


# Economic Globalization and Development

(GLOA 610, Spring 2024)

Classroom: Innovation Hall 330  (4:30pm, Tuesday)






Global Affairs Program, George Mason University

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## 1. INSTRUCTOR

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- Office Hours: TR 1:30–3:00
  - *In general, email is the most preferred way of communication.*
  - You can walk in during this time. Letting me know that you're coming in in advance would be nice.
  - Zoom office hours are possible during this time ([link](#)), but a notification at least two hours in advance is required.
  - I will also make myself available for a bit *before* and *after* the class. I encourage you to take advantage of that time.
- Email Policies
  - You can email me whenever you want, but my responses to the emails sent to me after 5 pm weekdays as well as during the weekend will be *significantly* slow. For best responses, you might want to try to use the normal working hours (9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday).
  - In your email, please indicate 1) who you are (name) and 2) which class you're in (i.e., GLOA 610, Tuesday).
  - **Online security:** Use *only* the Mason email for any communication to [protect your privacy](#). Not only is this a very important GMU rule, but it also (and perhaps more importantly) is a smart thing to do. Even when looking 'innocent,' emails from a non-Mason account won't be answered. If you are not getting my response to your inquiries for a long time, first check if you sent it from your Mason account.

## 2. COURSE DESCRIPTION

First and foremost, please note that this is not an 'econ' course. I am not an economist and we don't study economics in this class. What we read is really standard, mainstream political economy literature that has only some connections to economics.

Does globalization treat everybody equally (every country, every society, every region, or every system)? Throughout the semester, we will be grappling with this simple question in several different contexts. Particularly, we will navigate various avenues of economic globalization

including trade, finance, debt, and investment to discuss to what extent globalization affects the economic well-being of nation-states, societies, and people around the world. In doing so, we will often employ conflicting ideological/theoretical perspectives. Throughout, we will also consider the “what should be done” questions: If globalization brings about prosperity, how can we make it more equitable and effective? If globalization traps people in misery, what can ameliorate it? Note that there hardly is a ‘right’ answer—or *any* answer—to any of these questions. By the end of the semester, students are expected to be familiar with the current literature on (and issues in general about) economic globalization and able to critically evaluate them.

### 3. COURSE REQUIREMENT

In a nutshell, your grade is determined by:


- Reading Summaries (20%)
- Participation (20%)
- Case Report (40%)
- Final Exam (20%)

#### 3.1. Readings 📖 (reading summaries: $5\% \times 4 = 20\%$ )

- Completing all the required readings is only a minimal requirement for a graduate seminar. We build on it. If you didn’t complete the reading, coming to class is quite meaningless. Our class discussions will be firmly anchored to the readings. I mean, we’re literally discussing each of the readings. So be prepared.
- Sometimes it might feel like you simply didn’t get the reading despite putting in quite a bit of effort. That’s completely okay. What is not okay is not asking questions that you had while reading them and leaving your curiosity unaddressed. That’s a capital crime.
- The assigned readings are not ‘textbooks’ in a traditional sense. I don’t necessarily endorse or agree with them (in fact, there are some readings whose arguments I squarely disagree with). And some—though only a few—of the readings can be a bit provocative, if not misleading. These readings are here to help us think about the topics. In other words, you ain’t no undergrad anymore and should be able to critically (but also productively) evaluate the readings.
- Students are expected to *think* about **some**—though maybe *not all*—of the following questions while working on the required readings.
  - What are the central arguments of the piece and the rationale behind them?
  - How can this piece be connected to others?
  - Does the piece provide empirical evidence and if so, is it compelling? If not, why?
  - What would I do if I worked on the same subject?
  - What would be the practical implication(s)—or policy propositions—based on this piece?
- Recommended readings are by definition *not* required. They are not the subject of reading summaries. Including them in the reading summaries does not affect the grade.
- Students are expected to hand in **four**, and only four, summaries of readings.
  - Starting from the week of ‘Institutions’ and up to the near-end of the semester (see the schedule below for the specific date), you can choose whichever week’s readings you want to work on. (this *can* overlap with the week of your case presentation)

Table 1: Reading Summary Rubric

grades:	[4.9-4.5]	[4.4-4.0]	[3.9-3.5]	[3.5-0.5]
compelling & creative evaluation of readings (“you made me cry”)	✓			
accurate summary of the readings in your own words (“I don’t see any problem here”)	✓	✓		
all required readings are discussed with reasonable clarity	✓	✓	✓	
meeting minimal requirements	✓	✓	✓	✓

