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Course Description

Many of us are citizens of particular nation-states. We also have other communities of belonging, such as local, ethnic, religious, or perhaps even our Beach pride. In these communities, we take some level of responsibility for our fellow members and expect to have a voice in determining the rules and actions that affect us. In what ways, however, should we also see ourselves as **citizens of the world**? How are our economic, cultural, political, and social lives **connected** to those in faraway places? How do our actions **affect** people living across the globe? Are these effects positive or negative? How do decisions made elsewhere affect our own lives? What is our **responsibility** to people we have never met and whose language we do not speak? What is their responsibility to us?

In this course, students will engage in investigation and critical thinking assignments to unearth their own evidence and create their own arguments about the global dimensions of our everyday lives and local communities. Through several conceptual tools, notions, issues, historical events and questions, students will analyze **their connections** with the rest of the world.

During the **first** half of the semester, we will thus think about the broad aspects (e.g., identity, the world, knowledge, colonialism) that connect us to the world, the problems that we can find in these relationships and how one would solve them. During the **second** half of the semester, we will focus on particular aspects of these problems (e.g., environmentalism, politics, violence, borders, and poverty), some of the solutions proposed by different groups and the limitations of these projects.

Course Methodology

This course is taught entirely on-line. The work will be assigned by unit and each unit will last one week. It is **your responsibility** to manage your own time and ensure that you have completed all of the course material and assignments for a given week in that given week. Weeks will run from Monday to Sunday and all weekly assignments will be due **on Sundays at 8pm**. All other assignments will be due at specified times (please see course schedule below). Once each week finalizes, we will not go back, re-open assignments or makeup missed work. Please make sure you stay on time and follow the class schedule.

I will have **office hours** on **Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm**. During these hours I will answer e-mails immediately and will be available on Skype by appointment. We can also set up **Skype appointments** at other times, but this will be contingent on my schedule as well. If you prefer, you can also set up appointments ahead of time to meet **in person** on campus during these hours. Finally, I created an open and anonymous **survey** (https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/7PR98PR) for you to be able to provide feedback to me throughout the entire semester. This is one of the ways you can use to democratize the class and make



changes before it is too late, but please use it responsibly. In general, I will try to make myself available to you, please use these hours and our communication to avoid missing assignments and to get as much as you can from your education.

My Skype name is: Internationalstudiesscauso

Except for the midterm week, spring break, and finals week, **each week** will have a small presentation, lecture or video that will help you focus on the main ideas and questions for that unit. Then, you will need to read the material assigned for that week. With this in mind, you will be asked to analyze critically the related phenomena in order to turn in the assignments.

Course Goals/Student Learning Objectives

This course is organized around three main goals: 1) Developing students critical thinking skills, as applied to international problems and questions, 2) increasing students' awareness of contemporary global issues and perspectives, and 3) encouraging students to think critically about their responsibility in global issues. Thus, having successfully completed I/ST 100, students will have expanded their critical and analytical skills, developed oral as well as written communicational skills, and increased their awareness of their connections and responsibilities as global citizens.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Collect firsthand evidence, critically analyze that evidence, advocate ideas, and explore how arguments are constructed in contemporary debates about economic, social, and cultural globalization, global perspectives, and global citizenship. Through a discussion of facts, evidence, and explanation; students will learn about perspectives and biases in knowledge construction about globalization.
- Take a position about global issues that is logical, reasonable, and well-supported by evidence, and that accounts for multiple as well as competing perspectives on the same topic. Key issues for debate and argumentation will include identity, power in the creation of knowledge about the world, Colonialism and oppression, the world economic system, religion, global environmental issues, borders and people, poverty, and possibilities of transformation.
- Critically evaluate discourses of the local and the national to expose the ways in which they ignore or obscure the global.

Work and Assignments:

This class has assignments or some form of work during almost every week of the semester. It is your responsibility to turn all assignments in on time. Please refer to the specifications in the Course Schedule table below to avoid loosing track of your assignments.



Introduce yourself: (4% of grade)

Students will have to introduce themselves to the class by creating a small (3 to 6min.) video in which they will mention: their name, where they are from, a little of their background story, and how they see themselves connected to the world and/or other countries.

Discussion Board: (28% of grade)

Students will be given a set of discussion questions in particular weeks (please see course schedule table). Students are required to use BeachBoard's discussion board to answer these questions during the weeks assigned. You are responsible for participating in all 7 discussions (each worth 4% of your grade). Once you **answered the questions** each week, you will **respond to at least two** other posts from other students. Posts need to be completed before the end of the week each Sunday at 8pm. Because two of the posts are responses, students **should not expect to be able to wait until Sunday** to post. Also, your responses to other students should be complete comments, critiques or clarifications of their points. Simply stating that you agree or disagree will **not** be considered as a complete response.

