

Foundations of International Studies

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Course Reading

Required Texts

- 1) Annual Editions: Global Issues 97/98. Dushkin McGraw Hill
 - 2) Heilbroner, Robert: Visions of the Future (1995). Oxford University Press
 - 3) Videotapes: [available in the library]
Marilyn Waring: If Women Counted
Local Heroes, Global Change
The Pacific Century
The series on Global Women
Mickey Mouse Goes to Haiti
Kenichi Ohmae: Globalization
Understanding the World Economy
- Some of the above videotapes will be assigned as required viewing.

Recommended In order to relate and apply the issues and concepts that you encounter in the textbook and classroom discussions, I recommend that you look at the following periodicals and journals on a regular basis: The Economist (available in the International Studies lounge) Wall Street Journal Foreign Affairs World Watch International Politics Comparative Politics Atlantic Monthly Your local newspaper Please visit the following website for a look at major newspapers from around the world:
<http://www.ceoexpress.com>

Course Description

Objective and Format

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an elementary understanding of the multidisciplinary nature of international studies through a theoretical and issues oriented-approach. The material will be presented in a format that allows for active learning strategies and transformative pedagogical exercises in a classroom setting that recognizes the multiple capabilities of the students. The use of the Internet is mandatory subject to the regular availability of computers.

Assignments

- 1) Survey the SJC community on Global Literacy
You will be required, as a group, to design and conduct a survey on global literacy. Survey questions and format will be distributed on February 23, 1998
- 2) Position Paper
A brief critical summary of any 8 essays assigned from "Global Issues" or other sources
- 3) Internet Exercise
Using the sites mentioned in the text, evaluate at least two sites for content and scope. You will be provided with guidelines for this assignment.
- 4) Midterm Examination
- 5) Team Project based on Heilbroner's *Visions of the Future*

During the semester, you will individually read each chapter of the Heilbroner text. You will, search as a team, web sites to illustrate the key topics, themes and individuals mentioned by Heilbroner. At the end of the semester, you will put together a critical report of appropriate Internet sites that could enhance the message of the Heilbroner text. International Studies by its very nature is interdisciplinary. The Heilbroner text is illustrative of the interdisciplinarity of the field, bringing together history, economics and politics informed by a humanist perspective.

6) Final Examination

ATTENDANCE AT ALL CLASSES IS EXPECTED UNLESS THERE IS AN UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY. **All written work must be word-processed or typewritten.**

Marking

Survey on Global Literacy (A group Project)	10% of the grade
Position Paper	20% of the grade
Internet Exercise	20% of the grade
Midterm Examination	20% of the grade
Final Examination	20% of the grade
Team Project	10% of the grade

Office Hours

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Appointments may be made for all other mutually convenient times

Course Schedule

Proposed Course Outline Please note that this outline is tentative and is subject to change based on student preparation and time constraints. My ultimate objective is that you have a preparatory level of understanding of the material.

January 19, 1998

Introduction to the course and the sources for data used in the course
Visit to the Network Center
LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Reading # 1 in AE (GI)

Kennedy, Paul: "Preparing for the Twenty-first Century: Winners and Losers"

January 26,1998

Kennedy, Paul (continued)
Reading # 2 in AE (6I)

Klare, Michael: "Redefining Global Security: the New Global Schisms"

On January 30, you are expected view one of the videotapes suggested to you and write a critical summary of the videotape

February 2,1998

Reading # 3 AE (6I)

Lopez, George A, et al: "The Global Tide"

Recommended:

Mander, Jerry: "Facing the Rising Tide" in *The Case Against the Global Economy and a turn toward the Local*, edited by Mander, Jerry and Edward Goldsmith (1996) Sierra Club Books

Norberg-Hodge, Helena: "The Pressure to Modernize and Globalize" in *The Case Against the Global Economy and a turn toward the Local*, edited by Mander, Jerry and Edward Goldsmith (1996) Sierra Club Books

February 9, 1998

Reading # 3 AE (6l)

Lopez, George A, et al: "The 610bal Tide" (continued)

Required:

Rosenau, James N: "The Complexities and Contradictions of Globalization" in *Current History*, November 1997