- The goal is to *demonstrate* that you understood and thought about the major points of the readings (though not every single detail). Repeating the jargon used in the abstract (or ‘light paraphrasing’) would work against you. Show you did the reading. Use your own words.
- The length should not exceed 800 words. There’s no minimum but a summary would typically be somewhere between 500 and 800 words.
- You might want to touch upon *some* of the questions mentioned above.
- While there’s no specific template for this assignment, a good summary would, you know, summarize all of the required readings of the week. It would also discuss 1) what the reasoning behind the authors’ arguments is and 2) how (some of) the readings can be related to each other (e.g., A disagrees with B ; C complements D; E expands F for XYZ reasons) in a **compelling** way. Again, delivering this with your own words, not jargon, is the key.
- Each summary accounts for **5%** of your course grade.
- The summary is due **4:00 pm**, the class day (right before the class, that is).
- There is no textbook you need to purchase. Instead, the reading list for each week is specified below. But if you want to have a reasonable textbook-like foundation for what we discuss, which is pretty advanced, this should be helpful (again, not a requirement):
  - Oatley, T. (2018). *International Political Economy*. Routledge, New York, NY, 6th edition.
- most of them are electronically available via GMU library webpage (as well as in  GoogleScholar).
  - This is part of the training; I will be more than happy to help if necessary.
  - the readings you cannot access electronically will be made available on Blackboard.
  - Did you know you can actually link your Mason account to GoogleScholar? This way, you don’t have to navigate the Mason Library webpage (which is somewhat messy) to find the readings available to you. You can just use Google Scholar (which is much easier) to do that. See this simple instruction: <https://library.gmu.edu/tutorials/linkingtogoglescholar>.
- I have a bad habit of replacing the existing readings with newer ones in the middle of a semester. But I assure you that such a change will happen no later than one week before when the reading (summary) is due. It would be, thus, a good idea to simply bookmark this syllabus page and check whether you have the up-to-date version of the reading list. Downloading the PDF of the syllabus and saving it on your computer is not recommended. It’s old and lame.

### 3.2. Participation 🖱️ (20%)

- Active participation in class discussions is expected of every student in this graduate seminar. As is the case in any seminar, we learn the most when we talk. Answering my questions during the lecture and making a comment on the class subject or your classmates' presentation are typical—but effective—ways of 'participation.'
- Another way of participation is to partake in *current event* discussions. Every class will begin with discussions on a couple of current events related to global political economy. You might want to bring up a news article and we can discuss that. This is optional and designed to add to your participation grade. Note that as a Mason student, you have free access to the Financial Times, the New York Times, the Economist, and many others. Check out this [link](#) for further information.
- The evaluation of your participation rests upon my **subjective** assessment of the extent to which you contributed to our collective understanding of the class subject. In practical terms, both frequency and quality matter. In general, though, questions and comments on the **readings** are considered of a much better quality than others. There's no 'right' way of participation, but roughly speaking:

Table 2: Participation Rubric

	20-19.0	18.9-15.0		14.9-12.0	11.9-0
frequency	high	not high	high	not high	<i>missed many classes</i>
quality	high	high	not high	not high	

### 3.3. Case Report 📁 (20% × 2 = 40%)

Table 3: Case Report Rubric

Total possible points = 20	[20.0-19.0]	[18.9-17.0]	[16.9-13.0]	[12.9-10.0]
extraordinarily insightful analysis of the case (" <i>you made me cry</i> ")	✓			
in-depth analysis of a concrete topic (" <i>There's no major shortcoming in this paper</i> ")	✓	✓		
proper format w/ reasonable clarity (" <i>You are trying to make a point and I am confident that I understand it</i> ")	✓	✓	✓	
meeting minimal requirements (" <i>it takes a form of paper that talks about a relevant topic</i> ")	✓	✓	✓	✓

- the logistics
  - The deadline for each Report is **4pm, Tuesday** (Blackboard) in the week of the subject.
  - Each Report should not exceed 2,500 words. There is no minimum but it'll be difficult to keep it under 1,500 words.
  - You will give a brief (10 minutes max., but preferably around 6-7 minutes) presentation of your Report. You don't have to have presentation slides—they are optional.

- The evaluation will be based on both your presentation (2%) and the report itself (18%). For presentation, what matters is succinctness and clarity. The grade won't be assigned until the presentation is completed.
  - The presentation grade includes your handling of your peers' reaction (e.g., answering questions)
  - For each case report, you will decide which country (or countries or organization) you are interested in. Pick *one*.
  - For each case report, you will also decide which topic (i.e. which week's theme) you are interested in. Pick *one*. Make sure your topic actually speaks *directly* to the topic of the week. You are not required to work on the same country for both presentations/Reports, though that's encouraged.
- the expectation
    - The more **specific** your subject and **question-answering** the report, the better. For instance, 'Why did the cash transfer program in 2018 fail in a Tigray Regional government' is infinitely better than 'Poverty Trap in Ethiopia.'
      - \* The former is a rigorous and scientific way to address the latter. That's something people actually want to know.
      - \* The latter would be more or less a generic punditry essay that can be done without actually engaging any theoretical or empirical work. You can write it without any graduate school education. In effect, large language models like ChatGPT can write it much better than most of us.
      - \* How do you know if you are doing the former, not the latter? See if you identify (and discuss in detail) a *specific* example emblematic of the problems of cash transfer programs in that Nigerian town. Try to offer specifics. A good question you can keep asking yourself while working on this is, 'Do I pose a 'why' question? Do I show any evidence of this? Is it compelling?'. This will take a significant amount of time and effort as you are doing **real research** here. But it's worth it.
    - In other words, avoid generality. If your Report reads pretty much like, for example, 'hey, the biggest problem of the Belize economy is corruption and it is based on political, economic, social, and cultural factors, but you know what, it's really about neoliberalism and colonialism—so let me talk about 100 years of its history,' you're not doing it right. Not exactly like this, but if you find few, if any, specific examples of what you're talking about in your Report, you are coming close to this.
    - *One*, though not the only, safe way to make sure that you have narrowed down the scope of your case and identified something specific is to focus on a particular development program (or any other economic policy program) and evaluate it. You might try to answer questions like: *How did it come around? When did it first go into effect? Is it considered a success or failure? Why? What could've been done better?* There are of course infinite different ways to do this.
    - These are all just examples and there are of course many other ways to do your case report!
    - Your case report should be based on **two** or more academic sources (**what are academic sources?**). This includes not only the sources that offer empirical elements for your case report but also materials that help you with the theoretical framing of the report. You may not find a very insightful academic article on the trade policies of Burkina Faso, but you have millions of sources on trade policies *in general*. Why not build on these theoretical pieces?
  - No hard-coded rule, but ...

