
Time: Friday, 13 – 15 h. Venue: HG G26.3 Instructor: Nikolay Kamenov
**Short description**

The course offers an introduction to the field of global history. For this purpose, a combination of historiographical texts - trend setting in the newly formed academic field - and historical texts would be offered. Themes such as national formation around the world, migration, market intensification and commodity chains as well as forms of cultural 'globalization' will be addressed.

**Course objectives**

The objective of the course with regard to learning is threefold. First, the course aims to train students in critical reading of texts by introducing historiographical topics and their subsequent discussion in class. Under this rubric, students would be encouraged to question the validity and challenge the explanatory strength of categories and concepts such as 'globalization' and 'modernity'. A second aim is the identification of historical processes central to the formation of a connected world. Through studying of phenomena such as migration, the development of a global market and the formation of an international/transnational scientific community, students would be enabled to understand and analyze different forms of 'connections' and ways of 'connecting'. Finally, students would be encouraged to stage and analyze global connections on a single analytic plain. Both process of convergence and divergence would be addressed in their entirety, pointing to the - sometimes different - effects that global connections had on people around the world.

**Grading:** Active participation (50%); Assignment(s) (50%)
Sessions

19.09. – Introduction

a) Introduction to the course. Global history and globalization.
b) Empire as an agent of globalization

26.09. - 1st Block: Imperial globalization, colonialism and resistance

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

03.10. - 1st Block: Imperial globalization, colonialism and resistance

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

10.10. - 2nd Block: National independence movements and the new form of global territoriality

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

17.10. - 2nd Block: National independence movements and the new form of global territoriality

a) Discussion

Primary source: TBA

Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

24.10. - 3rd Block: Technologies connecting the world, machines as the measure of men.

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]
31.10. - 3rd Block: Technologies connecting the world, machines as the measure of men.

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

**07.11. - 4th Block: Global migration - people on the move and bonded labour**

a) Discussion


Primary source: TBA

Additional and recommended reading:


14.11. - 4th Block: Global migration - people on the move and bonded labour

a) Discussion


Primary source: Woolridge, Fred (1877) Report on the Mortality of Indian Immigrants in French Guiana during the First Half of the Year 1877.

Additional and recommended reading:

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

**21.11. - 5th Block: Universal science, knowledge production and race**

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

**28.11. - 5th Block: Universal science, knowledge production and race**
a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

05.12. - 6th Block: The global economy - commodity chains, capital and inequality

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

12.12. - 6th Block: The global economy - commodity chains, capital and inequality

a) Discussion


Primary source: TBA
Additional and recommended reading:


b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

**19.12. - Recap - What is the concept of globalization good for? A global citizen?**

a) Discussion


Additional and recommended reading:


b) Discussion of the course. Evaluation.