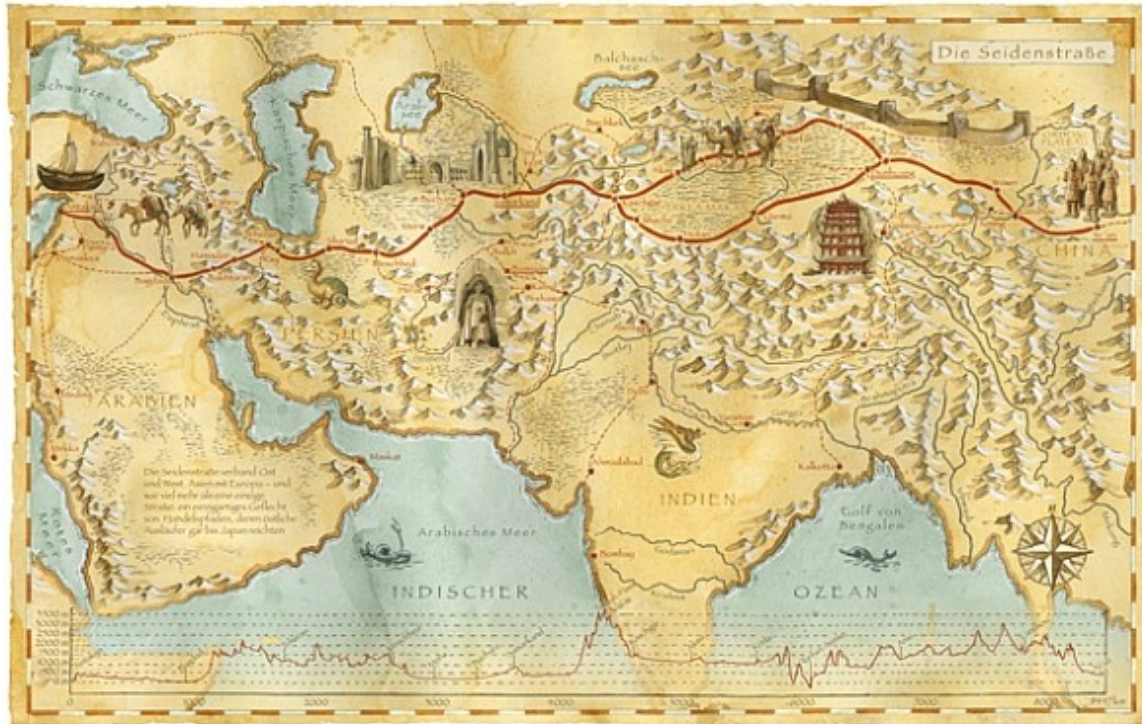


**INGS 101**  
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### **Course Description**

Within the past three decades, planetary computerization, burgeoning media industries, and other global processes have significantly altered the ways in which we experience our local and global worlds. Global reconfigurations of time and space change our consciousness, sense of self and others, and the material realities in which we live and work. This course provides the conceptual tools to assess emerging global processes, interactions and flows of people, ideas and things that challenge historical patterns of international studies and relations. The course will introduce you to international and global processes in areas such as global cultural economies, global cities, new forms of democracy and civil society, global religions, sexualities, health, and environments, increased competition for resources, political conflict, war and terrorism. Beyond understanding the causes and consequences of global change, this course will introduce you to ethical dilemmas in global justice movements, and in transferring ideas and technologies in new global contexts.

### **Course Materials**

The books that will be required for this course are

🌐 Lechner and Boli, *The Globalization Reader* (6<sup>th</sup> edition). 978-1119409946

🌐Hansen, Valerie: *The Year 1000: When Explorers Connected the World - and Globalization Began*. 9781501194108

## Grades

Your grade will be based on your performance on a series of four papers worth 60 percent of your grade, and two exams worth 40 percent.

There will be no “curve” in this class, so what you earn is what you get! Grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

93.00-100.00	A	4.00
90.00-92.99	A-	3.67
87.00-89.99	B+	3.33
83.00-86.99	B	3.00
80.00-82.99	B-	2.67
77.00-79.99	C+	2.33
73.00-76.99	C	2.00
70.00-72.99	C-	1.67
60.00-69.99	D	1.00
<60.00	F	0.00

## Papers

Each student is expected to write four papers drawing from material from *The Globalization Reader*. Please keep in mind that these are writing assignments and therefore should be well-written, well thought out, and proofread (duh!). These are also academic writing exercises, and as such, I expect them to be cited when you use an external source (we’ll discuss this in class).

## Exams

The exams in this course are not meant to be trivia quizzes, but rather are designed to measure your comprehensive of the materials in the readings and discussed in class. They will take the form of short essays and will take you no more than 1 hour.

## Academic Dishonesty/Student Rights and Responsibilities

Cheating and plagiarism have no place at this university, and instances of them will be dealt with severely, yet fairly. All work in this class must be the students’ own, unless properly cited. Students should review the university policy on these issues, as well as their rights and responsibilities: <http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/studentconduct/rr.php>.

## Students with Special Needs

RIT is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities. If you would like to request accommodations such as special seating, testing modifications, or note taking services due to a disability, please contact the Disability

Services Office located in the SAU room 1150. The Web site is <http://www.rit.edu/studentaffairs/disabilityservices>. After you receive accommodation approval, contact me so that we can work out whatever arrangement is necessary.

### **Course Schedule and Readings**

The numbers in italics correspond to pages in *The Globalization Reader*.

Week 1: August 24, August 26  
*6-45*; Hansen: chapters 1-3

Week 2: August 31, September 2  
*46-104*; Hansen: chapters 4-6

Week 3: September 7, September 9  
*105-147*; Hansen: chapters 7-Epilogue

Week 4: September 14, September 16  
*148-214*; **Paper 1 Due Friday September 17, 5:00 PM**

Week 5: September 21, September 23  
*215-248*

Week 6: September 28, September 30  
*249-289*

Week 7: October 5, October 7  
*290-338*; **Midterm Exam: Thursday October 7 (in class)**

Week 8: October 12, October 14  
*339-385*; **Paper 2 Due Friday October 15, 5:00 PM**

Week 9: October 19, October 21  
*386-425*

Week 10: October 26, October 28  
*426-477*

Week 11: November 2, November 4  
*478-528*

Week 12: November 9, November 11  
Steil, B. (2007). The End of National Currency. *Foreign Affairs*, 86(3), 83-96; **Paper 3 Due Friday November 12, 5:00 PM**

Week 13: November 16, November 18

Bremmer, I. (2009). State Capitalism Comes of Age: The End of the Free Market? *Foreign Affairs*, 88(3), 40-55.

Week 14: November 23

Week 15: November 30, December 2

**Paper 4 Due Friday December 3, 5:00 PM**

Week 16: December 7

-Reading Day: no class

**Final Exam: TBD**