

Global Studies: Developing a No Cost Reader for Students / David Lyons / April 2021

Summary and Rationale

I have assembled a no cost set of readings for students taking Introduction to Global Studies (GST 2010) at Century College. The motivation for this project is based on several factors. I have struggled to find appropriate readings for students taking this course for several years now. Most of the global studies textbooks I have reviewed are either dated, written for a junior-senior college level (“Introduction to Global Studies” is offered at the 3000-5000 level at many colleges and universities), or are very dense – which unfortunately forces the instructor to take a “content heavy” approach when teaching the course. I, on the other hand, prefer to teach this class like a seminar. I allow students a lot of freedom to pursue and explore their own interests and have them do presentations, etc..... Another problem is that among the small handful of readers available through publishers, within each one I typically only find a small number of readings that I think that my students would enjoy and gain from. In addition, through my years of teaching this course using a topics and modules format, I have accumulated a sizable list of suitable and engaging articles for my students to read. I started my work pulling together this reader after consulting with Century College Librarian Jane Young, who advised me on educational open use guidelines and policies and forwarded to me guidelines from both the Minnesota State system and from the federal government.

Link: <https://www.minnstate.edu/system/asa/academicaffairs/policy/copyright/forms.html>

The reader consists of both free online sources as well as PDFs of copyright protected works that fall under the fair usage guidelines. These hand-chosen articles fit together well with and compliment the content I deliver in class lectures and in videos. I have deliberately chosen articles of a wide variety, that are fairly short (2-6 pages), timely, and interesting to students. And last but-not-least, I am mindful of the fact that many of our students have limited financial resources. About 40% of Century College students each year meet Pell Eligibility criteria. These factors have compelled me to undertake this work of compiling a no cost reader for my global studies students.

Global Studies with David Lyons / Reading List for fall 2021

Module 1: Introduction to Global Studies and Globalization

Friedman, T. (2005). It’s a Flat World After All. *The New York Times Magazine*. April 3, 2005.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2005/04/03/magazine/its-a-flat-world-after-all.html>

Ghemawat, P. (2009). Why the World Isn’t Flat. *Foreign Policy*. Oct. 14, 2009. Watch the TED talk or read the article.

https://www.ted.com/talks/pankaj_ghemawat_actually_the_world_isn_t_flat?language=en

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2009/10/14/why-the-world-isnt-flat/>

Mann, C. (2020). New Challenges for Us All. *National Geographic*. April 2020. PDF is on D2L.

Marber, P. (2005). Globalization and its Contents. *World Policy Journal*. Vol. 21, No. 4 (Winter, 2004/2005), pp. 29-37.

https://www.jstor.org/stable/40209933?seq=9#metadata_info_tab_contents

Steger, M. (2015). What is Global Studies? from *A Global Studies Reader*. Oxford. pp. 1-6

<https://www.amazon.com/Global-Studies-Reader-Manfred-Steger/dp/0199338469>

Zakaria, F. (2008). The Rise of the Rest. *Newsweek*. May 12, 2008.

<https://fareedzakaria.com/columns/2008/05/12/the-rise-of-the-rest>

Module 2: Population Studies

Haupt, A., Kane, T., Haub, C. (2011). PRB’s Population Handbook. Population Reference Bureau.

<https://www.prb.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/prb-population-handbook-2011.pdf>

This is a good reference for demographic terms introduced in class.

Hite, K., and Seitz, J. (2017). Chapter 1: Population. pp. 7-36 and 42-43. from *Global Issues, An Introduction*. UK: Wiley-Blackwell. PDF is on D2L.

Kaneda, T., Greenbaum, C. (2020). How Demographic Changes Make Us More Vulnerable to Pandemics like the Coronavirus. *Population Reference Bureau*.

<https://www.prb.org/how-demographic-changes-make-us-more-vulnerable-to-pandemics-like-the-coronavirus/>

Kaneda, T., Greenbaum, C., Kline, K. (2020). 2020 World Population Data Sheet Shows Older Populations Growing, Total Fertility Rates Declining. *Population Reference Bureau*.

<https://www.prb.org/2020-world-population-data-sheet/>

Mann, C. (2017). Can Planet Earth Feed 10 Billion People? *The Atlantic*. July 2017. PDF is on D2L and at

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/03/charles-mann-can-planet-earth-feed-10-billion-people/550928/>

Taylor, P. (2017). Here’s Looking at You 2050. *Foreign Policy*. January 2017. PDF is on D2L.

Module 3: International Migrations

Chomsky, A. (2018). *They Take Our Jobs and 20 Other Myths About Immigration*. pp. 3-10. Boston: Beacon Press.
https://www.amazon.com/They-Take-Our-Jobs-Immigration/dp/0807041564/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2EY04KYR0L8TO&dchild=1&keywords=they+take+our+jobs+and+20+other+myths&qid=1618439857&sprefix=They+Take+Our+Jobs%2Caps%2C171&sr=8-1

Frum, D. (2019). How Much Immigration is too Much? *The Atlantic*. April 2019. PDF is on D2L and at
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/david-frum-how-much-immigration-is-too-much/583252/>

Gibler, J. (2008). Mexico's Ghost Towns. *In These Times*. May 2008.
<https://inthesetimes.com/article/mexicos-ghost-towns>

Koser, K. Why Migration Matters. *Current History*. April 2009.
<https://online.ucpress.edu/currenthistory/article/108/717/147/109001/Why-Migration-Matters>

Motlagh, J. (2019). No Way Out. *National Geographic*. August 2019. PDF is on D2L.