This material is challenging and the discussion forum is your space to write through your struggles with it. Discussion posts will be graded on their engagement with the class material. They will not be graded on grammar, style, structure, spelling, or mechanics.

Quizzes: (28% of grade)

There will be 5 quizzes, from which students will be able to choose 4 (each worth 7% of your grade in the course). They will be given via the "quiz" feature in the BeachBoard and will test student comprehension and critical thinking. Quizzes will ask you to find connections between the different units of the course in order to analyze how the dimensions of our connections with the world may relate to each other.

These quizzes will be open-book, but time-limited. You can use your notes and material, but keep in mind that you will not be able to answer the questions successfully if you have not previously read the material.

Midterm Exam: (20% of grade)

Students will be given one midterm on October 13th to 14th at 11:30pm. The midterm will be given via the BeachBoard. It will be open-book and time-limited. You can use your notes and material, but keep in mind that you will not be able to answer the questions successfully if you have not previously read the material. During the midterm, you will be asked to establish broader connections between the different units analyzed on the first half of the course. Through a series of questions, students will have to analyze how they are connected culturally, economically, and through our knowledge to the world and other regions. On October 13th to 14th, you will have a period of almost 48 hours to take the exam, but remember that, once you open it, it needs to be finished. **You cannot re-take the exam or re-open it** several times, so please find a good and quiet place with good Internet. Remember that technological issues are not considered to be legitimate excuses for missing assignments.

Final Presentation: (20% of grade)

Students will work in teams of three (3) or four (4) to create the scripts and images for their presentations and then record videos covering their individual parts. These presentations will try to analyze our world citizenship by focusing on our connections with peoples faraway, the issues that emerge from these links, our responsibility, the possible things that can be done, and the limitations that these ideas may entail. Here, students will have to show that they (1) grasped the broad notions of each unit, (2) found possible solutions,



and (3) are able to critique their own stand. The script section of the presentation will be designed and coordinated collectively by the whole group, but the video-presentations can be individual. More details will be posted on BeachBoard, but this final work will be due on December 15th.

Grading:

Evaluation Method

Assignment	Points for each	Total
	Assignment	
Introduce yourself.		4
Discussion Board (7 in total)	4	28
Quizzes (choose 4 out of 5)	7	28
Midterm		20
Final Presentation		20

The course is graded on points (0-100). All grades will be converted to points on a hundred-point scale and then calculated as a portion of the final grade in the class according to the portions detailed above.

CSULB does not use "+" or "-" in final grades. Thus for final grades:

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

<60 = F

Required Texts/Readings

Global Politics: A New Introduction. (Second Edition) (Jenny Edkins and Maja Zehfuss, Routledge, 2014, ISBN-13: 978-0415684811, ISBN-10: 0415684811)

"Indianismo and Decoloniality: voices of Resistance" (Marcos Scauso) in Religious activism in the global economy: promoting, reforming, or resisting neoliberal globalization? Edited by Jay Smith and Sabine Dreher (Rowman & Littlefield International, 2016).

I will send this chapter via e-mail.

Readings are further specified in the table below. Please note that the required readings **include** the subsections within the sections specified for each week. For example, on week two, please read the sub-sections called "Communitarianism" and "Cosmopolitanism" within the section of "General Responses."

There are additional videos, documentaries, and articles in the table of the course schedule. **Class policies**



Academic Honesty

Your oral and written assignments and examinations must be your own work, written originally for this course.

Plagiarism

Academic misconduct will not be tolerated. In most cases plagiarism is accidental, but that does not make it any more acceptable. Please carefully review the CSULB definition of plagiarism: http://www.csulb.edu/library/subj/plagiarism/.

Plagiarism is defined as the act of using the ideas or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own, without giving credit to the source. Such an act is not plagiarism if it is ascertained that the ideas were arrived at through independent reasoning or logic or where the thought or idea is common knowledge. Acknowledge of an original author or source must be made through appropriate references, i.e., quotation marks, footnotes, or commentary. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to, the following: the submission of a work, either in part or in whole, completed by another; failure to give credit for ideas, statements, facts or conclusions which rightfully belong to another; in written work, failure to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or even a part thereof; or close and lengthy paraphrasing of another's writing or programming. A student who is in doubt about the extent of acceptable paraphrasing should consult the instructor. Students are cautioned that, in conducting their research, they should prepare their notes by (a) either quoting material exactly (using quotation marks) at the time they take notes from a source; or (b) departing completely from the language used in the source, putting the material into their own words. In this way, when the material is used in the paper or project, the student can avoid plagiarism resulting from verbatim use of notes. Both quoted and paraphrased materials must be given proper citations.

