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GLOBALIZATION

Globalization is not a new idea especially if you believe data about the origins of the human race which started in Africa. Hence, the first instance of Globalism is the dispersion of Humans out of Africa and around the world. Another indication is that ancient empires existed around the world from Egypt, Persia, Assyrian, Greece, Zimbabwe, and Mali. The uniqueness about the contemporary globalization is the intensity and seemingly permanent communication and interaction with all regions of the world for 24 hours day 360 days a year. Perhaps the Achilles heel of the new Globalization is that it essentially only allows commodities unimpeded access to most countries in the world! However, it is much more difficult more to travel from one country to another.

However, the social sciences have failed to develop a paradigm that could unify all the different strands of Globalism. Hence, this course is designed around what I think are the major issues in an increasingly smaller world.

Grades

Midterm: 2-4 page critical review of each text book.

Each review is worth 10 points! (Midterm)

Final Paper: A critical summary of 3-5 pages based on one or two of most important ideas you gained from the class. Each critical review must include the following: What is the Thesis of the Author; Is the Thesis of the Author supported by his evidence? Does the text provide you with any new or helpful insights? If so what are they-? (Final Paper50)

REQUIRED READING:

THE RISING TIDE OF CULTURAL PLURALISM CRAWFORD YOUNG
GLOBAL ISSUES SELECTIONS FROM CQ RESEARCHER
GLOBALIZATION & FEMINIST ACTIVISM MARY E. HAWKESWORTH
SEVEN SINS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY LOCH K. JOHNSON
GLOBALIZATION & POSTCOLONIALISM SANKARAN KRISHNA

TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK 1&2

I DEOLOGY: WHERE DO OUR IDEAS ABOUT THE WORLD AND WHO WE ARE ORIGNATE? WHAT CRITERIA CAN WE USE TO DETERMINE WHETHER WHAT

RELIGION IS THE BEST? IN SHORT CAN SCIENCE HELP US TO CHOOSE BETWEEN IDEAS SUCH AS RELIGION, CLASS, NATIONALISM, DEMOCRACY, SOCIALISM, FACISM, SEXISM, RACE OR HISTORY? QUESTIONS: WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL PARTS OF AN IDEOLOGY? WHO CREATES IDEOLOGIES?

WEEK 3&4

CAPITALISM: IS THE IDEOLOGY THAT PRODUCTIVITY IS THE KEY TO A NATION'S WEALTH INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT OF GOLD IN THE TREASURY! THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF CAPITALISM ARE THAT MARKETS BASED ON SUPPLY SHOULD EXCLUSIVELY DETERMINE VALUES; COMPETITION IS THE ENERGY SOURCE, AND INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO MAXIMIZE THEIR PLEASURE IS THE BEDROCK OF CAPITALISM. QUESTIONS: CAPITALISM AS WE KNOW IT SUSTAINABLE? ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARGUE THAT EXCESSIVE CONSUMPTION IS DESTROYING OUR PLANET. HOWEVER SHOULD POOR NON-WESTERN COUNTRIES REDUCE THEIR QUEST OF A BETTER LIFE AND MORE CONSUMPTION TO A SAVE THE WORLD? HOW SHOULD THE THIRD WORLD RESPOND TO THE MINORITY OF WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREATEST POLLUTION IN THE WORLD TODAY? IS CAPITALISM BECOMING OBSOLETE?

WEEK 5 &6

GLOBALIZATION: PERHAPS THE SIMPLE WAY TO THINK OF GLOBALIZATION IS TO UNPACK THE MAJOR PRINCIPLES OF GLOBALISM. I FIND MANDFRED STEGER'S SIX CLAIMS A GOOD POINT OF ENTRY INTO AN ANALYSIS OF GLOBALIZATION:

- 1. GLOBALIZATION IS ABOUT THE LIBERALIZATION OF MARKETS**
- 2. GLOBALIZATION IS INEVITABLE AND IRREVERSIBLE**
- 3. NONE IS IN CHARGE OF GLOBALIZATION**
- 4. GLOBALIZATION BENEFITS EVERYONE**
- 5. GLOBALIZATION FURTHER THE SPREAD OF DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD**
- 6. GLOBALIZATION REQUIRES A WAR ON TERROR**
- 7. JAN PIETERSE ADDS HYBRIDIZATION OF CULTURE, I.E. HIP-HOP CULTURE! JAZZ, BLUES AND ROCK AND ROLL**

PERHAPS THE GREATEST PARADOX OF GLOBALIZATION IS THAT AS CULTURE AND ECONOMICS BECOME MORE INTERNATIONAL POLITICS REMAINS LOCAL AND TRIBAL! FOR EXAMPLE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE ONLY AUTHORITY THAT CAN LEGITIMATELY CALL FOR A WAR AGAINST ANOTHER COUNTRY? HOWEVER FOUR OUT THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN ARE WESTERN COUNTRIES. HOW LEGITIMATE CAN THEIR EDICTS BE WHEN THEY WERE SILENT WHEN THE UNJUSTLY INVADED IRAQ. A CASE A POINT IS LOOK AT THE WESTERN WORLD TREATED RUSSIA FIGHTING WITH GEORGIA FOR EXAMPLE LOOK AT THE WAY THE WESTERN WORLD CONDEMNED RUSSIA'S INVASION

BUT THESE SAME COUNTRIES WERE SILENT ABOUT THE UNJUST INVASION OF IRAQ!

A PRINCIPAL QUESTION OF GLOBAL POLITICS BASED ON THE NATION STATE IS WHETHER OR NOT IT SHOULD SURRENDER THEIR POWER TO TRANS-NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR REMAIN ANCHORED IN THE NATION STATE. THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS THAT ALL POLITICS SHOULD IN MAIN LOCAL?

