

Course content

This course studies how economic globalisation and technological change interact in shaping development at the level of regions and countries. The book "Global Shift" by Peter Dicken is the main text used. The first part of the course defines economic globalisation as growing functional interdependencies between countries and regions in the world economy. It proceeds to map contemporary trends, including the entry of countries such as China and India as major players. The second part is more theoretical, discussing specifically the role of multinational companies and more generally the question of industry localization in light of modern space-shrinking transportation and communication technologies. The role of the state in regulating and facilitating economic globalization will be thoroughly discussed. Critical questions concerning who are the winners and losers in ongoing global shifts are reflected upon, with emphasis on how the policies, industrial structures and institutional conditions of regions and countries determine whether they benefit or not. Finally, economic globalisation will be discussed in the context of social and environmental sustainability challenges.

Teaching

The teaching is organized as lectures and seminars, which will be given in English. The course is part of the regular course provision at The Faculty of Social Science.

[Application for change of seminar group](#)

Teaching is mainly held during daytime. Teaching is organised as a combination of lectures and seminars throughout the semester. On the semester page you can find information about time and place of the current semesters lectures and seminars.

~~It is compulsory for students to write and present one essay and one response paper in the seminars. The essay is to be submitted at the end of the seminar series and must be approved before the final exam. The length of the essay is 6-8 pages (excluding references) using 12 point letter size and a spacing of lines 1 ½. **Information on compulsory presentations will be given in the first seminar.**~~

~~Completed and approved compulsory course work is valid until the course is no longer offered. Students who have failed to complete the compulsory course work cannot take the exam.~~

~~*Absence from compulsory tuition activities*~~

~~If you are ill or have another valid reason for being absent from compulsory tuition activities, your absence may be approved or the compulsory activity may be postponed~~