

## Master in International Affairs (MIA)

Academic year 2008 - 2009

### Global Trends and Diversity

**E069 – Fall – Global Trends and Diversity - 6 ECTS**  
**Wednesdays 16:15-18:00 (AJF)**

#### Course Description

This course introduces students to major issues in international affairs with a focus on related challenges and opportunities for international cooperation. These issues include global and regional integration, global public goods (health, human rights and the environment), as well as security and conflict management. Hard facts and myths will be examined and deconstructed, and their importance will be studied in analytical frameworks that will be developed in the disciplinary courses that will follow. After an introductory course on each topic, experts from the policy community in Geneva (from international organizations, NGOs and Missions) will intervene on each of the issues covered in class.

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## Syllabus

### Course Website

<http://graduateinstitute.ch/mia/programme/courses/compulsory/global-trends-diversity.html>

### Requirements

Each student must submit **3 (three) essays** of approximately 1 500 words ( $\pm 10\%$ ), one for each part of the course. The essays will answer the question(s) posted on the website of the course after the sessions with invited speakers, and are due the *following week before class*, either by email to the assistants or in hard-copy at the beginning of class. Each essay is worth 33% of the final grade.

NOTE: Except for valid medical reasons (with a medical certificate), late papers will be penalized -1 point per day.

### Readings

In order to be able to participate in class discussions and to prepare the required assignments, students must do a set of required readings before the relevant class. These readings, which are selected by the professor and by the invited speakers, will be posted on the website of the course on a separate password-protected page. For each of the introductory sessions taught by the professor, required readings consist of three sets of material: reports that give facts and trends; some recent commentaries; as well as a few landmark pieces in the field. These readings are not only meant to give background for the introductory sessions in each part but more generally for the whole part. Guest speakers will send additional material but we will try to limit it to a strict minimum.

NOTE: Please make sure you consult the website regularly, as information regarding the course will be posted there.

## Course Outline

### **SEPTEMBER 17            INTRODUCTION (CD)**

#### *General readings*

- Sachs, Jeffrey D., "Our crowded planet" (Chapter 2), in *Common Wealth*, New York, Penguin, 2008.
- Commission on Human Security, *Human Security Now*, Chapter 1, 2003.

### **PART I                            SECURITY AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT**

### **SEPTEMBER 24            Introduction to trends in security and conflict management (CD)**

#### *Facts and trends*

- Human Security Centre, *Human Security Report*, 2005, pp. viii and 13-33.
- Suhrke, Astri and Ingrid Samset, "What's in a Figure? Estimating Recurrence of Civil War", *International Peacekeeping*, vol.14, no.2, 2007, pp.195-203.
- Douma, P.S., *The Political Economy of Internal Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of Angola, Colombia, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka*, Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael, The Hague, 2003, [http://www.clingendael.nl/publications/2003/20031100\\_cli\\_study19.pdf](http://www.clingendael.nl/publications/2003/20031100_cli_study19.pdf)

#### *Recent commentaries*

- Abramowitz, Morton and Thomas Pickering, "Making Intervention Work", *Foreign Affairs*, 87(5), 2008, pp. 100-108.
- Autesserre, Séverine, "The Trouble With Congo", *Foreign Affairs*, 87(3), 2008, pp. 94-110.
- Green, Michael and Derek Mitchell, "Asia's Forgotten Crisis (cover story)", *Foreign Affairs*, 86(6), 2007, pp. 147-158.
- Natsios, Andrew S., "Beyond Darfur", *Foreign Affairs*, 87(3), 2008, pp. 77-93.
- Rice, Condoleezza, "Rethinking the National Interest", *Foreign Affairs*, 87(4), 2008, pp. 2-26.

#### *Landmark pieces*

- Collier, Paul, "Economic Causes of Civil Conflict and their Implications for Policy", World Bank Working Papers, 15 June 2000.
- Kaldor, Mary, *New and Old Wars: Organised Violence in a Global Era*, Stanford University Press, 2001, pp. 13-30, 69-89.
- Wilson, Woodrow, "The World Must be Safe for Democracy", 1917, <http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/4943/>

### **OCTOBER 1                    **Global Energy Security & Africa****

Speaker: Mr. John Gault (GCSP)

### **OCTOBER 8                    **Darfur and Small Arms Proliferation****

Speaker: Mr. Robert Muggah (Small Arms Survey)

### **OCTOBER 15                 **The Challenge of Coordinating Humanitarian Action****

Speaker: Mr. Luke McCallin (OCHA)

## **PART II**

## **GLOBAL SOCIETY**

**OCTOBER 22**                    **Introduction to trends and salient issues (CD)** (\*this class will be rescheduled)

### *Facts and trends*

- Arhin-Tenkorang, Dyna and Pedro Conceição, "Beyond Communicable Disease Control: Health in the Age of Globalization", in I. Kaul, P. Conceicao, K. Le Goulven and R. U. Mendoza (eds.), *Providing Global Public Goods*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2003, pp. 484-515.
- Sachs, Jeffrey D., "Securing Water Needs" (Chapter 5) and "Global Population Dynamics" (Chapter 7), in *Common Wealth*, New York, Penguin, 2008.
- FAO, *Soaring Food Prices: Facts, Perspectives, Impacts and Actions Required*, 2008.
- UNCTAD, *Addressing the Global Food Crisis*, UNO, Geneva, 2008.

