

Community Health 184 Globalization and Health

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Course Web Site on **Blackboard**

Overview:

This seminar on Globalization and Health is organized in three parts. First, we will read both the current and the historical theory on what globalization is and how it may affect the world and we will examine the current debates of Rodrick, Sen, Stiglitz, and others. Our focus will be on international community and the globalization process affecting it. In the second part of the seminar, we will focus on issues of health in the world and how globalization could make things better, or make things worse. We will look at the growing problems of tobacco, obesity, and consumption in the developing world and how globalization is related. In the third part of the seminar, we will seek to understand how the effects of globalization on health play out in the context of formal global community and the growing global civil society. Finally, we will examine the role of the state, the role of markets, and the role of international grass-roots movements in advocating for health and affecting health policy throughout the world.

Course Requirements:

Students are required to prepare one question for class discussion prior to each class throughout the semester. Since this is a small seminar, individual attendance, preparation, and participation is critical to our collective experience, we depend on each other for questions and discussion. Also, depending on the number of students in the seminar, you each will have responsibility for organizing and leading the discussion for one class session. This will be done with my help and participation, and will require a meeting with me prior to the class you will lead.

You are required to bring a printed copy of your discussion question to class for grading. The discussion questions must be based on the current week's assigned readings. Fifteen percent of the final grade will be based on the discussion questions and ten percent of the final grade will be based on participation in class discussions. Note that this portion of class discussion grade depends only on participation as opposed to having a "correct" answer or point of view. Class participation and discussion question grades for the prior class will be returned to students each week beginning in week two. Students are encouraged to ask about their participation if they have any uncertainty about what is expected or their current standing at any point in the semester. Together, the discussion questions and your participation in the class accounts for 35% of the final grade – see grading summary.

A research project is required of each student. Students will choose an aspect of globalization, a health issue, and a geographic area (country or region) on the world and explore the effects of globalization on health outcomes within this context. A PowerPoint presentation is required of each student at the last class. The research paper of approximately fifteen to twenty pages is due at 5:00pm on Friday December 18, 2009. A two to five page proposal for the paper is due in class on October 7th and there will be verbal updates on student's research progress at various class meetings during the semester. The proposal, paper, and in-class presentation will account for 65% of the total grade for the course – see grading summary.

The research project has three components; the proposal, the paper itself, and the in-class presentation. The proposal must be word-processed and printed, and is limited to two to five pages. It must include the aspect of globalization under examination, the health issue of focus, and the chosen geographic area. The proposal should include at least five references to show that the topics chosen can be successfully researched. The research paper itself is due on December 18, 2009 at 5pm in the Blackboard Drop Box. Late proposals and papers will lose one full grade for each day beyond the due date. The length of the in-class presentations will be determined by class size but is typically 20 minutes. The proposal, research paper, and presentation account for 65 percent of the final grade – see grading summary.

Email Policy: Email regarding the course will be answered within 48 hours Monday through Friday. Typically, email will not be answered between 6:00 pm on Friday and 10:00 am on Monday. Thus, it is important to plan ahead and give attention to assignments early so there is time for questions should they arise.

Office Hours: I will hold office hours at the Community Health Program offices on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:50 and additionally by appointment. Individual meetings are both productive and enjoyable, and I encourage you to take advantage of this.

Grading Summary:

Class Participation Questions	15 % of final grade
Class Discussion	10 %
Discussion Leadership	10 %
Research Proposal	25 %
Research Paper	25 %
Presentation	15 %
Total 100 %	

Required Texts: (available at the bookstore and at online vendors)

1. Frank J. Lechner and John Boli, eds. 2008. *The Globalization Reader*. 3rd Edition. Blackwell Publishing, London.
2. Ichiro Kawachi and Sarah Wamala, eds. 2007. *Globalization and Health*. 1st Edition. Oxford University Press, Oxford and New York.

Course Schedule

- Sept 9** **Introduction to Globalization and Health**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs 1 – 6
Kawachi: Forward, Ch 1
- Sept 16** **Introduction to Globalization and Health, continued**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 7 - 14
Kawachi: Chs 11 and 12
- Sept 23** **Theories of Globalization**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 7 – 14, cont.
- Sept 30** **How Markets, States and Organizations Affect Health**
- Reading: BlackBoard: "The Role of Liberalism"
Kawachi: Chs: 15, 18
- Oct 7** **The Demise of the Nation State: The Role of Government and the Role of Global Social Movements**
- Research Paper Proposal Due
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 26 - 30
Kawachi: Ch: 9
BlackBoard: "Theory of Public Health" and "Transnational Activist Networks"
- Oct 14** **Organizing the World: The Future for Global Health**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 31 - 36
Kawachi: Ch: 16, 17

- Oct 21** **Economic Globalization and the Effect on Health**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 19 - 25
Kawachi: Ch: 8
- Oct 28** **How Women's Health is Affected by Globalization**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 15 - 18
Kawachi: Ch: 10
- Nov 4** **The Globalization and Social Problems: Nutrition and the Environment**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 47 - 52
Kawachi: Chs: 4, 5
- Nov 11** **The Impact of Globalization on Health and Development Behavior and Disease**
- Reading: Kawachi: Chs: 7, 13, 14
- Nov 18** **Cultural Globalization and Health Issues**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 37 - 46
Kawachi: Chs: 2, 3, 6
- Nov 25** **Thanksgiving Recess**
- Dec 2** **Critiques of Globalization**
- Reading: Lechner: Chs: 53 - 55
- Dec 9** **Research Presentations**