



IFE course syllabus

Course title

Globalization: Myth and reality from a European perspective

Course taught by

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Purpose of the course

This course will draw on the foundations that students acquired during the preparatory session as a standpoint from which to broaden and deepen the examination of the world, and France and Europe’s place in it, keeping in mind the interplay among local, regional (EU), and global levels as well as the place of the nation-state.

Description of the course

The course is structured along three main types of regards or focal lengths: an overall approach to globalization that studies the many different ways to divide – or join together – the world space; a closer look at the major elements of this space as seen from Europe; and finally a closer look at local/global interactions using European cases, including from Alsace. Concomitantly, a European humanist perspective is used to analyze from an ethics-and- justice point of view some of the important specific facets of globalization such as culture and identity; immigration, delocalization and work; interdependence and fracture; free trade and economic imbalance; agriculture; international civil society and governance; and others.

Format

This course meets weekly for 2 hours throughout the 12-week internship period. (The course is scheduled at the end of the working day so as to interfere as little as possible with the internship.) The course is a lecture/seminar whereby the professor presents material for development in class discussion. Each week, students are expected to be prepared to participate in a short press review looking at the European events of the week. In addition, students prepare oral presentations on a choice of course topics.

Course outline

Introduction

1 The Organization of Global Space: American and European approaches

Session 1: Globe versus world

Session 2: Power versus governance

2 World Regions as seen from Europe

Session 3: Latin America and the Slavic world: “Far West” and “New Europe”?

Session 4: The Arab/Muslim world: Between Islam and Oil?

Session 5: Africa: The continent that cannot get started?

Session 6: East Asia: Globalization’s winner?

3 The Impact of Globalization on Europe

Session 7: French versions of anti-Americanism: an alter-globalization?

Session 8: Global warming: Europe on the verge of sustainable development

Session 9: Migratory dynamics: "Fortress Europe"?

Session 10: A European region faces globalization: Alsace, on the defensive?

Conclusion

Readings

Badie (Bertrand), Vidal (Dominique), *La fin du monde unique, L'état du monde 2011*, Paris, La Découverte, 2010, 305p.

Battistella (Dario), *Un monde unidimensionnel*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, 2011, 174p.

Boniface (Pascal), Védrine (Hubert), *Atlas du monde global*, Paris, Armand Colin/Fayard, 2010, 144p.

Brunel (Sylvie), Pitte Jean-Robert, *Le ciel ne va pas nous tomber sur la tête*, Paris, J. C. Lattès, 2010, 353p.

Chambond (Jean-Louis), *La Chinamérique. Un couple contre-nature ?*, Paris, Editions d'Organisation, 2011, 282p.

Charillon (Frédéric), *La France peut-elle encore agir sur le monde ?*, Paris, Armand Colin, 2010, 192p.

Clochard (Olivier), *Atlas des migrants d'Europe*, Paris, Armand Colin, 2009, 744p.

Cohen (Daniel), *La prospérité du vice. Une introduction (inquiète) à l'économie*, Paris, Albin Michel, 2009, 283p.

Debray (Régis), *Eloge des frontières*, Paris, Gallimard, 2010, 95p.

Foucher (Michel), Grésillon (Boris), Orcier (Pacal), *Europe, Europes, La Documentation photographique*, n°8074, 2010, 64p.

Gauchon (Pascal), Huisoud (Jean-Marc), *Vive la France quand même ! Les atouts de la France dans la mondialisation. Rapport Anteios 2011*, Paris, PUF, 2010, 432p.

Gemenne (François), *Les exilés climatiques, drame planétaire de demain ?*, Paris, Armand Colin, 2010, 160p.

Gnesotto (Nicole), *L'Europe, un acteur stratégique mondial ?*, Paris, Armand Colin, 2010, 160p.

« La francophonie face à la mondialisation », *Géoeconomie* n°55, automne 2010, Paris, Choiseul, 2010, 160p.

Lepesant (Gilles), *Géographie économique de l'Europe centrale. Recomposition et européanisation des territoires*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, 2011, 351p.

Meyer (Claude), *Chine ou Japon, quel leader pour l'Asie ?*, Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, 2010, 230p.

Orsenna (Eric), *Voyage au pays du coton. Petit précis de mondialisation*, Fayard, 2006

Sallmann (Jean-Michel), *Le grand désenclavement du monde*, Paris, Payot, 2011, 689p.

Sapir (Jacques), *Le nouveau XXI^e siècle. Du siècle « américain » au retour des nations*, Paris, Seuil, 250p., 2010.

Semmoud Bouziane, *Maghreb et Moyen-Orient dans la mondialisation*, Paris, Armand Colin, 2010, 320p.

Teurtie (David), *Géopolitique de la Russie : intégration régionale, enjeux énergétiques, influence culturelle*, Paris, L'Harmattan, 2010, 350p.

Grading

Students' work is evaluated on the basis of formal oral presentations, a written final examination, as well as readiness for and participation in weekly press reviews, and attendance.