### *Recent commentaries*

- Brody, William R., "College Goes Global", *Foreign Affairs*, 86(2), 2007, pp. 122-133.
- Diamond, Larry, "The Democratic Rollback", *Foreign Affairs*, 87(2), 2008, pp. 36-48.
- Garrett, Laurie, "The Challenge of Global Health", *Foreign Affairs*, 86 (1), 2007, pp. 14-38.
- Larkin, Charles, "An Academic Debate", *Foreign Affairs*, 86 (4), 2007, pp. 171-172.
- Osterholm, Michael T., "Unprepared for a Pandemic", *Foreign Affairs*, 86(2), 2007, pp. 47-57.

### *Landmark pieces*

- Hardin, Garrett, "The Tragedy of the Commons", *Science*, 162, 1968, pp. 1243-1248.
- Alker, Hayward R. and Peter M. Haas, "The Rise of Global Ecopolitics", in Nazli Choucri, *Global Accord: Environmental Challenges and International Responses*, MIT Press, Cambridge, 1993.
- Ostrom, Elinor, "Reformulating the Commons", *Swiss Political Science Review*, 6(1), 2000, pp. 29-52.

**OCTOBER 29**                    **Saving Lives: The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**  
Speaker: Dr. Daniel Low-Ber  
Director (Performance, Impact and Effectiveness), The Global Fund.

**NOVEMBER 5**                    **Session on Food Crisis postponed to November 26.**

**NOVEMBER 12**                    **Access to Water**  
Speaker: Mr David Trouba (WSCC)

## **PART III**

## **GLOBAL AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION**

(in collaboration with Dr. Sudip Basu, UNCTAD)

**NOVEMBER 19**                    **Introduction to trends & diversity in global and regional integration (CD & SB)**

### *Facts and trends*

- UNCTAD, "World Investment Report 2007", Chapter 1, 2007, pp. 1-31, available online [http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/wir2007\\_en.pdf](http://www.unctad.org/en/docs/wir2007_en.pdf)
- WTO, "World Trade Report 2008: Trade in a Globalizing World", 2008, read pp. 15-26, available online, [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/booksp\\_e/anrep\\_e/world\\_trade\\_report08\\_e.pdf](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/anrep_e/world_trade_report08_e.pdf)
- WTO, "World Trade Report 2007", 2007, pp. 1-32, available online [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/booksp\\_e/anrep\\_e/world\\_trade\\_report07\\_e.pdf](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/anrep_e/world_trade_report07_e.pdf)
- Commission on Growth and Development, *The Growth Report*, Part I, 2008, pp. 17-31, available online <http://www.growthcommission.org>

### *Recent commentaries*

- Abdelal, Rawi and Adam Segal, "Has Globalization Passed Its Peak?", *Foreign Affairs*, 86(1), 2007, pp. 103-114.
- Bergsten, C. Fred, "A Partnership of Equals", *Foreign Affairs*, 87(4), 2008, pp. 57-69.
- Leamer, Edward E., "A Flat World, a Level Playing Field, a Small World After All, or None of the Above? A Review of Thomas L. Friedman's *The World is Flat*", *Journal of Economic Literature*, XLV, March 2007, pp. 83-126.

*Landmark pieces*

- Salter, Sir Arthur, "The Future of Economic Nationalism", *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 11, no.1, October 1932, pp. 8-20.
- Rostow, Walt W., *The Stages of Economic Growth: A Non-Communist Manifesto*, 1960, Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 1-16.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel, "Dependence in an Interdependent World: The Limited Possibilities of Transformation within the Capitalist World Economy," *African Studies Review*, 17(1), 1974, pp. 1-26.
- Wallerstein, Immanuel, "Semi-Peripheral Countries and the Contemporary World Crisis", *Theory and Society*, 3(4), 1976, pp. 461-483.

**NOVEMBER 26**

**-Food Crisis**

Speaker: Mr. Olivier de Schutter, Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.

**-Emerging Economies (I): Political and Economic Impact**

Speaker: Mrs. Jennifer Blanke (World Economic Forum)

**DECEMBER 3**

**Migration and Outsourcing: The Missing Leg**

Speaker: Mr. Ibrahim Awad (ILO)

**DECEMBER 10**

**Emerging Economies (II): Sustainability and Participation in Global Policy-Making**

Speaker: Mr. Richard Newfarmer (The World Bank)

**DECEMBER 17**

**WRAP UP & CONCLUSION (CD)**