

## Seminar in International Relations: Globalization and War (POLS 338)

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### Objectives

In this class, we study globalization and how it may affect international security. For instance, globalization leads to the increase in trade and foreign direct investment. It also leads to the transition to democracy in many countries. Literature on international relations has well established evidence of international interdependence due to trade resulting in the decline of interstate wars. Democratic peace is also a standing out phenomenon. Thus, globalization contributes to peace. However, international terrorism has become easier because of globalization. Technological progress in transportation has made international travel and migration easier than ever before. As a result, international terrorism may go up. We will explore all these aspects of international security in the era of globalization in a hybrid setting by mixing the regular face-top-face and on-line discussions. Thus, **we meet on Monday only.**

### Requirements

1 exam (25 percent): You will be tested on lectures and lecture notes.

11 Weekly Discussions/Assignments **on-line** (5 percent each). All weekly on-line assignments are due 11:59PM **Wednesday** of the week.

A research paper and presentation (20 percent): Students are free to choose the topic of the paper related to globalization and international security.

Term Paper Guidelines: The length requirement is 5-7 pages. You MUST have at least FIVE references.

1. You MUST have a clearly and narrowly defined question. I suggest you develop a research question in a literally question form. For instance, what led North Korea to develop nuclear weapons? Do arms races lead to conflicts?

2. In the introduction, you introduce the research question and describe why the question is meaningful/interesting.

At the beginning of the body, you provide background information. If it is a case study or analytical paper, you provide historical information so that the reader can understand the background. If it is a theoretical paper, you provide a literature review on the subject.

3. In the main body of the paper, you provide your answer to the research question. You MUST provide evidence to back up your argument/answer to the research question.

4. In the conclusion, you summarize what you did in the paper and discuss implications of your study.

## Schedule

Week 1 (January 25). Introduction

**Ungraded Assignment:** Post or (bring to the class) a definition/description of globalization

Week 2 (February 1) Definition and History of Globalization

**Assignment 1: Part 1)** Post the reference information of a publication (academic journal articles, books or newspaper articles) that supports or opposes globalization. The format should be as follows:

Heo, Uk and Terence Roehrig. 2010. *South Korea since 1980: Democratization, Economic Struggle, and Nuclear Crisis*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Heo, Uk. 1998. "Modeling the Defense-Growth Relationship around the Globe" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(5): 637-657.

Heo, Uk. 2001. "South Korea: Democratization, Financial Crisis, and the Decline of the Developmental State" In Horowitz, Shale and Uk Heo eds. *The Political Economy of International Financial Crisis: Interest Groups, Ideologies, and Institutions*. Lanham, MA: Rowman and Littlefield. pp. 151-164.

Heo, Uk. 2006. "North Korea's Nuclear Test: Cause, Implications and Prospects." Praeger Security International. <http://psi.praeger.com/commentary/commentary.aspx>

**Part 2)** Post your perception of globalization. Do you support or oppose globalization and why? Your post MUST be at least 200 words long and must be based on the work you found and posted. You also MUST comment on at least another student's posts.

Week 3 (February 8) Benefits and Drawbacks of Globalization

**Assignment 2:** Post evidence of globalization (e.g. annual increase of global trade amount, migration, foreign direct investment, democracy, international migration, international organization membership etc.). You MUST post the complete information of the source of your data.

Week 4 (February 15) Is Globalization real? (Globalization vs. Americanization)

**Assignment 3: Part 1)** Post the full reference information of an article or book that argues economic interdependence leads to peace.

**Part 2)** Summarize them (at least 300 words long) and evaluate the argument (at least 100 words long).

Week 5 (February 15) International Interdependence and Peace

**Assignment 4): Part 1)** Post the full reference information of an article or book that supports democratic peace theory. Or you can post an article or book that criticizes democratic peace theory.

**Part 2)** Summarize the work (at least 300 words long) and evaluate the argument (at least 100 words long).

Week 6 (February 22) Globalization and Democratic Peace

**Assignment 5): Part 1)** Post the membership change data of any international organizations (e.g. UN, WHO, World Bank, IMF etc.)

**Part 2)** Post full reference information of an article or book that argues the contribution of common international organization membership or international organization contributing to peace.

Week 7 (March 1) International Organization and Peace

**Assignment 6): Part 1)** Post the full reference information of an article or book that studied the implication of international migration contributing to peace in the context of globalization.

**Part 2)** Summarize the work (at least 300 words long) and evaluate the argument (at least 100 words long).

Week 8 (March 8): Globalization and International Migration

**Assignment 7): Part 1)** Post the full reference information of an article or book that studied the security implication of globalization.

**Part 2)** Summarize the work (at least 300 words long) and evaluate the argument (at least 100 words long).

Week 9 (March 15) Globalization and Interstate War

**Assignment 8)** Post any evidence/information/data/publication that shows the increase in international terrorism after globalization.

Week 10 (March 22-26) Spring Break

Week 11 (March 29) Globalization and International Terrorism

**Assignment 9): Part 1)** Post the full reference information of an article or book that studied the increased global threat of public health security or information security.

**Part 2)** Summarize the work (at least 300 words long) and evaluate the argument (at least 100 words long).

Week 12 (April 5): No Class-Conference Participation

**Assignment 10): Part 1)** Post a proposal of your research paper (300-500 words long).

**Part 2)** Comment on another student's proposal. Be polite and constructive when commenting.

Week 13 (April 12) Increased Global Threat of Public Health

**Assignment 11) Part 1)** Post the full reference information of an article or book that deals with the increased global threat of information security.

**Part 2)** Summarize the work (at least 300 words long) and evaluate the argument (at least 100 words long).

Week 14 (April 19) Increased Global Threat of Information Security

(April 21): I will post a study guide for the exam on the D2L course site.

Week 15 (April 26) Test

Week 16 & 17 (May 3, 5, 10, 12)

**Term Paper Presentation (Paper Due: May 3)**