

# Globalization and Human Rights

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Fulfills A&S Group IV: Social and Behavioral Sciences

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This course will examine the relationship between globalization and human rights. Globalization can be described as the shrinking of the world through the global marketplace. Is it capitalism run amok or are economic interrelationships good for everyone's quality of life? Are multinational corporations destructive or do they contribute to a country's economic well-being? Human trafficking is on the rise, climate change is increasingly responsible for massive loss of life, and yet, China and India have made remarkable strides in lifting their people out of poverty in the last fifty years. In this class, we will join the debate about globalization. We will examine arguments in favor of globalization as well as the complaints about the inhumanity of some aspects of it, especially the role of the U.S. With the help of critical thinking you will be expected to form your own well-reasoned opinion!

## Readings

*In Defense of Globalization*, J. Bhagwhati

*Shock Doctrine* – N. Klein Exposes the damage US economic approaches have had on Latin America and Iraq.

*Another World is Possible: Popular Alternatives to Globalization* – Fisher

Films: Globalization is Good, Maquilapolis, Missing

## Requirements

In this course, we will make use of a variety of media. You will be expected to read from at least two books, various articles, newspapers and news magazines. We will analyze documentaries and explore some of the offerings available on YouTube. Assignments will include papers and creative presentations. There is very little lecture in this course.

## About the Instructor

Sarita Cargas, D.Phil. Oxford University, MA Psychology Georgetown, BA St. John's College (ed. Encyclopedia of Holocaust Literature). My main research area is human rights, and I am currently writing a textbook on human rights. I am new to UNM, but I have been teaching human rights elsewhere for five years (including Geneva, Switzerland).