Cheating

Cheating is defined as the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain or aiding another to obtain academic credit for work by the use of any dishonest, deceptive or fraudulent means. Examples of cheating during an examination would include, but not be limited to the following: copying, either in part or in whole, from another test or examination; discussion of answers or ideas relating to the answers on an examination or test unless such discussion is specifically authorized by the instructor; giving or receiving copies of an exam without the permission of the instructor; using or displaying notes; "cheat sheets," or other information or devices inappropriate to the prescribed test conditions, as when the test of competence includes a test of unassisted recall of information, skill, or procedure; allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the same. Also included are plagiarism as defined and altering or interfering with the grading procedures. It is often appropriate for students to study together or to work in teams on projects. However, such students should be careful to avoid use of unauthorized assistance, and to avoid any implication of cheating, by such means as sitting apart from one another in examinations, presenting the work in a manner which clearly indicates the effort of each individual, or such other method as is appropriate to the particular course.

Students should read the section on cheating and plagiarism in the CSULB catalog - $http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/academic_information/cheating_plagiarism.html.$

If a student is caught plagiarizing or cheating s/he will automatically be given a **failing grade** on the



assignment or in the course, at the professor's discretion, and there are potentially more severe CSULB actions. Please see the CSULB policy:

http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/our/information/policies/cheating/. If you have any questions about how to properly cite references please see me.

Turnitin.com

Students agree that by taking this course all required assignments may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted assignments will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. You may request, in writing from your instructor, that your assignments not be submitted to Turnitin.com. However, if you choose this option you will be required to provide documentation to substantiate that the assignments are your original work and do not include any plagiarized material.

University Withdrawal Policy

Class withdrawals during the final 3 weeks of instruction are not permitted except for a very serious and compelling reason such as accident or serious injury that is clearly beyond the student's control and the assignment of an Incomplete grade is inappropriate (see Grades -

http://www.csulb.edu/depts/enrollment/student_academic_records/grading.html
Application for withdrawal from CSULB or from a class must be officially filed by the student with Enrollment Services whether the student has ever attended the class or not; otherwise, the student will receive a grade of "WU" (unauthorized withdrawal) in the course. Please refer to the CSULB Course Catalog -
http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/catalog/current/academic_regulations/withdrawal_policy.html
to get familiar with the policy.

Late Work

All work for this class is time-sensitive, and so no late work is accepted without sanctions unless there is a university-approved, documented excuse. Acceptable reasons for delayed deadlines or missed exams are the same as those for an excused absence. An "excuse" absence is defined by the CSULB as 1) illness or injury the student, 2) death, injury or serious illness of an immediate family member, 3) religious reasons (as defined by California Education Code section 8932), 4) jury duty or government obligations, 5) university sanctioned activities (artistic performances, intercollegiate athletics, etc.). Documentation must be provided for an excused absence. The student is responsible for all missed work. In the event of an excused absence the instructor will offer make up work. In the event of an unexcused absence there will be a 30% sanction and students will be able to receive a maximum of 70% of the original grade.

Computer Access

Two open access computer labs are available for current CSULB students. Both the Horn Center (located in lower campus) and the Spidell Technology Center (located in Library) are a great resource for students needing to use a computer. Visit the Open Access Computing Facilities -

<u>http://www.csulb.edu/library/guide/computing.html</u> website for an extensive list of all available software installed in both computer labs.

BeachBoard Access

To access this course on BeachBoard - https://bbcsulb.desire2learn.com/ you will need access to the Internet and a supported Web browser (Firefox is the recommended browser). You log in to BeachBoard -



https://bbcsulb.desire2learn.com/ with your CSULB Campus ID and BeachID password. Bookmark this link for future use, or you can always access it by going to CSULB - http://www.csulb.edu/'s homepage and clicking on the BeachBoard link at the top of the page. Once logged in to BeachBoard, you will see the course listed in the My Courses widget on the right; click on the title to enter the course.

This course relies entirely on regular access to and use of BeachBoard. Students are expected to make regular use of this platform and to be familiar with its basic use. If any student has technology access issues, or is unfamiliar with the basics of these platforms, he or she should speak to the professor about it the first day of class. Note that it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all work is submitted on time.

Technology glitches are not an excuse. Students are therefore strongly encouraged to submit work ahead of the date due in case there are technical challenges.

