

**E 069 (Winter 2007-08) Global Trends and Diversity**  
**Wednesdays, 16h15 to 18h00**  
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This is an obligatory course for students entering the MIA programme. It aims to expose them to specialized presentations of some major contemporary and evolving issues and trends facing the global community. Presentations will be by HEI faculty or guest speakers. Readings will be circulated as far as possible in advance.

**Evaluation**

The basis of evaluation will be as follows:

50% for an essay of about 2500 words reviewing or challenging one of the issues addressed in class;

50% for a small group project and presentation exploring a major issue or trend *not* addressed in class. This entails submitting a text discussing your project in not more than 2500 words.

More details will be made available in class.

The dates for the presentations are 28 November, and 5, 12, and 19 December 2007.

**Programme**

(Please note: the programme below is correct at the time of printing. Some presentation titles may be working titles.)

26 September

Introduction

3 October

Dr Bimal Gosh

The Challenge of Migration as a Global Issue I:  
Overview, Magnitudes, Trends, and Global Configurations

4 October (time and venue to be announced)

Dr Bimal Gosh

The Challenge of Migration as a Global Issue II:  
Managing Migration

10 October

No class

17 October

Dr John Gault

Energy security I: a Global Perspective

24 October

Dr John Gault

Energy security II: an European Perspective

31 October

Dr John Hancock

International Trade Liberalization I

7 November

Dr John Hancock

International Trade Liberalization II

14 November

Dr Yash Tandon

Developing Countries and the International System I

21 November

Dr Yash Tandon

Developing Countries and the International System II

28 November

Student Presentations

5 December

Student Presentations

12 December

Student Presentations

19 December

Student Presentations and Round-up

Deadline for submitting individual essays: 19 December 2007.