Lecture 3

Studying Globalization: Major Theories and Intellectual Lineages

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Lecture Outline

- Ways of Thinking Globally (Juergensmeyer)
- Brief History of Globalization Theory and Thought (James)
- Global Finance Example (Friedman)

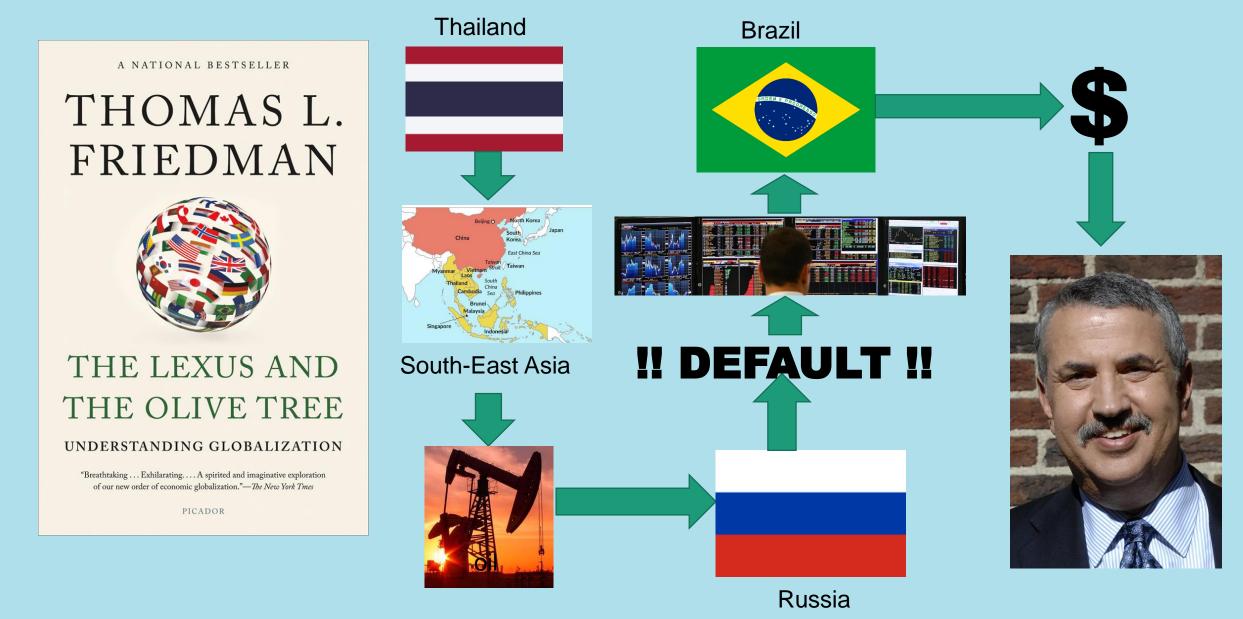
The History of Globalization Theory - James

- James' chapter section (Not Assigned)
- Category of "global" became the focal orienting principle
- Earliest Works (1970-80s)
 - Immanuel Wallerstein, World Systems Theory
 - Andre Gunder Frank, Dependency Theory
- Early Modern Theorists (1990s)
 - Appadurai and Beck
 - Robertson
- Third Wave (Aughts)
 - Interdisciplinary but no "theory of globalization"

(James, continued)

- Hyperglobalists
- Skeptics
- Transformationalists

Financial Globalization-Thomas Friedman



Friedman's Key Arguments about Globalization

 Late 20th and 21st C. globalization driven by falling communication costs

- Individuals are key participants in processes
- Optimistic about the spread of global norms, and global markets that will benefit everyone. Interaction between the new system and traditional ideologies of liberalism, democracy, human rights.