The aim of the class is to provide student with an opportunity to read major writings on globalization, preferably by reading a selected books from cover to cover, and develop, through class discussion, a framework that would be useful for Geography in the way they engage in the debate on globalization.

The following reading list reflects mostly “contemporary” works on globalization, with the exception of a few key classics. We review both theoretical and empirical literature, and plan on spending 2-3 weeks for each of the perspectives – Economic, Political, Sociological, Historical/Anthropological, and Geographical.
Readings will be determined on the first meeting based on group consensus. We will make sure that all perspectives are covered and interests of all students represented. Students are also encouraged to suggest additional readings, which we will consider as a group during the first meeting. For example, books that address the impacts of contemporary globalization in particular economies/regions are not included in the current reading list, but may be adopted if there is a consensus from the class.

The course demands active class participation (50% of grade), and a weekly 1 page reflection of the readings to be circulated in advance of class (50% of grade). Students are urged to bring up opposing points of view in writing reflections and in class discussions. Some of the readings may be made available on Blackboard. Books, however, may have to be purchased or we need to make an arrangement to share library copies.

**Reading List**

1. **Views from Economics**


*There are also multitudes of books on MNEs by Richard Caves, John Cantwell, Mark Casson, Michael Porter, Christopher Bartlett, and Sumantra Goshal.*

## 2. Views from Political Science


3. Views from Sociology


4. **Views from History, Literature, and Anthropology**


Wendy Harcourt and Arturo Escobar (eds), *Women and the Politics of Place*. 2005


5. **Views from Geography**

*Books:*


Edited books:


Articles:


Special Issue from Clark Conference on Global Economic Change in *Economic Geography*, 2002.


Debates with Taylor in *Environment & Planning A*, 1996:


A D King Opening up the social sciences to the humanities: a response to Peter Taylor *Environment and Planning A* 1996, volume 28, pages 1954 - 1959