Module 4: Agriculture and Food

Folger, T. (2014). The Next Green Revolution. *National Geographic*. September 2014.
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/foodfeatures/green-revolution/>

Food First. (undated). *Green Revolution*. Food First.
https://foodfirst.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/FoodFirst_primer_GreenRev_Final.pdf

Klein, E. (2021). We Need a Moonshot on Meat: Animal-Free Meat, That Is. *New York Times*. April 27, 2021
<https://www.startribune.com/we-need-a-moonshot-on-meat-animal-free-meat-that-is/600050477/>

Lyons, D. (2021). *A Critique of Modern American Farming*. Unpublished essay on PDF or be request at David.lyons@century.edu

Mann, A. (2015). Food democracy: why eating is unavoidably political. *The Conversation*. August 2015.
<https://theconversation.com/food-democracy-why-eating-is-unavoidably-political-43474>

Offenheiser, R. (2020). The Man Who Tried to Feed the World. *PBS American Experience*.
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/green-revolution-norman-borlaug-race-to-fight-global-hunger/>

Pingali, P. (2012). Green Revolution: Impacts, Limits, and the Path Ahead. *National Academy of Sciences*. July 31, 2012.
<https://www.pnas.org/content/109/31/12302>

Pollan, M. (2016). A decade after 'The Omnivore's Dilemma,' Michael Pollan sees signs of hope. *Washington Post*. June 6, 2016.
https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/food/a-decade-after-the-omnivores-dilemma-michael-pollan-sees-signs-of-hope/2016/06/06/85cdadfe-2c0a-11e6-9b37-42985f6a265c_story.html

Pollan, M. (2011). How Change is Going to Come in the Food System. *The Nation*. September 11, 2011.
<https://michaelpollan.com/articles-archive/how-change-is-going-to-come-in-the-food-system/>

Wikipedia. (undated). Green Revolution.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_Revolution

Module 5: The Global Economy

Graves, S. (2020). *Introduction to Human Geography*. Geography Planet. Read Chapter on global economy pp. 252-271.
<https://sites.google.com/site/gravesgeography/economics>

Irwin, D. (2016). The Truth About Trade. *Foreign Affairs*. August 2016. PDF is on D2L.

Rivoli, P. (2015). How Small Entrepreneurs Clothe East Africa with Old American T-Shirts. from *A Global Studies Reader*. Oxford.
<https://www.coursehero.com/tutors-problems/Economics/27056021-Article-CHAPTER-6-How-Small-Entrepreneurs-Clothe-East-Africa-with-OI/>

Module 6: The Global Environment and Climate Change

Busby, J. (2018). Why Climate Change Matters More than Anything Else. *Foreign Affairs*. July 2018.

Climate Health Connect. (2016). Climate Change 101: Climate Science Basics. *CHC.org*. 2016.
<https://climatehealthconnect.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Climate101.pdf>

Environmental Defense Fund. (2021). Climate Change: Ten Solutions that will Help Us Fight Back. *EDF*. 2021.

https://www.edf.org/climate/why-fighting-climate-change-so-urgent?utm_source=google&utm_campaign=edf_none_upd_dmt&utm_medium=cpc&utm_id=1561743801&gclid=CjwKCAjw3pWDBhB3EiwAV1c5rNoKoCUy0niXk1tqTFvmPW4uDv-QfN0pmf-xfHVPEf5gYqk76gV_kRoCpNUQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. (2018). Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5°C. *IPCC*. 2018
<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/chapter/spm/> Skim through highlights.

Denchak, M. (2017). Global Climate Change: What You Need to Know. *NRDC*. 2017.
https://www.nrdc.org/stories/global-climate-change-what-you-need-know?gclid=CjwKCAjw3pWDBhB3EiwAV1c5rOhcSbbhYUt8gJPDGhaWOKvECxwEW5VeujlZlvMuWCLSSUkcKr3fBoCedkQAvD_BwE

United States Global Change Research Program. (2017). Highlights of the U.S. Global Change Research Program Climate Science Special Report. *USGCRP*. 2017.
<https://science2017.globalchange.gov/chapter/executive-summary/>

Module 7: Nations and States and Global Political Issues

Duhigg, C. (2019). Yes, America Can Still Lead the World. *The Atlantic*. January 2019. PDF is on D2L and at
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/01/yes-america-can-still-lead-the-world/576427/>

Grygiel, J. (2016). The Return of Europe's Nation States: The Upside to the EU's Crisis. from *Annual Editions: Global Issues*. 33rd Edition. McGraw Hill. PDF is on D2L.

Inglehart, R. (2018). The Age of Insecurity: Can Democracy Save Itself? *Foreign Affairs*. May 2018. PDF is on D2L.

Lashley, R. (2014). Is Africa's Land Up for Grabs? from *Annual Editions: Global Issues*. 33rd Edition. McGraw Hill. PDF is on D2L.

Myers, S.L., and Gutierrez, J. (2021). With Swarms of Ships, China Tightens its Grip on South China Sea. *The New York Times*. April 5, 2021 <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/03/world/asia/swarms-ships-south-china-sea.html?searchResultPosition=1>

Nye, J. (2017). Will the Liberal Order Survive? *Foreign Affairs*. January 2017. PDF is on D2L.

Wong, K. (2021). I Swam to Hong Kong for Freedom. Now it is Sunk. *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*. April 2, 2021. On PDF and at <https://www.startribune.com/i-swam-for-freedom-to-hong-kong-now-it-is-sunk/600041244/>