

Professor Leichenko  
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# The Geography of Economic Globalization

*Registration:* Advanced Topics in Economic Geography  
01:450:406:01 (undergraduate); 16:450:606:02 (graduate)

**Overview:** This undergraduate and graduate seminar examines the causes and consequences of economic globalization from a geographic perspective. During the first half of the semester, we will consider the determinants of economic globalization, geographic patterns of economic globalization, and impacts of globalization on regional economies. During the second half, we will focus on the implications of globalization for labor and the environment. The course will be taught as a seminar with emphasis on reading and class discussion.

## Meeting Time and Place

W: 9:50 to 12:30, Room B267 Lucy Stone Hall

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## Required Texts and Readings

Peter Dicken. 1998. *Global Shift*. Guilford Press. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition.

Hilary French. 2000. *Vanishing Borders: Protecting the Planet in the Age of Globalization*. Washington, D.C.: Worldwatch Institute.

Rodrik, Dani. 1997. *Has Globalization Gone Too Far?* Washington, D.C.: Institute for International Economics.

*Other Readings:* other assigned readings will be distributed in class or made available for photocopying.

*Other Sources:* Given the pace of globalization, many of the print materials that we read will not take into account current (and often crucial) economic changes. Two of the best sources for current information on globalization are the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* ([www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)).

## Grading

30% for class attendance and class participation. Attendance and participation are required.

20% (10% each) for two short “response” papers (3 pages maximum) written in response to two reading assignments. These papers will be discussed with the class.

50% for final paper. The **final paper** is due on **May 4**. Extensions of the due date for the final paper will not be granted except in the event of a documented family or medical emergency.

*Weekly Schedule and Reading Assignments*

**Assigned readings must be completed prior to the class in which they are discussed.**

Week 1 (January 17)	Introduction
Week 2 (January 24)	The Causes and Consequences of Globalization Assigned reading: Dicken, Chapters 1, 2, Intro. to Part II
Week 3 (January 31)	The Causes and Consequences of Globalization Assigned reading: Dicken, Chapters 3, 4, 5
Week 4 (February 7)	The Causes and Consequences of Globalization Assigned reading: Dicken, Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9 Discussion of ideas for paper topics
Week 5 (February 14)	The Causes and Consequences of Globalization Assigned reading: Marx, Amin, Wallerstein; Cox
Week 6 (February 21)	The Causes and Consequences of Globalization Assigned reading: Mittelman; Cox Discussion of paper topics. <b>Preliminary problem statement due.</b>
Week 7 (February 28)	No Class -- AAG National Meetings
Week 8 (March 7)	Globalization, labor, and inequality Assigned reading: Rodrik, Chapters 1, 2; Kapstein; Dicken, Chapter 13
Week 9 (March 14)	No Class -- Spring Break
Week 10 (March 21)	Globalization, labor, and inequality Assigned reading: Rodrik, Chapters 3 -5; Cox Discussion of paper. <b>Problem statement and draft outline due.</b>
Week 11 (March 28)	The consequences of globalization: the environment French, Chapters 1-6
Week 12 (April 4)	The consequences of globalization: the environment Assigned reading: French, Chapters 7-10; OECD Discussion of papers. <b>Revised problem statement and detailed outline due.</b>
Week 13 (April 11)	Globalization and global environmental change Assigned reading: O'Brien and Leichenko, 2000, 2001; Leichenko and O'Brien 2001.
Week 14 (April 18)	Student presentations
Week 15 (April 25)	Student presentations.

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Reference	Source
Amin, Samir. 1997. <i>Capitalism in the Age of Globalization</i> . New Jersey: Zed Books. <i>Selected Chapters</i>	photocopy
Cox, Kevin, ed. 1997. <i>Spaces of Globalization</i> . New York: Guildford. <i>Selected Chapters</i>	photocopy
Dicken, Peter. 1998. <i>Global Shift</i> . Guilford Press. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition.	class text
French, Hilary. 2000. <i>Vanishing Borders: Protecting the Planet in the Age of Globalization</i> . Washington, D.C.: Worldwatch Institute.	class text
Kapstein, E. B. 2000. "Winners and Losers in the Global Economy." <i>International Organization</i> 54(2):359	photocopy
Leichenko, Robin, and Karen O'Brien. 2001. The Dynamics of Rural Vulnerability to Global Change: A Conceptual Framework. manuscript.	photocopy
Marx, Karl and Friedrich Engels. 1848. <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> .	photocopy
Mittleman, James H. 2000. <i>The Globalization Syndrome: Transformation and Resistance</i> . Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press. <i>Selected chapters</i>	photocopy
O'Brien, Karen, and Robin Leichenko. 2001. Winners and Losers in the Context of Global Change.	photocopy
O'Brien, Karen, and Robin Leichenko. 2000. Double Exposure: Assessing the Impacts of Climate Change within the Context of Economic Globalization. <i>Global Environmental Change</i> 10: 221-232.	photocopy
OECD. 1997. Globalisation and the Environment. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development: Paris.	photocopy
Rodrik, Dani. 1997. <i>Has Globalization Gone Too Far?</i> Washington, D.C.: Institute for International Economics.	class text
Wallerstein, Immanuel. 1974. The Rise and Future Demise of the World Capitalist System: Concepts for Comparative Analysis. <i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> 16.	photocopy