**The Evergreen State College**

**Masters Program in Public Administration**

**Globalization and Comparative Public Administration Winter 2009**

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Jan 24-25, Feb 14-15 & Sat Mar 14 (9am-6pm). Location: TBA.

This course will explore the implications of globalization for public administration in the United States and other countries. We will first explore the vast changes that are occurring around the world, and discuss the economic, political, cultural, environmental and criminal aspects in an attempt to define globalization and determine what is bringing it about. With that context, we can ask, what does this mean for governance, within and between countries? How have opinions of the US changed, and what does that mean for foreign policy and international relations? Has globalization changed the way countries govern themselves, and the policy and administrative options available to them? The major assignment will be a comparative analysis of a policy or administrative issue in two or more countries.

We will read 4 texts plus a variety of shorter articles, governmental reports, and research studies, and discuss these in class. Lectures, films, guest presentations and workshops will be featured during our class sessions. Students will write three short papers, and prepare one longer paper, on which they will deliver a presentation the last day of class.

**Learning objectives**: Students will gain:

* An understanding of and the ability to apply comparative analysis to important questions of public administration and public policy
* An improved understanding of globalization and its implications for governance
* An introduction to basic concepts in international relations
* An improved understanding of the nation-state and the forces that will influence its future

**Credit and Evaluation:** Students will receive 4 credits at the completion of the course if all course requirements have been successfully completed. Plagiarism (i.e., using other peoples’ work as your own), failing to complete one or more assignments, completing one or more assignments late (without having made arrangements beforethe due date), or multiple absences may be grounds for denial of credit. Partial credit or incompletes will be awarded only under unusual circumstances. If you believe you will have difficulty submitting the final paper by its due date, contact me immediately.

Students are expected to attend each class meeting and to be on time. If an absence from class is unavoidable, contact me prior to class. Because of the intensive nature of this course, missing one day of class will necessitate a make up assignment. Missing a second day of class will result in a no credit. Any makeup work must be completed by the end of the quarter in question to ensure full receipt of course credit*.*  Consistent with MPA program requirements, a self evaluation will be required for credit.

**“Moodle.”** Lecture notes after each class session and some course readings will be available at the Evergreen Online Learning page at <http://elms.evergreen.edu/>, under the course name.

**Texts**. Books. Available through the TESC bookstore or online.

Held, David and Anthony McGrew (2007). *Globalization/Anti-Globalization: Beyond the Great Divide* (Paperback). New York: Polity Press. ISBN-10: 0745639119 ISBN-13: 978-0745639116

Bacevich, Andrew (2008). *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism* (Hardcover). New York: Metropolitan Books. **ISBN-10:** 0805088156 **ISBN-13:** 978-0805088151

Appiah, Kwame Anthony (2007). *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* (Paperback).

New York**:** W. W. Norton. **ISBN-10:** 039332933X **ISBN-13:** 978-0393329339

Pollitt, Christopher and Geert Bouckaert (2004). *Public Management Reform: A Comparative Analysis 2nd Edition.* (Paperback). New York: Oxford University Press, USA. **ISBN-10:** 0199268495

**ISBN-13:** 978-0199268498

**Articles:**

Huntington, Samuel P. (1993) “ The Clash of Civilizations?” *Foreign Affairs*, Summer.Available at:

<http://history.club.fatih.edu.tr/103%20Huntington%20Clash%20of%20Civilizations%20full%20text.htm>

*World Development Report 2009*. Available at:

<http://econ.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTDEC/EXTRESEARCH/EXTWDRS/EXTWDR2009/0,,contentMDK:21955654~menuPK:4231159~pagePK:64167689~piPK:64167673~theSitePK:4231059,00.html>

Berger, Suzanne (2000). “Globalization and Politics,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, vol. 3. (will be available on the course Moodle site).

**Assignments:**

**Seminar papers.** Write a seminar paper of 1-2 double spaced pages on the texts by Bacevich, Pollitt and Bouckaert, and Appiah. You can take a variety of approaches to these seminar papers: critique the thesis of the text and discuss whether the author(s) accomplished what they set out to do with the book; or focus on an argument in the text with which you strongly agreed or disagreed. DON’T write a summary of the book. **These papers are due on the date the text will be discussed in class (Bacevich, Jan. 25th; Pollitt and Bouckaert, February 14th; Appiah, February 15th).**

**Assignment 1.** Held and McGrew describe and analyze globalization. In your view, has globalization resulted in net gains or losses to global well-being? Should the process be stopped, or accelerated? Write a paper of 3-4 double-spaced pages in which you make clear your conclusion on this issue, and use quotes from the text (or other sources) to defend your choice.  **Due Saturday, January 24th.**

**Assignment 2.** Write an essay of 4-5 double-spaced pages in which you analyze the implications of globalization for public administration in the United States and other countries. Has globalization had either a substantial or a limited role on the size, scope and nature of the state, and in turn on public administration? Do you perceive any trends which could change this in the future? **Due February 15th.**

**3. Assignment 3.** The major assignment for the course will be a comparative analysis of a policy or public administration issue between two or more countries. Select a policy topic or administrative issue and use a comparative approach to analyze it. More details on this assignment will be provided in class.

**Due March 14th. Be prepared to give a ten minute presentation on your paper in class that day.**

**Tentative Class Schedule: subject to revision**

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| **Jan. 24**  **What is Globalization?**  More than International political economy  Culture; Law; crime;  Outcomes: inequality? Growth? Instability?  Read: Held and McGrew, *Globalization-Anti-Globalization;* What is a state?: reading TBD  **Due: Assignment 1** | **Jan 25**  **Intro to International Relations**  Theoretical Frameworks: Basic concepts, and theories  International Security: war, peace, anarchy, violence, and international cooperation and intervention  Read: Bacevich: *The Limits of Power*  Huntington, “Clash of Civilizations?” (online)  **Due: Seminar paper on Bacevich** |
| **Feb. 14**  **Comparative Politics and Comparative PA**  What is “reform” and who benefits from it?  Intro to Comparative Analysis  Read: Pollitt and Bouckaert, *Public Management Reform*  *Short readings on comparative analysis*  **Due: seminar paper on Pollitt and Bouckaert** | **Feb 15**  **More on Comparative PA**  **Comparative Policy**  **The future of the nation-state**  Read: Appiah, *Cosmopolitanism*  Skim summary and Part III of *World Development Report 2009*  Berger, “Globalization and Politics”  **Due: Seminar paper on Appiah; Assignment 2** |
| **March 14**  Final Presentations  **Due: Assignment 3** |  |