- If the empirical part of your report relies solely on one source specifically talking about the very subject you're working on, that's not great (though not completely prohibited). It's prone to biases.
- It might be nice, though *not required*, if your Report is related to some of our class readings.
- As a *general* tip for writing a research paper, this should be helpful: <https://site.smedia.s3.amazonaws.com/politicalsci/files/2012/08/Guidelines-on-Writing-Research-Papers.pdf> (the 'literature review' might not be directly relevant to this course though).

### 3.4. Final Exam 📄 (20%): submitted online, by 7:10 PM, May 7

- the exam date is determined by [the University](#). You cannot take it early or later than the designated date except for a medical emergency.
- The essay will broadly reflect one of the general themes of the seminar and answer questions about our readings. Discussing non-class readings won't be helpful.
- It is designed in a way that if you regularly complete the readings throughout the semester, you need to put in little extra effort for it.
- Write an essay and submit it to Blackboard (there will be a link available).
- Two questions will be given through Blackboard 36 hours in advance, which is 7:10 AM, May 6. Pick one.
- 36 hours are given solely for flexibility. The actual exam-taking wouldn't (*and shouldn't*) take more than three hours. Many of you work and/or have other important commitments. So what you are asked is simply to carve out several hours from this 36-hour window.
  - In other words, this is not a traditional 'take-home essay' that would take up an extensive amount of time to complete. It is a regular essay-type final exam that is allowed to be taken at any time during this 36-hour window at a place convenient to you.
- See the University [policy](#) on final exams.
- More details will be provided when we get closer to the end of the semester.

### 3.5. Medical Excuses 🏠

- You can call in sick and ask for an extension. You're advised to consult the disability office in case your absence is expected to be lengthy.
- There will be no real-time Zoom-in to the class (the University policy). You will be responsible for completing the readings on your own although I can answer any questions you might have afterwards.

## 4. COURSE POLICY

The guiding principles of this course are [fairness](#) and [transparency](#).

### 4.1. Attendance

- Regular attendance is required. While the number of absences would not proportionally translate into course reductions, an absence would curtail the opportunity to participate in class discussions, thereby *indirectly* leading to low participation grades.



## 4.2. Assignment Submission

- All assignments are expected to be submitted electronically in Blackboard ('Assignment Submission' tab). Do not email any assignments.
- Technical difficulties are not rare. Try to submit it early if you can.
- Be sure to make it a **MS Word or PDF** file. Absolutely NO Pages file (things become complicated in Blackboard if you submit a Pages file 🤔).
- For all details (e.g., citation styles), strictly adhere to the GLOA MA Student Guide. If you repeatedly and consistently violate citation styles, some, though a small amount, points will be taken off.
  - Why do we care about formatting (and perhaps proofreading)? Because it has real-life consequences. [Research](#) has shown that people read a lot from basic mistakes in easy-to-correct things.
- **2%** reduction in grade (e.g., for a reading summary, -0.1 point) will be applied to a same-day late submission (so it is still a good idea to turn things in no later than the day of the deadline—the damage would be minimal!). Additional **5%** reduction will be added for each midnight (11:59 pm) until the submission.

## 4.3. Feedback on Written Assignments

You can expect to have written feedback on your **Case Report** within 10 days. See this video (<https://youtu.be/QHeHD7AlciA>) for how to view my comments and other feedback in Blackboard. Please make sure that you see the in-text comments/feedback as well as the 'comment' (explained in the video). All Case Reports with grades should include my feedback. If any of yours does not, please let me know. There will be no feedback on your **Reading Summary** unless explicitly requested.

## 4.4. Accommodations

If you have a documented learning disability or other condition that may affect academic performance you should: 1) Make sure this documentation is on file with the Office of Disability Services (SUB I, Rm. 222; 993-2474; [www.gmu.edu/student/drc](http://www.gmu.edu/student/drc)) to determine the accommodations you need; and 2) Talk with me to plan your accommodation needs. Accommodations cannot be provided unless the document from the ODS is provided in advance.

## 4.5. Academic Integrity

Mason is an Honor Code university; please see the University Catalog for a full description of the code and the honor committee process. Remember, *not being familiar with the Honor Code doesn't constitute a sufficient ground to get your offense excused*—anybody taking Mason courses is subject to the Honor Code, no matter what. Likewise, note that intentionality rarely makes a proper excuse. The principle of academic integrity is taken very seriously and violations are treated gravely. When you rely on someone else's work, you will give that source full credit, typically in the form of an in-text citation and bibliographic reference. If you are unaware of what counts as plagiarism see here:

<http://mason.gmu.edu/~montecin/plagiarism.htm>.

