Course Syllabus
Sociology 320: Globalization
Summer 2015
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15-11:35 am
Cramer Hall Room 158

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Office Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:45-12:30, AND by appointment Cramer 217G

* Please include “Globalization or Soc 320” in the subject heading for all course emails.

Course Description: This course examines the nature of globalization, with a strong focus on how economic development patterns affect the relationship between societies of the global North and the global South, and how they also affect the quality of life of groups within societies of the global North and the global South. We will explore the beginnings of the development project and how it transformed into the globalization project that we are familiar with today. In addition, we will investigate and discuss the benefits and challenges to increasingly global forms of labor and production of goods. The latter half of the course will discuss the implications for globalization in terms of increasing poverty, health and wealth inequality, as well as explore strategies for making globalization work in today’s society.

Course Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course you will be able to:

• Describe the origins and evolution of development and globalization
• Describe the role of the West (and the United States in particular) in shaping development and globalization
• Articulate the relationship between different global relations and inequality
• Explain the role of social movements in resisting and modifying the approach to globalization
• Analyze and propose solutions to the consequences of globalization

Course Format/Student Expectations: This course will be a combination of lecture and in-class discussion and exercises. Class attendance is required and graded.

Phones, computers or other electronic devices — off unless a DRC accommodation.
Required Textbooks:


Writing Resources: The Writing Center at PSU offers a variety of resources for students seeking to strengthen their writing skills or who would like assistance with writing projects. The Writing Center is located in Cramer Hall Room 188 and can be contacted at (503) 725-3570 for additional information.

Disability Resources: The Disability Resource Center (DRC) at PSU strives to ensure that all students have an equitable and successful experience on campus. In the classroom, DRC offers note taking accommodations, in addition to test taking accommodations upon student request. If you have not already, please register with the DRC and make sure to contact me during the first week of class if you need additional assistance with test taking or other resources pertaining to the classroom. The DRC is located in Smith Memorial Union, room 116 and can be contacted via email at drc@pdx.edu or via phone (503) 725-4150.

Academic Integrity: As an active participant in your personal learning and enrichment through pursuing this course at Portland State University, it is my expectation as your instructor that the work you submit is in fact reflective of your personal time and effort. Academic integrity is a staple of higher education and a core value at PSU. Cheating and/or plagiarism are not only serious offenses but will not be tolerated. Class participation, attendance, and all work submitted must be your own. I will not take any violations of the student code of conduct or our contract together through this syllabus lightly. Therefore, any student that is found to be in violation of academic integrity will receive a zero for their assignment or a failing grade for the course. In addition, any resulting offense will be reported to the Dean of Student Life and dealt with accordingly. If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please feel free to contact me via email or during office hours, in addition to reviewing the Student Code of Conduct.

http://www.pdx.edu/dos/psu-student-code-conduct

Late Submissions Policy: Late assignments will result in the loss of a letter grade for each day that the assignment is late.

Graded Assignments:

**Class Participation:** Class attendance is required. Arriving late is disrespectful and disruptive to the class. No late arrivals. Plan on arriving at 9:00 am to be on the safe side.
Weekly Assignments/Quizzes: We will have these assignments in class once a week. Occasionally they may be handed out to turn in through D2L.

Mid-term Exam*: Tuesday, July 21 (no make-ups)
Final Exam*: Thursday, August 13 (no make-ups)

* Exams will be a combination of short answers (a brief paragraph) and brief essay questions (2-3 paragraphs)

Breakdown of course grade:

Class attendance/participation: 15% (1 point off for each class missed or late)
Weekly Assignments: 30%
Midterm Exam: 25%
Final Exam: 30%

Course Schedule* (Subject to change throughout the quarter):

Week 1 (June 23-25): What is Development? Theory and Formation
   Read: McMichael (2012) Chapter 1 (Tuesday), Chapter 2 (Thursday)

Week 2 (June 30-Jul 2): What is Development? From Development to Globalization
   Read: McMichael (2012) Chapters 3 (Tuesday), Chapter 4 (Thursday)

Week 3 (Jul 7-Jul 9): The Globalization Project
   Read: McMichael (2012) Chapters 5 (Tuesday), Chapter 6 (Thursday)

   Read: Hing (2010)

Week 5 (Jul 21-Jul 23)
   • Jul 21: MIDTERM EXAM
   • Jul 23: Social Movements against Globalization
   Read: McMichael (2012) Chapter 7 (Tuesday)
Week 6 (Jul 28-Jul 30): **Social Movements against Globalization** (cont)

**Read:** McMichael (2012) Chapter 8 (Tuesday), **TBA articles on D2L (Thursday)**

Week 7 (Aug 4-Aug 6): **Globalization and the Environment**

**Tuesday:** **Read:** McMichael (2012) Chapter 9

**Thursday:** **Read:** **TBA articles on D2L**

Week 8 (Aug 11-Aug 13): **Can Globalization Work?**

**Tuesday:** **Read:** McMichael (2012) Chapter 10

**Thursday:** **FINAL EXAM**