I will also be sending frequent e-mails via the BeachBoard system; you are expected to keep your e-mail address updated in that system and to read your e-mails at least once per day.

Technical Assistance

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or need to report a problem with BeachBoard, please contact the Technology Help Desk using their <u>online form - http://www.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/academic_technology/thd/contact/</u> or by phone at (562) 985-4959 or visit them on campus in the Academic Service (AS) building, room 120.



Detailed Course Schedule:

W	eek and Due Date	Topics.	Readings and Assignments	Grade
1	August 28- September 3 at 8pm.	Who are we? Issues of identity and how we see "others."	- Class Lecture - Global Politics: Chapter 5 - Trump and the ban of "Muslims:" Fear the "other" https://youtu.be/Fz0r0CGW7ic - Trump Inauguration Speech (FULL): America first! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRBsJN dK1t0 - Obama and "Universal" values: https://youtu.be/KQFy0zUs7uE?t=1m24s - John Oliver, Racism, and refugees: https://youtu.be/umqvYhb3wf4 - Optional: OGlobal Politics: Ch. 20 - why do some people think they know what is good for others? - Video Introduction of yourself (Due on September 3rd at 8pm).	4%
2	September 4 - 10 at 8pm.	Thinking about the World: how do we know the world and how does it affect how we live in it?	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 2 Thinking and Language (remember that all the sub-sections within each section are included) Thinking about Thinking "Normal" Vs "Weird:" National Geographic. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BT0kzF4A-WQ "Civilization" Vs. "Axis of evil:" https://youtu.be/VAALGqKPaT4 You know better than us? 	



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			https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3agI9Z YBAoss	
			- Discussion Board 1 (this week will include certain aspects of "identity" and other concepts from the first week as well). Due September 10 th , 8pm.	4%
3	September 11-17 at 8pm.	Media and Communication: who shapes our knowledge of the world?	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 8 The question: The mediation of information. General responses: The media, power Broader Issues: How to read Conclusion. Psychology and propaganda: https://youtu.be/eJ3RzGoQC4s (at least until min. 16:35) Resistance, Art and Communication: https://www.ted.com/talks/shirin_neshat_art_in_exile?language=en "Left wing agitators," and "ignorant:" Fox's news' construction of protesters: http://insider.foxnews.com/2016/03/31/hannity-webb-video-trump-protesters-dont-know-why-they-are-protesting 	
			- Quiz 1: Global Politics Ch. 5, 2, and 8. Due September 17 th at 8pm.	7%
4	September 18 - 24 at 8pm.	Power and the World	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 7 The question: Obedience, resistance and Force. General Responses: Authority and 	



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			Legitimacy. Broad Issues: Thinking about power. Conclusion - Cultural power: http://blogs.cbn.com/thewebblog/archive/2 009/01/22/americas-second-largest- export.aspx - Military power: http://www.globalfirepower.com/country- military-strength- detail.asp?country_id=United-States-of- America - Bolivia and resistance: https://youtu.be/hn9wujK0ho4 (until min. 2:46) - The tank man: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrQqD qOx3KYY - Optional: O The tank man and background history: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/fro ntline/tankman/cron/	4%
			at 8pm Class Lecture	
5	September 25 – October 1 at 8pm.	Colonialism and Slavery: today?	 Global Politics: Chapter 15 Global Politics: Ch. 16 The Question: Colonialism and underdevelopment General Responses: What is modern colonialism. Conclusion. 	



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			 The Middle East and Colonialism: John Stewart https://youtu.be/HSlriHaSIWA Modern Slavery: https://youtu.be/dqCSgCDGNT8 Cheap Clothing and our role in Colonialism: https://youtu.be/vP1cXvQKluA Discussion Board 3. Due on October 1st at 8pm. 	4%
			Discussion Board 3. Due on october 1 at opin.	170
6	October 2 – 8 at 8pm.	World Economics	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 17 The Question: From Local Markets General Responses: Explaining the politics of Broader Issues: The hidden costs of Conclusion. The Story of Stuff: How does our way of life affect the world? https://youtu.be/9GorqroigqM Quiz 2: Global Politics Ch. 7, 15, 16 (assigned section), and 17. Due on October 8th at 8pm. 	7%
7	October 13- 14 at 11:30pm.	Midterm	Includes: all readings, lectures, articles, and videos until this week.	20%
8	October 16 - 22 at 8pm.	Religion and Politics: diversity, reasoning, and identity.	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 6 Disrespecting diversity "hurts everybody:" http://www.cc.com/video-clips/ju44t3/the-daily-show-with-trevor-noah-dalia-mogahedunderstanding-american-muslims-and-the-media-s-coverage-of-terrorism 	