Students caught violating the Honor Code will receive a failing grade in the related course

assignment and will be reported to the proper university authorities for further disciplinary action.

#### 4.5.1. Use of Artificial Intelligence

- A Large Language Model (LLM), commonly referred to as AI, is a [double-edged sword](#), in that it can help you research better but doing so could easily involve plagiarism/cheating.
- As a general rule, making an LLM 'write,' be it partial or entirely, is considered unequivocal cheating ('consulting unauthorized materials') and a direct violation of GMU Honor Code. Doing so also risks committing plagiarism. The writing itself has to be yours and yours only.
- Note that a 'light' rephrasing (e.g., altering some words) is still plagiarism. Similarly, submission of an *edited* version of LLM-generated writing is still considered plagiarism.
- LLM could be used in the *process* of research, the result of which you actually write *about*. A good example is to use LLM in finding topics. The more you dig in, the more useful the outcome. One way to see if you are using LLM properly is to see how much time and energy you're spending on it. If it takes a lot of effort and committing many hours of time, you are probably using LLM right (as a general rule, if what it does is simply make your life more comfortable, there's a good chance that you're violating the Honor Code). Another way is to use LLM to find relevant readings, although this is proven quite [unreliable](#).
- not bothering using an LLM in the first place remains a great option.

#### 4.6. Diversity Statement

\* this section reflects in part [Mason's diversity statement](#).

George Mason University promotes a living and learning environment for outstanding growth and productivity among its students, faculty, and staff. Through its curriculum, programs, policies, procedures, services and resources, Mason strives to maintain a quality environment for work, study and personal growth.

An emphasis upon diversity and inclusion throughout the campus community is essential to achieve these goals. Diversity is broadly defined to include such characteristics as, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability, and sexual orientation. Diversity also entails different viewpoints, philosophies, and perspectives. Attention to these aspects of diversity will help promote a culture of inclusion and belonging and an environment where diverse opinions, backgrounds and practices have the opportunity to be voiced, heard, and respected.

There's a practical element here too. You (will) live in an increasingly diverse society where practicing inclusiveness might help you in the long run (even if you do not agree with some of these values!). You are strongly encouraged to check out important websites such as [Anti-Racism Resources](#) and [GMU Religious Holiday Calendar](#). It is the obligation of the student to provide faculty, within the first two weeks of the semester, with the dates of major religious holidays on which they will be absent due to religious observances.



## 4.7. Grading Scale

total score	letter grade
$\geq 93.00$	A or A+
90.00 — 92.99	A-
87.00 — 89.99	B+
83.00 — 86.99	B
80.00 — 82.99	B-
60.00 — 79.99	C
$< 59.99$	F

- # This follows Mason's [official grading scale](#).
- # The class does not give 'I' (incomplete).
- # Please note here that there is no 'round up' of scores at the end of the semester. **92.99999**, for example, is A-.
- # CHSS strictly prohibits giving an extra assignment for the purpose of improving a grade.

## 5. READING SCHEDULE

- \* Unless familiar with quantitative social science methodologies, you will find some of the readings too 'math-heavy.' It is **not** the purpose of this class for you to have a line-by-line understanding of the quantitative parts of each reading. You are asked, instead, to figure out what the authors actually want to deliver through all those numbers and equations. We will work on this whenever necessary and I am more than happy to help you on this individually.
- \* Unless specified as **recommended**, all the listed readings are required readings. 'Recommended' readings are not the subject of reading summaries. They are the kind of readings that we wouldn't have enough time to cover (but are still pretty helpful if you're interested in the subject).
- \* Readings and the reading schedules are subject to change. In fact, to reflect most up-to-date events in economic and political globalization, it is not uncommon that new readings are inserted and some readings are dropped. Although I try my best to give you at least one week before such changes, it is advisable that you do not complete the reading too much in advance.

### 1/16. First Day

- Class intro. No reading summary yet.
- King, G., Keohane, R. O., and Verba, S. (1994). *Designing Social Inquiry: Scientific Inference in Qualitative Research*. Princeton University Press, Princeton. Ch. 1.
- Gerring, J. (2012). *Social Science Methodology: A Unified Framework*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, second edition. Chs. 1 and 2. (**recommended**)
- Miller, S. (2014). Reading a Regression Table: A Guide for Students. <https://svmiller.com/blog/2014/08/reading-a-regression-table-a-guide-for-students/>.
  - \* You can actually understand most of the readings without reading these 'regression tables' and we won't spend time on this matter unless there's a specific question. But knowing this opens up much more intellectual opportunities. So give it a careful read.

