

| International Society of Globalization Age | | | |
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| Registration Code | 0061511 | Credits | 2.0 |
| Course Category | Arts Liberal | Class room | S11 |
| Term (Semester) / Day / Period | G- I (1st year, Fall semester) / Mon / 5 (16:30~18:00) | | |
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| Target Schools (Programs) | Hu (J) · La (S) · Ec (S) · Sc (P · C · B) · En (P · C · Au) · Ag (B) | | |
| <p>●Aim of the Course This class aims to introduce students to the topic of globalization. The main goal is to provide students with a non-specialized overview of the economic, financial, ecological, political and social tendencies of current globalization. Students will be exposed to debates over globalization as to its identifying features and positive or negative impacts for the human future. A significant part of the course will look at tendencies of globalization such as land-grabbing and its deleterious impacts on global food systems and human provisioning as well as the effects of globalization on the environment and climate change. Students will also examine the ideologies of globalization in the age of United States President Trump and will be encouraged to make assessments about globalization for their individual place in the world.</p> <p>●Course Prerequisites None</p> <p>●Course Content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is current globalization genuinely different from other periods in modern history of internationalization in our economic, political and social lives? - What does current globalization do to our “national” economies and their ability to provide jobs and the necessities of life for citizens? - Does globalization have differing impacts on economies of the advanced “developed” world from that of the “non-developed” world? - How has global finance and banking changed into the 21st century? Are societies now being held hostage by so-called “financialization”? - Is technology now making work as we knew it redundant? What are people in the future going to do? - In what ways has globalization changed our food systems and ways of human provisioning? - Has the “grabbing” of global land and the race for remaining global resources set humanity and countries on course for a new war of “all against all”? - What about environmental destruction and climate change as the ultimate resistance to current globalization? - Do dominant ideologies manipulate late us into passivity as the world burns around us? <p>●Course Evaluation Methods</p> <p>Participation and discussion.....20% Mid-term short position paper.....30% Final essay.....50%</p> <p>●Notice for Students Withdrawal possible before first assignment date.</p> | | | |

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| Textbook | Richard Westra, <i>The Evil Axis of Finance: The US-Japan-China Stranglehold on the Global Future</i> (Atlanta, GA: Clarity Press, 2012). |
| Reference Books | Richard Westra, <i>Unleashing Usury: How Finance Opened the Door to Capitalism Then Swallowed It Whole</i> (Atlanta, GA: Clarity Press, 2016). Robert Albritton, <i>Let Them Eat Junk: How Capitalism Creates Hunger and Obesity</i> (London: Pluto Press, 2009). Naomi Klein, <i>This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate</i> (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2014). Fred Pearce, <i>The Land Grabbers: The New Fight over Who Owns the Earth</i> (Boston: Beacon Press, 2013). |