

People and Politics (Global Studies 101)

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OBJECTIVES

This course examines the role of people in global politics. The mainstream literature in global politics has focused on the role of institutions, rather than people. However, important decisions in history have often been made by individual decision makers. Moreover, with increased migration, there are a lot of international issues related to people. Thus, we discuss the role of power in the modern global era and how it is related to people in the society. We also explore, the concept of nation-state, people and economy, international conflict, and the effect of globalization on modern life. Due to the lack of the textbook, which covers all these topics, lectures may be drawn from various sources.

REQUIREMENTS

Three exams (25% each)--**No make-up exam will be given unless students have a university accept excuse.**

Term paper (15%)— 3-4 pages double-spaced. Paper is due November 17. Late submission will be penalized.

Pop Quiz (10%)

Required Textbook: Mary Tetreault and Ronnie Lipschutz. 2005. Global Politics as if People Mattered. Rowman and Littlefield.

Participation by Students with Disabilities: If you need special accommodations in order to meet any of the requirements of this course, please contact me as soon as possible.

Accommodation for Religious Observances: Students will be allowed to complete examinations or other requirements that are missed for religious observances.

Academic Misconduct: The University has a responsibility to promote academic honesty and integrity and to develop procedures to deal effectively with instances of academic dishonesty. Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for the respect of other's academic endeavors.

Drop Policy: See the Schedule of Classes.

Course Outline

1. Introduction
2. Understanding globalization

Migration, Cultural Exchanges, International Integration
Reading: T&L Ch. 2 & 9

3. People and Power

Concept of Power, Measuring Power, Types of Power
Reading: T&L Ch. 3

4. People and States

Concept of national-statehood, role of government, foreign policies and decisions
Reading: T&L Ch. 5 & 6

First Exam: October 6 (Thursday)

5. People and Conflicts

Types of Conflicts (international vs. civil), Types of conflicts, Nuclear Proliferation
Reading: T&L Ch. 6 & 7

6. New Types of Conflicts

Ethnic Conflicts, Terrorism, National Identity and conflicts
Reading: Crenshaw (on reserve), Midlarsky (on reserve)

7. People and Justice

International Organization and Law, World Order, The United Nations
Reading: T&L Ch. 8

Second Exam: November 8 (Tuesday)

8. Globalization and Economy

Markets, Trade Strategies, Trade Regimes, Globalism vs. Regionalism
Reading: T&L Ch. 4,

9. People and Environment

Interdependence and the Environment, Managing the Environment, Natural Resources,
Pollution, Population
Reading: Goldstein (on reserve)

10. The North-South Gap

Poverty, Theories of Accumulation, Imperialism, The State of South, Revolution
Reading: Goldstein (on reserve)

11. Globalization and Political Development

Final Exam: 10:00-12:00 December 16 (Thursday)