



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/2015

ELE 3749 Globalization

Programme

Elective

Responsible for the course

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Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

7,5

Language of instruction

Norwegian

Introduction

The development of affordable communication technologies, goods- and passenger transport, has important impacts on migration, international trade, and a number of other defining features of our times. These developments also affect contemporary discourses on globalization. Globalization also includes sub-discourses on political-, cultural- as well as economic integration. It further clarifies the contrast between the particular and the universal. The course aims to provide the students with an awareness of conditions for, and central consequences of, globalization.

Learning outcome

Acquired knowledge

On completion of the course the students shall have:

- Developed insights into important discourses concerning globalization, including technological, economic, socio-political and cultural discourses.
- Learned how to identify central triggers in discourses on globalization.
- Learned how to identify cultural patterns on local and global levels, understand processes of diasporization, as well as the concepts and interconnections between particularity and universality.
- Acquired basic overview of important migration flows.
- Acquired a basic overview of central (and emerging) financial markets.

Acquired skills

On completion of the course the students shall be able to:

- Identify development trends in contemporary globalization.
- Identify and discuss global geopolitical power structures, and identify development trends in these power structures.
- Identify and discuss critical relations between political and economic sectors.
- Account for the changing role of the nation state in regard to critical global issues such as climate change, international trade and migration, terrorism, judicial policy, etc.

Reflection

On completion of the course the students should be able to reflect critically on the complex field of globalization.

Prerequisites

No special prerequisite knowledge is required

Compulsory reading

Books:

Eriksen, Thomas Hylland. 2008. Globalisering : åtte nøkkelbegreper. Universitetsforlaget. 208

Collection of articles:

Bang, Tor. 2013. Artikkelsamling til "Globalisering". Handelshøyskolen BI. 143. Artikler fra Goldin, Ian og Kenneth Reinert (eds). (2012) Globalization for Development, fra Palan, Ronen (ed): (2013): Global Political Economy, og fra Brochmann, Grete (ed.) 2011. NOU 2011:7. Velferd og migrasjon. Den norske modellens fremtid.

Recommended reading

Course outline

- Globalization and distance: processes that restructure social relations in ways that make them less dependent on time and

- space, for example people's relations to money as a means of payment
- Acceleration: compression of time and space
- Acceleration in mass media
- Standardization of cultural, humanistic, socio-political scales
- Translocal networking: ICT-based network societies
- Network Society, NGO influence, power and powerlessness
- Mobility: tourism, migration, diaspora communities, creolization and hybrid societies
- Vulnerability: natural disasters, terrorism, climate change, vulnerability of transport and digital networks
- Reactions: identification processes and self-understanding
- Global trade
- Migration with particular focus on immigration to Norway
- Labour-market structures in respect of Norwegian diasporas
- New economic power structures

Computer-based tools

No specified computer-based tools are required.

Learning process and workload

The course consists of 45 hours, divided into classroom teaching, project work and supervising. The content of the course is theory-based.

Activity	Hours
Lectures	36
Preparation for lectures	28
Exercises and group work	70
Colloquia and peer tutoring	26
Self-study/reading literature/exam preparations	40
Total recommended workload	200

Use of hours

Examination

A 72-hour home examination on a given topic concludes the course. The examination can be taken individually or in groups of maximum 3 students.

Examination code(s)

ELE 37491 - 72-hour home-examination, counts 100% towards the grade in the course ELE 3749 Globalization, 7.5 credits.

Examination support materials

All examination support materials allowed.

Re-sit examination

A re-sit examination is offered in connection with the next regular course

Additional information