

ET 960/ET 660 Ethical Assessments of Globalization

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Tues. Aft. 2:30 - 5:30

Our Purpose: The course will examine various prominent social, economic, political and religious views and assessments of globalization in order to discern what basic presuppositions about the ethical life are guiding their selection of data and their moral judgments. We shall also try to evaluate the adequacy of the various perspectives on empirical and normative grounds, such as varying regulative principles of justice – rights, freedom, equity, development, love, peace, etc. Of particular importance will be selected social scientific treatments, key ecumenical documents and the work of the God and Globalization team. While primarily for doctoral students, a limited number of advanced M.Div. or Th.M. students may join the course with the permission of the instructor (as a six hour research project course).

Required Common Readings

A. Religion and the Roots of Globalization:

Max Stackhouse, God and Globalization, 3 v. (available at author's cost on Sept. 19, 2:30)

Rodney Stark, The Victory of Reason

B. Competing Views of Political Economics and Globalization

Ulrich Duchrow and Franz Hinkelammert, Property For People; Not for Profits

Benjamin Friedman, The Moral Consequences of Economic Development

Michael Hardt & Antonio Negri, Empire

Michael Mandelbaum, The Case for Goliath

C. Other Theological Views of Globalization

William Schweiker, Theological Ethics and Global Dynamics

David Hollenbach, The Global Face of Public Faith

Max L. Stackhouse, God and Globalization, vol. 4 (in manuscript)

Recommended Additional Resources

Jane H. Bayles and Nayereh Tohidi, Globalization, Gender and Religion

Peter Berger and S. Huntington, eds., Many Globalizations

Jagdish Bhagwati, In Defense of Globalization

Don Browning, Marriage and Modernization: How Globalization Threatens the Family...

Robert A. Denemark & Mary Ann Tetreault, eds., Gods, Guns and Globalization

Ulrich Duchrow, Alternatives to Global Capitalism

Niall Ferguson, Empire, The Rise and Demise of the British World Order

Thomas Friedman, The World is Flat

David Held, *et al.*, Global Transformations

Samuel Huntington, The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order

Eric Jones, Cultures Merging

Mary Kaldor, Global Civil Society & John Keane, Global Civil Society?
Richard Osmer, *et al.*, Religious Education between Modernization and Globalization
Martin Wolf, Why Globalization Works

Course Schedule

Sept. 19: Pre-Course Planning Session (2:30 - 3:30) Copies of God and Globalization available.

Sept. 26: All Read & prepare to discuss: MLS, God and Globalization, v. 1

Oct. 3: No Class – Instructor away.

Oct. 10: Reports on God and Globalization, v. 2 & 3

Oct. 17: All Read & prepare to discuss: Stark: The Victory of Reason

Oct. 24: analysis & discussion: Duchrow & Hinklehammert, Property....

Oct. 31: analysis & discussion: Friedman, Moral Consequences....

Nov. 7: analysis & discussion: Hardt & Negri, Empire

Nov. 14: analysis & discussion: Mandelbaum, The Case for Goliath

Nov. 21: No Class – AAR/Thanksgiving

Nov. 28: Student Papers

Dec. 5: Student Papers

Dec. 12: Student Papers

Dec. 19: Student Papers