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			- "Islamic Terrorism" or "Terrorism"? • Obama: http://www.cnn.com/videos/ politics/2016/09/29/presiden t-obama-town-hall-radical- islam-sot.cnn • Trump: https://youtu.be/ETLrJN2mCa k - Optional: O Islam: Empire of Faith (documentary) https://youtu.be/UHhbSvOcz4g	
			- Discussion Board 4. Due October 22 nd at 8pm.	4%
9	October 23 - 29 at 8pm.	Global Environmental issues: or the biosphere?	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 3 Denial of Climate Change in the U.S. Gov.: John Stewart. https://youtu.be/lPgZfhnCAdI John Oliver, Climate Change, and our national security: https://youtu.be/cjuGCJJUGsg Trump, Climate Change, and competitiveness first: https://youtu.be/CsUrbwlRjfI Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Scott Pruitt, and Trump: https://youtu.be/4Y-YU3vePq0 Discussion Board 5. Due on October 29th at 8pm. 	4%
10	October 30 – November 5 at 8pm.	Save the Planet	Class LectureGlobal Politics: Chapter 4	



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			 The question: Environmental Politics and Illustrative Example: The World Summit in 2002. 	
			 Indianismo reading (sent via e-mail or on our website) Indianismo and Decoloniality Pachamama and Buen Vivir Children, ECO, the future and environmentalism: https://youtu.be/TQmz6Rbpnu0 Optional: Global Politics Ch. 4, section "Post-Ecologism and Eco-Governmentality." Documentary about Immigration, Indianismo and Bolivia:	
			mentaries.html - Quiz 3: Global Politics Ch 6, 3, and 4. Due on November 5 th at 8pm.	7%
11	November 6 – 12 at 8pm.	Violence and danger	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Chapter 23 What is violence The Relationship between Violence and Power Visible and Invisible Violence Conclusion Global Politics: Ch. 24 General Responses: Thinking in terms of strategy A bomb was dropped every 20 minutes during Obama's 2016 administration: https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfr 	



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			ee/2017/jan/09/america-dropped-26171-bombs-2016-obama-legacy - "Securitization theory" and the construction of threats: https://youtu.be/wQ07tW0zE c (until min. 2:44) - Bush, the "civilized world," and the "danger:" https://youtu.be/hlyhqlkaHB0 (until min. 4:47) - Hugs and their power of resistance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lRbbEQ kraYg - Optional: o Iraq: from bad to worse: http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2015/03/iraqi-women-150308055143624.html o Edward Said - framed: The politics of Stereotypes in News: https://youtu.be/4QYrAqrpshw - Discussion Board 6. Due on November 12th at 8pm.	4%
12	November 13 - 19 at 8pm.	People and Borders: the arbitrariness of territorial demarcation and identity formations.	 Class Lecture Global Politics: Ch. 11 (Please read Ch 11 first and then Ch 10). Forms of Political and geo General Responses: The emergence of territory Global Politics: Chapter 10 Obama, "The deporter in Chief:" https://youtu.be/8CMjw-ibKtQ Trump: Immigrants as "bringing drugs, crime" and being "rapists" or "terrorists from 	



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			the Middle East:" https://youtu.be/Jaz1J0s-cL4 - ID data base, Muslim registration and mark the "other:" https://youtu.be/YJFEBthh21c?t=25s - Optional:	
			 Trump's executive order to build a wall: https://youtu.be/98HRrLsbB80 John F. Kennedy's speech about the Berlin Wall: https://youtu.be/56V6r2dpYH8 	
			- Quiz 4: Global Politics Ch 23, 24, 10 and 11. Due on November 19 th at 8pm.	7%
13	November 20 - 26	Fall Break	Optional reading for extra credit (due on Sunday at 8pm)	
14	November 27 – December 3 at 8pm.	The end of poverty? Or ideologies for more?	 Two class Lectures Global Politics: Chapter 19 General Responses: Liberal and developmental Broad Issues: Historical materialism Global Politics: Chapter 20 The Question: The Global Poor and General Responses: The Neoliberal Project and Broader Issues: Alternative Visions Indianismo reading (sent via e-mail or download from website) Neoliberalism and Indianismo. 	
			- Discussion Board 7. Due on December 3 rd at 8pm.	4%



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December 4 – 10 at 8pm.	Social and Global Transformations: how can we 'be' in this world? No certain answers here.	- Class Lecture - Global Politics: Chapter 28 - Indianismo reading (sent via e-mail)	7%
Due December 15 at 8pm.	Presentations.	Video presentation and script: connect the dots.	20%