Globalization
* Sep 6: The World Has Gone Global
* Sep 8: Conceptualization, Origins and History I
* Sep 13: Conceptualization, Origins and History II
1. Theorizing Globalization
* Sep 15: Various Theories

 4. The rise of the Global System

* Sep 20: Debates on Globalization

 5. Global Governance

* Sep 22: Understanding Global Governance
* Sep 27: International Organizations and the UN

 6. Science and Technology

* Sep 29: The Fourth Industrial Revolution, Human Labor and Human Rights

 7. Human Rights

* Oct 4: The Evolution an Expansion of Human Rights
* Oct 6: The global human rights regime

 8. Structuring Global Economy

* Oct 11: Economic Globalization I
* Oct 13: Economic Globalization II

 9. Global Economic Flows

* Oct 18: Trade and Financial Globalization
* Oct 20: Review Session
* Oct 25: Reading Day (No class)
* Oct 27: Midterm Exam

 10. Peace and Security

* Nov 1: Understanding war, peace and security

 11. Migration

* Nov 3: Understanding migration and the global refugee problem

 12. Health and disease

* Nov 8: Understanding global health and health regime

 13. The global culture and cultural flows

* Nov 10: Cultural Differentialism, Hybridization and the World Culture

 Student Group Presentations

* Nov 15 : Group 1, 2 (education)
* Nov 17 : Group 3, 4 (Identity/culture)
* Nov 22 : Group 5, 6 (Economic power and inequality)
* Nov 24 : Group 7, 8 (Inequality of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality)
* Nov 29 : Group 9, 10 (migration/refugees)
* Dec 1: Group 11, 12 (violent conflict/crime)
* Dec 6: Group 13, 14 (Science/Technology)
* Dec 8: Group 15, 16 (Environmental Issues)
* Dec 13: Group 17, 18 (Human Rights)
* Dec 21: Final Paper Due (by 5pm)

***\* This syllabus is subject to change throughout the semester. Any changes will be announced on blackboard and during class.***