### 1/23. What are Development and Economic Globalization?

- No reading summary yet.
- Rapley, J. (2007). *Understanding Development: Theory and Practice in the Third World*. Lynne Rienner, Boulder. Ch. 1 & 2.
- World Bank. (2022). World Development Report 2023. Available at: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/publication/wdr2023>. Chs. 4, 5, and 6 **only**.
  - *We're not really talking about migration yet. Let's just take a glimpse of what's hot in development research.*
- Martinez, L. R. (2022). How Much Should We Trust the Dictator's GDP Growth Estimates? *Journal of Political Economy*, 130(10):2731–2769.
- Steger, M. (2005). *Globalism: Market Ideology Meets Terrorism*. Rowman & Littlefield, New York, NY. Ch. 4.
- Acemoglu, D. (2010). Theory, general equilibrium, and political economy in developing economics. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 24:17–32. (**recommended**)
- Solow, R. M. (1956). A contribution to the theory of economic growth. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 70(1):65–94. (**recommended**)
- The Economist. (2019). "The Middle Income Spread," available at: [https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2017/10/11/the-middle-income-spread??fsrc=sn/fb/te/bl/ed/themiddleincomespread&fbclid=IwAR3LKWm8Qk2gaNF-I7kB90fUxFu6-b0\\_ZWW\\_TC-EzhDnWxNX6ovqMYECAdc](https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2017/10/11/the-middle-income-spread??fsrc=sn/fb/te/bl/ed/themiddleincomespread&fbclid=IwAR3LKWm8Qk2gaNF-I7kB90fUxFu6-b0_ZWW_TC-EzhDnWxNX6ovqMYECAdc). (**recommended**)

### 1/30. Institutions and development

- **first** week where you can do a reading summary.
- North, D. C. (1991). Institutions. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 5(1):97–112.
- Sokoloff, K. L. and Engerman, S. L. (2000). History Lessons: Institutions, Factor Endowments, and Paths of Development in the New World. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 14:217–232.
- Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., and Robinson, J. (2001). The colonial origins of comparative development: An empirical investigation. *American Economic Review*, 91:1369–1401.
- Acemoglu, D., Johnson, S., and Robinson, J. (2005). The Rise of Europe: Atlantic Trade, Institutional Change, and Economic Growth. *American Economic Review*, 95:556–579.
- Olson, M. (1993). Dictatorship, democracy, and development. *American Political Science Review*, 87:567–576.
- Michalopoulos, S. and Papaioannou, E. (2016). The long-run effects of the scramble for Africa. *American Economic Review*, 106(7):1802–48.
- Besley, T., Burgess, R., Khan, A., and Xu, G. (2022). Bureaucracy and development. *Annual Review of Economics*, 14(1):397–424. (**recommended**)
- Jales, H., Kang, T. H., Stein, G., and Garcia Ribeiro, F. (2018). Measuring the role of the 1959 revolution on Cuba's economic performance. *The World Economy*, 41(8):2243–2274. (**recommended**)

### 2/6. (Modern) Trade and Development

- **first** week where you can do a presentation.

- Caliendo, L. and Parro, F. (2022). Lessons from US-China Trade Relations. *Annual Review of Economics*, 15:513–541.
- Owen, E. and Johnston, N. P. (2017). Occupation and the political economy of trade: Job routineness, offshorability, and protectionist sentiment. *International Organization*, 71(4):665–699.
- Chang, H.-J. (2003). *Kicking Away the Ladder: Development Strategy in Historical Perspective*. Anthem Press, London. Ch. 4.
- Kim, I. and Osgood, I. (2019). Firms in Trade and Trade Politics. *Annual Review of Political Science*. 2019. 22:399–417
- Carter, D. B. and Poast, P. (2020). Barriers to trade: How border walls affect trade relations. *International Organization*, 74(4):165–185.
- Guasti, A. and Koenig-Archibugi, M. (2022). Has global trade competition really led to a race to the bottom in labor standards? *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4):sqac061.
- Autor, D. H., Dorn, D., and Hanson, G. H. (2016). The China Shock: Learning from Labor-Market Adjustment to Large Changes in Trade. *Annual Review of Economics*, 8:205–240. (recommended)
- Handley, K. and Limão, N. (2022). Trade policy uncertainty. *Annual Review of Economics*, 14(1):363–395. (recommended)
- Autor, D. H., Dorn, D., and Hanson, G. H. (2015). Why Obama’s key trade deal with Asia would actually be good for American workers. *Washington Post*. 3. 12. 2015. (recommended, pdf in Blackboard)
- Blanchard, E. J., Brown, C. P., and Shor, D. (2019). Did Trump’s Trade War Impact the 2018 Election. NBER Working Paper 26434. Available at: <http://www.nber.org/papers/w26434>. (recommended)
- Eichengreen, B. (2018). Trade policy and the macroeconomy. *IMF Economic Review*, Forthcoming. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41308-018-0053-9>. (recommended)

## 2/13. Finance and Development

- Schneider, C. J. and Tobin, J. L. (2020). The Political Economy of Bilateral Bailouts. *International Organization*, 74(1):1–29.
- Ballard-Rosa, C., Mosley, L., and Wellhausen, R. L. (2021). Coming to Terms: The Politics of Sovereign Bond Denomination. *International Organization*, Forthcoming. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818321000357>.
- Tertytchnaya, K., De Vries, C. E., Solaz, H., and Doyle, D. (2018). When the money stops: fluctuations in financial remittances and incumbent approval in Central Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. *American Political Science Review*, 112(4):758–774.
- Broz, J. L. and Werfel, S. H. (2014). Exchange rates and industry demands for trade protection. *International Organization*, 68(2):393–416.
- Steinberg, D. A. and Shih, V. C. (2012). Interest Group Influence in Authoritarian States: The Political Determinants of Chinese Exchange Rate Policy. *Comparative Political Studies*, 45(11):1405–1434.
- Prasad, E. S. (2014). *The Dollar Trap*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ. Part 4. (Blackboard).

