Society is a peculiar construct of sociological thought. It is free from particularities of village, city, neighborhood, nation, and even incorporated societies and trusts. In the last two decades the idea of society is increasingly bypassing the boundaries of nations, cities, or local communities. Many alternative accounts of this society have emerged: information society, risk society, network society, cosmopolitan society, and world society. Yet, the nation-state is showing no signs of withering away. Or, as some would put it, the world society has been rising from within the existing frameworks of the nation-state for quite some time. And therefore, the end of the nation-state is not a revolutionary event but a silent, slow transformation of a system that is differentiating in many directions, and not necessarily in socially beneficial ways. Is it true, as we often hear, that globalization is widening inequalities and shrinking the welfare state? Is the nation-state still the best bet in securing the welfare of its citizens? While democratically elected governments are answerable to citizens, they are increasingly at the mercy of a global financial system that operates outside democracies, as recent crises in Greece and Spain testify. And how about non-citizens? Do non-citizens deserve equal protection in a world of accelerated migrations and displacements?
This course will explore many such questions around four facets of the emergent reality: Globalization, Inequality, Welfare, and Citizenship. It will not only introduce you to the brave new global age, it will also offer theoretical and analytical tools of greater reach to conduct any conceivable research project. And, you will enjoy it, too (hopefully)!. The pain of reading (about 90 pages a week) will lead to pleasures of understanding (masochism of sorts?).

**Texts**

It may appear as if we are reading a lot of books (in fact, we are) but the weekly requirement is only three chapters from each book (the rest is optional). It won’t break your bank to buy these regular paperbacks, used and cheap, online. And they will build your personal library. The following texts are listed according to order of the schedule.

- **Tilly, Charles.** 2006. Identities, Boundaries and Social Ties. ISBN: 1594511322

**Goals**

- Display an understanding of globalization and its implications for everyday social reality (including your own).
- Identify problems and risks introduced through processes of globalization.
- Develop a research paper or proposal relating to your topic, using insights, tools, and concepts derived from the text used in this course.

**Assignments:**

- Weekly Assignments 40% (300 points)
- Presentations 10% (100 points)
- Paper Proposal 10% (100 points)
Final Paper/Research Proposal 40% (500 points)

**Weekly Headache**
- It is an absolute, total, unqualified requirement that you participate joyously (even if you need to fake it) in each class meeting. Attendance is mandatory, and more than one absence will stain your grade. But you will see how this initial headache will translate into collective effervescence.
- For each week’s discussion, you will submit a 300-350-word summary of the week’s readings. Always conclude your summary with questions for class discussion (e.g., three questions for three chapters while summarizing all the three readings in 300-350 words). Upload your summary and questions on our D2L Discussion Forum by noon BEFORE our Monday meeting.

**Oral Presentation**
- All our meetings will devote some portion of class time to student-led discussions. Each student will be expected to lead one such discussion during the semester. The last meeting will be used for the presentation of your final project.

**Proposal Trouble**
- Early in the semester you will write a one-page proposal for you final paper (or research proposal, i.e., proposal for a proposal). I will offer more detailed guidelines in the first few weeks of the semester. The proposal will include an in-depth abstract, outline, and preliminary bibliography.

**Final Nightmare**
- This massive portion of your grade will give you the opportunity to write a polished paper or research proposal (about 15 pages, double-spaced). In this paper, you will demonstrate the mastery of one of the areas covered in this course, using it to serve your own purpose. The paper may easily become a chapter of your thesis or dissertation. If you decide to write a research proposal, it should be a finished product ready to be submitted toward MA/PhD requirements.
- This paper must obviously be written well: good writing is very important. Please do not turn in a paper with typographical errors or poor organization (life is rough!).

**Schedule**
This schedule will change slightly as the course evolves. Updates on the D2L site will always supersede the schedule listed here. Always check D2L to know updated information about readings and assignments in a particular week.

**Week 1: January 27**

*Introduction: What is globalization?*

*Aneesh: Ramblings on Globalization*
- No readings, only ramblings!
WEEK 2: FEBRUARY 3

World Society
Krucken and Drori: The Writings of John Meyer
   ❖ Reflections: Institutional Theory and World Society (ch. 2)
   ❖ World Society and the Nation-State (ch. 8)
   ❖ Human Rights: World Society, the Welfare State and Life Course (ch. 13)

WEEK 3: FEBRUARY 10

The Global and the National
Sassen: Territory Authority Rights
   ❖ Introduction (ch. 1)
   ❖ Assembling the National: Territory, Authority and Rights (ch. 2)
   ❖ Assembling a Global Age: Digital Networks (ch. 7)

WEEK 4: FEBRUARY 17

Capital Inequality
Piketty: Capital in the Twenty-First Century
   ❖ Introduction
   ❖ Inequality and Concentration (ch. 7)
   ❖ A Global Tax on Capital (ch. 15)

WEEK 5: FEBRUARY 24

Global Inequality
   ❖ Branko Milanovic: Global Income Inequality in Numbers: in History and Now (D2L)
   ❖ Kaushik Basu: Globalization, Poverty and Inequality (D2L)
   ❖ Amartya Sen, Globalization, Inequality and Global Protest (D2L)

WEEK 6: MARCH 2

Health Inequality
Claire Decoteau: Ancestors and Antiretrovirals
   ❖ Introduction: Postcolonial Paradox
   ❖ The Struggle for Life in South Africa slums (ch. 1)
   ❖ Biomedical Citizenship (ch. 3)

WEEK 7: MARCH 9

Citizen Inequality
   ❖ Marshall, Citizenship and Social Class D2L)
   ❖ Shachar and Hirsch, Citizenship as Inherited Property (D2L)
   ❖ Boatca, Commodification of Citizenship (D2L)

WEEK 8: MARCH 23

Declining Welfare State?
   ❖ Pierson, Coping with Permanent Austerity Welfare State Restructuring in Affluent Democracies (D2L)
Francis Castles, the Disappearing State? Introduction (D2L)
Arts, Wil, and John Gelissen. "Three worlds of welfare capitalism or more? A state-of-the-art report (D2L)

**Week 9: March 30**

**Citizen Welfare**
- James Ferguson, Cash Transfers and the New Welfare States (D2L)
- Adair Turner, Monetary Finance: Breaking the Taboo (D2L)
- Smith and Lipsky, Government, Nonprofits, and Welfare State in *Nonprofits for Hire* (D2L)

**Week 10: April 6**

**Identity and citizenship**
*Tilly, Charles. 2006. Identities, Boundaries and Social Ties.*
- Ties that bind and bound (ch. 1)
- Why Worry about Citizenship (ch. 12)
- Inequality, Democratization, and De-democratization (ch. 13)

**Week 11: April 13**

**Postnational Citizenship**
*Soysal: Limits of citizenship: migrants and postnational membership in Europe*
- Introduction (ch. 1)
- International Migration and the Nation-State System (ch. 2)
- Toward a Postnational Model of Citizenship (ch. 8)

**Week 12: April 20**

**Citizenship and Democracy**
*Étienne Balibar: Citizenship*
- Democracy and Citizenship: An Antinomic Relationship (ch. 1)
- Citizenship and Exclusion (ch. 5)
- Democratizing Democracy (ch. 8)

**Week 13: April 27**

**Cosmopolitanism**
*Brown and Held: The Cosmopolitanism Reader*
- Jürgen Habermas: A Political Constitution for the Pluralist World Society?
- Martha Nussbaum: Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism
- Will Kymlicka, Citizenship in an Era of Globalization

**Week 14: May 4**

**Presentations**
- You will present your work, and submit your papers/proposals.