Recommended:

Rupert, Mark: "Globalization and contested common sense in the United States" in *Innovations and Transformation in International Studies*, edited by Gill, Stephen and James H. Mittelman (1997), University Press

Discussion of the Heilbroner Team Project

Visit to the Networked Classroom for Internet Exercise

Videoclip on "Disney Goes to Haiti"

February 16, 1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Reading # 21 AE (6l)

Leger, John M: "The Boom: How Asians Started the 'Pacific Century'" Early

Videoclips Required:

"Development" in Sachs, Wolfgang *The Development Dictionary* (in library, reference section)

Khor, Martin, "Global Economy and the Third World" in *The Case Against the Global Economy and a turn toward the Local*, edited by Mander, Jerry and Edward Goldsmith (1996) Sierra Club Books

Videoclips from "Local Heroes, Global Change"

February 23, 1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: THE ENVIRONMENT

Reading # 10 AE (6l)

Dowie, Mark: "A Sky Full of Holes: Why the Ozone Layer is Torn Worse than Ever"

Distribution of take home midterm examination

Reading # 14 AE (6l)

Brown, Lester R: "Who Can Build a Sustainable Economy"

Reading # 15 AE (6l)

Stutz, Bruce: "The Landscape of Hunger"

[Position Paper # 1 due]

March 2, 1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: THE ENVIRONMENT (contd.)

Lehman, Karen and Al Krebs: "Control of the World's Food Supply" in *The Case Against the Global Economy and a turn toward the Local*, edited by Mander, Jerry and Edward Goldsmith (1996) Sierra Club Books

Reading # 20 AE (6l)

"Here Comes the Sun .. and the Wind and the Rain"

[Midterm Examination due]

March 9,1998

Discussion of the Heilbroner Project

Follow up on the Survey Project

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: THE NEW CHALLENGES

Reading # 32 AE (6l)

Klare, Michael: "The New Challenges to Global Security"

Reading # 34 AE (6l)

Ahmed, Akbar S: "Towards the Global Millenium: The Challenge of Islam"

Internet Assignment # 1 due]

March 16,1998

SPRING BREAK

March 23,1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: THE NEW CHALLENGES (continued)

Reading # 35 AE (6l)

Inder Singh, Anita: "Democracy and Ethnic Diversity: A New International Priority"

Reading # 36 AE (6l)

Nelson, Toni: "Violence Against Women"

Discussion of the Heilbroner Project

Follow up on the Survey Project

[Position Paper # 2 due]

March 30,1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The United Nations System

What is the World Bank?

The International Monetary Fund and Structural Adjustment Network Center: Checking out the International Organizations on the 'Net

Position Paper # 3 due

April 6,1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: WORLD PEACE

Nelson, Daniel N: "Great Powers and World Peace" in *World Security: Challenges for a New Century*, edited by Klare, Michael T. and Daniel C. Thomas (1994) St. Martin's Press

Discussion of the Heilbroner Project

Follow up on the Survey Project

Position Paper # 4 due]

[Internet Assignment # 2 due]

April 13,1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: VALUES AND VISIONS

Reading # 45 AE (6l)

Kidder, Rushworth: "Universal Human Values: Finding an Ethical Common Ground"

Reading # 47 AE (6l)

Harman, Willis: "Reassessing the Economic Assumption"

[Position Paper # 6 due]

April 20, 1998

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ISSUE: VALUES AND VISIONS (continued)

Goldsmith, Edward: "The Last Word: Family, Community, Democracy" in *The Case Against the Global Economy and a turn toward the Local*, edited by Mander, Jerry and Edward Goldsmith (1996) Sierra Club Books

Discussion of the Heilbroner Project

Follow up on the Survey Project
Position Paper # 7 due

April 27, 1998

THE LAST WORD

Urquhart, Brian: "The International Community--Fact or Fiction" in *Macalester International*, Spring 1995, Volume 1

Wrap up

Position Paper # 8 due

Heilbroner Project Due

Note: We are trying to arrange a trip to the United Nations in New York. We are not sure if the trip will materialize. If it does, we will make appropriate changes in the syllabus