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  - This is a required reading, but do *not* include it in the reading summary (if you’re doing one this week). It’s a ‘soft explainer.’
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- Blanton, S. L. and Blanton, R. G. (2007). What Attracts Foreign Investors? An Examination of Human Rights and Foreign Direct Investment. *Journal of Politics*, 69(1):143–155.
- Malesky, E. J. and Mosley, L. (2018). Chains of love? global production and the firm-level diffusion of labor standards. *American Journal of Political Science*, Forthcoming.
- Christensen, D. (2019). Concession Stands: How Mining Investments Incite Protest in Africa. *International Organization*, 73(1):65–101.
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- Chilton, A. S., Milner, H. V., and Tingley, D. (2018). Reciprocity and public opposition to foreign direct investment. *British Journal of Political Science*, Forthcoming. (recommended)
- Blattman, C. and Dercon, S. (2017). Everything we knew about sweatshops was wrong. New York Times. April 27, 2017. Available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/27/opinion/do-sweatshops-lift-workers-out-of-poverty.html>. (recommended)
- Giles, C., Abboud, L., and Agyemang, E. (2021). Global tax deal backers battle to win over holdout countries. Financial Times. June 29, 2021. Available at: <https://www.ft.com/content/562fa83d-1af2-4002-82b8-fded22d2df51>. (recommended)
- Moon, C. (2015). Foreign direct investment, commitment institutions, and time horizon: How some autocrats do better than others. *International Studies Quarterly*, 59(2):344–356. (recommended)
- Bechtel, M. M. (2009). The political sources of systematic investment risk. *Journal of Politics*, 71:661–677. (recommended)

- Jensen, N. (2008). Political risk, domestic institutions, and foreign direct investment. *Journal of Politics*, 70(4):1040–1052. (recommended).

## 2/27. International Economic Organizations and Development

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- Daoud, A., Nosrati, E., Reinsberg, B., Kentikelenis, A. E., Stubbs, T. H., and King, L. P. (2017). Impact of International Monetary Fund programs on child health. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 114(25):6492–6497.
- Nooruddin, I. and Woo, B. (2015). Heeding the Sirens: The Politics of IMF Program Participation. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 3(1):73–93.
- Stone, R. W. (2004). Political Economy of IMF Lending in Africa. *American Political Science Review*, 98(3):577–592.
- Humphrey, C. (2017). He who pays the piper calls the tune: Credit rating agencies and multilateral development banks. *The Review of International Organizations*, 12(2):281–306.
- Busch, M. L. and Pelc, K. J. (2019). Words matter: How WTO rulings handle controversy. *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(3):464–476.
- Editorial Board (2021). The United States can help the IMF to rethink how it lends. *Nature*, 592:325–326.
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- Davis, C. L. and Morse, J. C. (2018). Protecting trade by legalizing political disputes: Why countries bring cases to the International Court of Justice. *International Studies Quarterly*, 62(4):709–722. (recommended)
- Vreeland, J. R. (2002). The Effect of IMF Programs on Labor. *World Development*, 30:121–139. (recommended)
- Stiglitz, J. (2002). *Globalization and Its Discontents*. Norton & Company, New York, NY. (recommended)
- Copelovitch, M. S. (2010). *The International Monetary Fund in the Global Economy*. Cambridge University Press, New York, NY. (recommended)
- Abouharb, M. R. and Cingranelli, D. L. (2006). The Human Rights Effects of World Bank Structural Adjustment, 1981–2000. *International Studies Quarterly*, 50(2):233–262. (recommended)
- Arauz, A. and Cashman, K. (2022). Special drawing rights one year later, by the numbers. CEPR Working Paper. Available at: <https://cepr.net/special-drawing-rights-one-year-later-by-the-numbers/>. (recommended)

## 3/5. Spring Break, no class. 📅

## 3/12. Foreign Aid

- Williams, M. (2018). The political economy of unfinished development projects: Corruption, clientelism, or collective choice? *American Political Science Review*, 111(4):705–723.



- Findley, M. G., Harris, A. S., Milner, H. V., and Nielson, D. L. (2017). Who Controls Foreign Aid? Elite versus Public Perceptions of Donor Influence in Aid-Dependent Uganda. *International Organization*, 71(4):633–663.
- Kosack, S. and Tobin, J. (2006). Funding Self-Sustaining Development: The Role of Aid, FDI, and Government in Economic Success. *International Organization*, 60(2):205–243.
- Sexton, R. and Zürcher, C. (2023). Aid, Attitudes, and Insurgency: Evidence from Development Projects in Northern Afghanistan. *American Journal of Political Science*, Forthcoming. DOI: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/ajps.12778>.
- Baker, A. (2015). Race, Paternalism, and Foreign Aid: Evidence from U.S. Public Opinion. *American Political Science Review*, 109(1):93–109.
- Andersen, J. J., Johannesen, N., and Rijkers, B. (2020). Elite Capture of Foreign Aid: Evidence from Offshore Bank Accounts. Policy Research Working Paper 9150. World Bank Group. Available at: <https://www.nielsjohannesen.net/wp-content/uploads/AJR2020-WBWP.pdf>. (recommended)
- Easterly, W. (2007). *The White Man's Burden*. Penguin, New York, NY. (recommended) **Non-academic Book**
- Addison, T. and Balamoune-Lutz, M. (2017). Aid, the Real Exchange Rate and Why Policy Matters: The Cases of Morocco and Tunisia. *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(7):1104–1121. (recommended)
- Djankov, Simeon, J. M. and Reynal-Querol, M. (2008). The curse of aid. *Journal of Economic Growth*, 13(1):169–194. (recommended)
- Alesina, A. and Dollar, D. (2000). Who gives foreign aid to whom and why? *Journal of Economic Growth*, 5(1):33–57. (recommended)
- Edwards, S. (2015). Economic development and the effectiveness of foreign aid: A historical perspective. *Kyklos*, 68(3):277–316. (recommended). **An accessible primer of foreign aid history.**

