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International Economics and Policy

Participants explore debates on globalization, foreign aid, and U.S. military intervention.

Key questions include:

- What are the benefits and drawbacks of globalization?
- What is the best approach to immigration policy?
- How involved should the U.S. be in foreign affairs?

Reading Schedule

Session 1 – Justifying Foreign Aid

- Sachs, Jeffrey D. (2005). “Making the Investments Needed to End Poverty.” In *The End of Poverty* New York, NY: The Penguin Press. 244-265.
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Session 2 – Doing Bad by Doing Good I

- Coyne, Christopher J. (2013). “Introduction: A Living Example of the Puzzle.” In *Doing Bad by Doing Good: Why Humanitarian Action Fails*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. 1-7.
- ——— (2013). “Part One: The Here and Now.” 9-58.

Session 3 – Doing Bad by Doing Good II

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- ——— (2013). “Political Competition Replaces Market Competition.” 90-107.
- Bologna Pavlik, Jamie and Andrew T. Young. (2022). “Sorting Out the Aid-Corruption Nexus.” *Journal of Institutional Economics*, Vol. 18, No. 4. 637-653. Accessed at <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1744137421000667>.

Session 4 – Doing Bad by Doing Good III

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Session 5 – Immigration I

- Caplan, Bryan and Zach Weinersmith. (2019). “Global Apartheid.” In *Open Borders: The Science and Ethics of Immigration*. New York, NY: First Second. 1-26.
- ——— (2019). “Trillion-Dollar Bills on the Sidewalk.” 27-53.
- ——— (2019). “The Native’s Burden?” 55-79.
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Session 6 – Immigration II

- Borjas, George J. (2015). “Immigration and Globalization: A Review Essay.” *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 53, No. 4. 961-974. Accessed at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1257/jel.53.4.961>.
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- ——— (2019). “The Golden Goose on Trial.” 109-138.
- ——— (2019). “Keyhole Solutions.” 139-161.
- ——— (2019). “All Roads Lead to Open Borders.” 163-189.

Session 7 – Sweatshops

- Arnold, Denis G. and Laura P. Hartman. (2006). “Worker Rights and Low Wage Industrialization: How to Avoid Sweatshops.” *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No. 3. 676-700. Accessed at <https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/20072757.pdf>.
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Session 8 – Globalization I: Trade

- Friedman, David. (1996). “Ptolemaic Trade Theory, or Can We Bring *The New York Times* Into the Twentieth Century?” In *Hidden Order: The Economics of Everyday Life*. New York, NY: HarperBusiness. 65-70.
- Rodrik, Dani. (2011). “Of Markets and States: Globalization in History’s Mirror.” In *The Globalization Paradox*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. 3-23.
- ——— (2011). “Why Doesn’t Everyone Get the Case for Free Trade?” 47-66.
- Boudreaux, Donald J. (2008). “The Balance of Trade and Trade Deficits.” In *Globalization*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. 99-116.
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Session 9 – Globalization II: Policy

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- Boudreaux, Donald J. (2008). “Globalization and Material Prosperity: What’s at Stake?” In *Globalization*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. 15-36.
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Session 10 – Globalization III: Governance

- Rodrik, Dani. (2011). “The Political Trilemma of the World Economy.” In *The Globalization Paradox*. New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. 184-206.
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Session 11 – Conclusion

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