Course Syllabus and Policy Requirement Statement

SEC 6312 Globalization and International Security

Course Description

Overview

The Globalization and International Security (GIS) course will examine how globalization affects the policies, economies, societies, and militaries of both state and non-state actors on the regional and world stage. While globalization has had many benefits since the end of World War II, it has also created "haves and have nots", radical religious and political ideologies, and ethnic conflict in regions affecting the national security of the developed and developing world. This course will conduct important studies that examine how the interconnected world creates differing realities for various nation-states and regions, and what the potential is for the future. The core question of this course is whether globalization promotes security or fosters more insecurity and hyperconflict.

Course Objectives

As a result of completing this course, the student will be able to:

Objective One: Analyze the nexus between globalization, international security, and hyperconflict.

Objective Two: Examine select case studies detailing the interactions between hypercompetition, hyperpower, hyperconflict, and globalization.

Objective Three: Evaluate the potential future international security ramifications of globalization.

Required Books


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Evaluation Requirements:

Grading of the course consists of the following components:
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<th>Assignments</th>
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<td>Engaged discussion participation</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Weekly. Initial posts are due by Midnight CST Friday, of each week.</td>
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<td>First Essay</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Due Sunday at the end of week 2 before 11:59 P.M. Central Time.</td>
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<td>Midterm PowerPoint Presentation</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>Due Sunday at the end of week 4 before 11:59 P.M. Central Time.</td>
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**Late assignments will be graded accordingly.**

Angelo State University employs a letter grade system. Grades in this course are determined on a percentage scale:

- A = 90 – 100 %
- B = 80 – 89 %
- C = 70 – 79 %
- D = 60 – 69 %
- F = 59 % and below.

**Course Organization:**

- **Lesson 1:**
  - Part 1: *Globalization and International Security: The Prologue*. The initial lesson focuses on the broad ramifications of globalization on international security. Specifically, the lesson begins the investigation into how security is affected by globalization, positively and negatively. In addition, the lesson also introduces the concepts of hypercompetition, hyperpower, and hyperconflict as a basis for examining the linkages between globalization and security.
  - Part 2: *International Security Studies and Coercive Globalization*. This lesson provides some preliminary answers to the question: What is the nexus between globalization and security? The answers include a brief look at nine of the major themes in the studies of war and peace: national security, democratic peace, peace through trade, ethnopoltical fragmentation, the weak state, warlordism, resource wars, greed and grievance, and new wars (Mittleman 2010, 26). The intent is to establish a new baseline for discussing globalization and security and the novel reference point is crafted around the concept of coercive globalization.

- **Lesson 2:**
  - **Case 1-Global Investment and Hyperconflict**. One of the key devices for enabling the global economy is examined in this lesson. The lesson directly investigates how the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), proposed in 1995, became a lightning rod for all parties that are against the unequal and pernicious
effects of globalization. The thesis of the case is that the MAI in fact would not increase security but increase insecurity and hyperconflict.

- **Lesson 3:**
  - **Case 2-Rise and Fall of the Asian Tigers.** The geopolitical aspects of the 1997 crash of Asian economies are the focus of this case. The case reveals specific hyperconflict and hyperpower conditions that contributed to "manifold forms of violence, coercion wielded by state and nonstate actors, a growing climate of fear, and contagion" (Mittleman 2010, 85). Also, in this case the catalytic factors that helped the Asian economies grow so fast before the crash followed by the deleterious factors that hastened their fall are evaluated.

- **Lesson 4:**
  - **Case 3-Sleepless and Screaming in Seattle.** Trade liberalization, economic reforms, and more transparency in the operations of the global economy were all promised as outputs from the 1999 World Trade Organizations (WTO) meetings in Seattle Washington. What resulted during the meetings were violent displays by a consortium of global communities angered by a lack of upward mobility and smoothing of widespread economic inequality. These violent clashes also revealed intense conflicts between global society and the WTO, developing and developed states, and intense hypercompetition and hyperpower (Mittleman, 2010).

- **Lesson 5:**
  - **Case 4-The Global Terror Accounts.** This lesson examines ways in which the attack of September 11, 2001 (9/11) was cultivated to craft a broad storyline that was exploited as a tool to propel global change. In particular, the storyline contains five interconnected narratives: "9/11 as a binary opposition of the nation and its enemies; an identity rooted in religion; a representation propped up by states and their adversaries; a symbol of economic power, and an image of masculinity that subordinates women" (Mittleman 2010, 139). While the chronicles are diverse and expansive they share a common characteristic, the coercive use of power to instigate pre-planned transformations.

- **Lesson 6:**
  - **Future Trends and Globalization.** Where are the trend lines for hyperconflict headed? What are the prospects for globalization increasing global security or global insecurity? This lesson re-evaluates the impacts of the four cases and offers scenarios of a future world order. Finally, the discussion also investigates necessary and sufficient conditions for perpetual global peace.

- **Lesson 7:**
  - **Assessment.** The last week of the course is reserved for students to complete the final assessment. The final assessment requires student to develop a 12-15 page response to a comprehensive essay question. The final essay question is designed to evaluate student mastery of the course objectives.

**Bibliography and Assigned Readings:**


*KNote: The Kindle version is available from the Amazon Kindle Store*


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Neely, Michelle Clark, "Paper Tigers? How the Asian Economies Lost Their Bite," *The Regional*


Communication

Office Hours/Contacting the Instructor

See the Instructor Information section for contact information.

University Policies

Academic Integrity

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the university Academic Honor Code and the ASU Student Handbook.

Accommodations for Disability

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Office of Student Affairs
University Center, Suite 112
325-942-2047 Office
325-942-2211 FAX

Student absence for religious holidays

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

Title IX

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:

Michelle Boone, J.D.
Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022
You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

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Required Use of Masks/Facial Coverings by Students in Class

As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.