### 3/19. Poverty & Inequality Reduction

- Briggs, R. (2018). “Millions of Americans as destitute as the world’s poorest? Don’t believe it.” Vox. February 4, 2018. <https://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2018/2/1/16959634/millions-americans-destitute-2-day-worlds-poorest-deaton-aid>.
- Rudra, N. and Tirone, D. C. (2017). Trade, Politics, and the Poor: Is Sen Right and Bhagwati Wrong? *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 52(1):1–22.
- Attanasio, O., Augsburg, B., De Haas, R., Fitzsimons, E., and Harmgart, H. (2015). The impacts of microfinance: Evidence from joint-liability lending in Mongolia. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1):90–122.
- Banerjee, A., Duflo, E., Glennerster, R., and Kinnan, C. (2015a). The miracle of microfinance? evidence from a randomized evaluation. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 7(1):22–53.
- Banerjee, A., Duflo, E., Goldberg, N., Karlan, D., Osei, R., Parienté, W., Shapiro, J., Thuysbaert, B., and Udry, C. (2015b). A multifaceted program causes lasting progress for the very poor: Evidence from six countries. *Science*, 348(6236).
- Premand, P. and Rohner, D. (2023). Cash and Conflict: Large-Scale Experimental Evidence from Niger. Policy Research Working Paper 10293. The World Bank Group. Available at: <https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099651402062332589/pdf/IDU0914fd60d0df8f04091081fe042e6b84b58ec.pdf>.



- Linardi, S. and Rudra, N. (2020). Globalization and willingness to support the poor in developing countries: An experiment in India. *Comparative Political Studies*, 53(10-11):1656–1689. (recommended)
- Hendrix, C. S. and Haggard, S. (2015). Global food prices, regime type, and urban unrest in the developing world. *Journal of Peace Research*, 52(2):143–157. (recommended)
- Milanovic, B. (2020). “The World is Becoming More Equal,” *Foreign Affairs*. Available at: <http://tiny.cc/quoqsz>. (recommended)
- Dollar, D. (2005). “Globalization, Poverty, and Inequality since 1980,” *World Bank Research Observer* 20: 145-185. (recommended)
- Basu, K. (2006). Globalization, poverty, and inequality: What is the relationship? what can be done? *World Development*, 34:1361–1373. (recommended)

### 3/26. Political Economy of Immigration

- Leblang, D. and Peters, M. E. (2022). Immigration and globalization (and deglobalization). *Annual Review of Political Science*, 25:377–399.
- Fitzgerald, J., Leblang, D., and Teets, J. C. (2014). Defying the law of gravity: The political economy of international migration. *World Politics*, 66(3):406–445.
- Alrababa’h, A., Dillon, A., Williamson, S., Hainmueller, J., Hangartner, D., and Weinstein, J. (2021). Attitudes toward migrants in a highly impacted economy: Evidence from the Syrian refugee crisis in Jordan. *Comparative Political Studies*, 54(1):33–76.
- Hangartner, D., Dinas, E., Marbach, M., Matakos, K., and Xefteris, D. (2019). Does exposure to the refugee crisis make natives more hostile? *American Political Science Review*, 113(2):442–455.
- Hainmueller, J. and Hopkins, D. J. (2015). The hidden american immigration consensus: A conjoint analysis of attitudes toward immigrants. *American Journal of Political Science*, 59(3):529–548.
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- Mosley, L. and Singer, D. A. (2015). Migration, labor, and the international political economy. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 18(1):283–301. (recommended)
- Hainmueller, J. and Hangartner, D. (2013). Who gets a swiss passport? a natural experiment in immigrant discrimination. *American Political Science Review*, 107(1):159–187. (recommended)

### 4/2. Global Economic Crisis

- **Last** week where you can do a presentation.
- Kindleberger, C. P. (1978). *Manias, Panics, and Crashes: A History of Financial Crises*. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York Chs. 1 and 2.
- The Economist (2014). Don’t Lie to Me, Argentina. The Economist. June 20th 2014. Available at: <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2014/06/20/dont-lie-to-me-argentina>. Also in Blackboard