WEEK 7

GLOBALIZATION & FEMINIST ACTIVISM

CAN WOMEN EMPOWER THEMSELVES, WHILE BEING MARGANIZED AS A SECOND SEX?

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR WOMEN TO BECOME EQUAL I.E POWER AND WAGES?

WEEK 8

GLOBAL ISSUES

TERRORISM: THE US DEFINES TERRORISM AS THE CALCULATED USE OR THREAT OF VIOLENCE TO INCULCATE FEAR, INTENDED TO COERCE OR INTIMIDATE GOVERNMENTS OR SOCIEITES. THE UK DEFINES IT AS "THE USE OR A THREAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCING A POLITICAL RELIGIOUS OR IDEOLOGICAL COURSE OF ACTION, OF SERIOUS VIOLENCE AGAINST ANY PERSON OR PROPERTY".

HOWEVER THESE DEFINITIONS ARE NOT TOO HELPFUL BECAUSE IT DOES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT WHEN A LEGITIMATE STATE LIKE THE USA ATTACKS IRAQ WITHOUT BEING ATTACKED IS NOT CONSIDERED TERRORISM. INTERNATIONAL CLEARLY STATES THAT ANY NATION THAT ATTACK ANOTHER STATE WITHOUT PROVOCATION IT IS AN ILLEGITIMATE WAR. SHOULD THE ILLEGITMATE INVASION OF IRAQ BY PRESIDENT OBAMA BE CONSIDERED AS AN ACT OF US&UK STATE TERRORISM? BASED ON THE US AND UK LAWS ON TERRORISM! ANOTHER PATH THE USA AND THE UK COULD TRAVEL IS TO SAY THAT ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE IMMUNITY FROM PERSECUTION BECAUSE THEY ARE THE MOST CIVILIZED AND MOST POWERFUL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD! WHAT DOES JUSTICE MEAN,IF THE WEST CAN COMMIT CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY STILL BE CELEBRATED SINCE THEY HAVE COMMITTED MORE CRIMES IN MODERN DAY HISTORY THAN ANOTHER COUNTRY IN THE CENTURY.IS THAT LEGITIMATE FOR THEM TO COMMIT THESE WAR CRIMES?

WEEK 9& 10

SEVEN SINS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

DISCUSS WHY THESE MAJOR ISSUES OF WHY THE US IS HATED BY OTHER COUNTRIES. EXPLAIN THESE CONCEPTS AND COMPARE WHICH WAS WORSE.

***IGNORANCE**

***UNILATERALISM**

***ARROGANCE**

WEEK 11 & 12

GLOBALIZATION & POSTCOLONIALISM

POST-COLONIALISM IS AN ATTEMPT BY THE COLONIZED TO BEGIN TO CARVE OUT A SPHERE OF AUTONOMY. THE COLONIZED HAD TWO SOULS AND TWO POINTS OF VIEW: ONE FROM THE COLONIZER AND ONE FROM HIS OWN CULTURE. THIS LEADS THE COLONIZED TO TRY AND CARVE OUT A CULTURAL SPHERE THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE COLONIAL MOMENT WHICH INEVITABLY FORCES THE COLONIZED TO RETURN PRE-COLONIAL WORLD WHICH IS MORE IMAGINED THAN REAL AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION IS WHETHER OR NOT THE POST-COLONIAL PERSON CAN DEFINE HIMSELF INDEPENDENT OF THE COLONIAL MOMENT? THIS IS VERY HARD BECAUSE YOU'RE LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND IDENTITY IS MORE SHAPED BY THE COLONIAL TIME AND SPACE THAN THE PRE-COLONIAL!

WEEK 13 & 14

THE RISING TIDE OF CULTURAL PLURALISM

WHAT DOES AN AUTHENTIC PERSON THAT HAS BEEN UNDER COLONIAL RULE DO TO BECOME AUTHENTIC IN THEIR OWN SOCIETY? THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER LEFT ARE STILL THE SAME, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED ARE BETTER OFF THAN THE NATIVE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE TWO SOULS TO THEM, THIRD WORLD PEOPLE HAVE THE DILEMMA.

Academic Integrity

Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at SJSU, and the University's Academic Integrity Policy requires you to be honest in all your academic work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the Office of Judicial Affairs.

Cheating at SJSU, cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means. Cheating includes but is not limited to: copying in part or in whole from another's test or other evaluation instrument; submitting work previously

graded in another course unless approved by the course instructor; submitting work simultaneously presented in two courses, unless this has been approved by both instructors; altering or interfering with grading or grading instructions; sitting for an examination by a surrogate, or as a surrogate; any other act committed by a student in the course of his or her academic work which defrauds or misrepresents, including aiding or abating in any of the actions defined above. Violations of the SJSU academic integrity policy will not be tolerated in this class. Students who commit such violations will receive a grade of "F" in the course or assignment and will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for disciplinary action.

Plagiarism:

In our University the policy on plagiarism reads as follows: "AT SJSU the act of representing the work of another as one's own (without giving appropriate credit) regardless of how that work was obtained, and submitting it to fulfill academic requirements. Plagiarism as SJSU includes but is not limited to: The acts of incorporating ideas, words, sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof, or specific substance of another's work, without giving appropriate credit, and representing it as one's own work; and Representing another's artistic/scholarly work such as musical compositions, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's "own." Sanctions for plagiarism can range from an oral reprimand to expulsion from SJSU. In other, the potential costs outweigh the immediate benefits. Do not do it. Students caught plagiarizing automatically Fail the course. If you are unsure of the policy on Academic Integrity, please see the information on the university website: http://sa.sjsu/student_conduct

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with the professor visit him during office hours as soon as possible. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must be registered with DRC to establish a record of their disability.