- Oatley, T. (2019). Toward a political economy of complex interdependence. *European Journal of International Relations*, 25(4):957–978.
- Campello, D. (2014). The Politics of Financial Booms and Crises: Evidence from Latin America. *Comparative Political Studies*, 47:260–286.
- Quaglia, L. and Verdun, A. (2023). Explaining the response of the ecb to the covid-19 related economic crisis: inter-crisis and intra-crisis learning. *Journal of European Public Policy*, 30(4):635–654.
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- Remmer, K. L. (1990). Democracy and economic crisis: The latin american experience. *World Politics*, 42(3):315–335. (recommended)
- The Guardian. (2021). ‘As bad as Brexit’: Turkey faces currency crisis after Erdoğan sacks bank chief. March 21, 2021. Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/yaw743eu>. (recommended)
- Dönmez, P. E. and Zemandl, E. J. (2019). Crisis of capitalism and (de-) politicisation of monetary policymaking: reflections from hungary and turkey. *New Political Economy*, 24(1):125–143. (recommended)
- Reinhart, C. and Reinhart, V. (2020). The pandemic depression: The global economy will never be the same. *Foreign Affairs*. August 6, 2020. Available at: <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2020-08-06/coronavirus-depression-global-economy>. (recommended)

#### 4/9. Global Health, Environment & Resource

- **Last** week where you can do a reading summary.
- Savoia, A. and Sen, K. (2021). The political economy of the resource curse: A development perspective. *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, 13:203–223.
- Fails, M. D. (2020). Oil income and the personalization of autocratic politics. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 8(4):772–779.
- Son, B. and Bellinger, N. (2022). The Health Cost of Autocratization. *Journal of Development Studies*, 58(5):873–890.
- The Economist (2019). Germany’s pricey “coal exit”. *The Economist*. Sep 19th 2019. Available at: <https://www.economist.com/europe/2019/09/21/germanys-pricey-coal-exit>.
- Kallis, G., Kostakis, V., Lange, S., Muraca, B., Paulson, S., and Schmelzer, M. (2018). Research on degrowth. *Annual Review of Environment and Resources*, 43:291–316.
- Terzi, A. (2024). Degrowth is a dead end. Project Syndicate. March 6, 2024. <https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/degrowth-movement-is-politically-impractical-by-alessio-terzi-2024-03>. (recommended)
- Andrew McAfee. 2020. Why Degrowth Is the Worst Idea on the Planet. *Wired* Oct 6, 2020. Available at: <https://www.wired.com/story/opinion-why-degrowth-is-the-worst-idea-on-the-planet/>. (recommended)

- Bayer, P. and Urpelainen, J. (2016). It is all about political incentives: democracy and the renewable feed-in tariff. *The Journal of Politics*, 78(2):603–619. (recommended)
- Lawrence, R. Z. (2024). Climate action: Implications for factor market reallocation. PIIE Working Paper. 24-1. Available at: <https://www.piie.com/sites/default/files/2024-01/wp24-1.pdf>. (recommended)

#### 4/16. De-globalization and Collapse of Global Value Chains?

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- Poast, P. (2022). The ‘Golden Age’ of Globalization is Officially Over. *World Politics Review*. October 21, 2022. Available at <https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/china-us-trade-war-globalized-economy/>.
- Danzman, S. B. (2022). CHIPS+ could change the U.S. semiconductor supply chain, and more, *Washington Post*. August 9, 2022. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/08/09/chips-act-semiconductors-supply/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=wp\\_monkeycage](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/08/09/chips-act-semiconductors-supply/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=wp_monkeycage).
- Swanson, A. and Wong, E. (2022). With New Crackdown, Biden Wages Global Campaign on Chinese Technology. *New York Times*. October 13, 2022. Available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/13/us/politics/biden-china-technology-semiconductors.html>.
- Kumar, A. and Lipsky, J. (2022). The dollar has some would-be rivals. meet the challengers. *New Atlanticist*. September 22, 2022. Atlantic Council. <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/the-dollar-has-some-would-be-rivals-meet-the-challengers/>.
- Dempsey, H. and Hook, L. China set to tighten grip over global cobalt supply as price hits 32-month low. *Financial Times*. March 12, 2023. Available at: <https://www.ft.com/content/abf28c9f-54e2-45c2-8dac-c5016bd31423?fbclid=IwAR0IART6s2ckhWDIR7jmr1ZvDW022i9W8U1nUPi5KGx00Kfujjujs5QvfvSY>.
- Agarwal, R. (2023). Industrial policy and growth strategy trilemma. *Finance & Development*. International Monetary Fund. Available at: [https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/fandd/issues/Series/Analytical-Series/industrial-policy-and-the-growth-strategy-trilemma-ruchir-agarwal?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/fandd/issues/Series/Analytical-Series/industrial-policy-and-the-growth-strategy-trilemma-ruchir-agarwal?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).
- Eichengreen, B. (2022). Sanctions, swift, and china’s cross-border interbank payments system. *CSIS Briefs*. May 20, 2022. Available at <https://www.csis.org/analysis/sanctions-swift-and-chinas-cross-border-interbank-payments-system>.

#### 4/23. Class Wrap-up and Evaluation

- 4/29 is the last day of the semester for the University.

#### 5. 7. Final Essay Due, 7:10 PM

- The final exam schedule is determined entirely by the University authority. It is thus subject to the University’s schedule change.
- Essay questions made available 36 hours in advance (5. 6, 7:10 AM); no exceptions
- Submission via Blackboard (by 7:10 PM). So we do *not* meet.