

## THE GLOBAL POLITICS OF PROTEST AND CHANGE (IR250)

**Course duration:** 54 hours lecture and class time (Over three weeks)

**LSE Teaching Department:** Department of International Relations

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**Pre-requisites:** At least one introductory course in either social science (e.g. political science, international relations, sociology, economics), history, or law. More details in main text

### Course Outline:

Protests in cities and squares around the world; #Occupy and the Arab Spring; parallel climate summits and the Fair Trade movement; Al Qaeda and Islamic State; Save Darfur and Invisible Children; Davos and Porto Alegre; WikiLeaks and Twitter - bottom-up forces are rapidly changing the face of global politics, which today involves much more than states and international institutions. But who are the actors driving global change and what are their roles in global politics? How do they come together and what is their power? What is the role of the media and new technologies in protest and change? And, crucially, what are the implications for global democracy and global justice?

This course is unique in its bottom-up approach to the study of politics and social change, emphasizing the role of human agency and activism in the process of globalization. Lectures in the course focus on specific issues ranging from political consumerism, new media and forms of protest, to the anti-capitalist movement and the 'war on terror'. The role of key global actors will be explored, including social movements and NGOs, nationalist and religious movements, the global media, global summits, multinational corporations, and institutions such as the International Criminal Court and the World Bank. The course offers a unique opportunity for students to engage with some of the leading scholars in the study of globalization and with activists and practitioners driving global change.

This is an intermediate level course and requires some basic knowledge in areas of politics, development, law, or international relations. It is particularly useful for students with a first degree, advanced undergraduates or those with practical experience in NGOs, multinational corporations or international organizations.

### Texts:

- M. Kaldor, *Global Civil Society: An Answer to War*, Polity Press (2003).
- IR250: Global Politics of Protest and Change Course Pack will be provided.

Students are encouraged to have a look at the Global Civil Society Yearbooks at:

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/internationalDevelopment/research/CSHS/civilSociety/yearBook/yearbookArchive.asp>

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### Course Structure:

- Lectures: 36 hours
- Classes: 18 hours
- Assessment: Written work (25%) and one written examination (75%)

#### Mon **Introduction**

- (1) Introduction to the Global Politics of Protest and Change
- (2) Politics in Times of Globalisation: Global Risks

#### Tue **Global Political Actors (I)**

- (3) The Nature of Non-State Actors
- (4) Naming, Shaming, Framing: Tactics and Power

#### Wed **Global Political Actors (II)**

- (5) Davos and Porto Alegre
- (6) Nationalist and Religious Movements

#### Thur **From the End of the Cold War to the Arab Spring**

- (7) Activists Speak: Civil Society and the End of the Cold War
- (8) The Ideas of 1989 and 2011



Fri

### **Global Capitalism**

(9) Economic Globalization

(10) The Anti-Capitalist Movement

Mon

### **Global Issues**

(11) Terrorism, Surveillance, and Global Activism

(12) Political Consumerism

Tue

### **Global Justice**

(13) Mass Atrocity and Civilian Protection

(14) International Justice

Wed

### **DAY OFF**

Thur

### **War in a Global Age**

(15) 'New Wars' and the 'War on Terror'

(16) Activists Speak: Afghanistan

Fri,

### **Governing Globalization**

(17) Civil Society and Global Governance

(18) International Financial Institutions

Mon

### **Contesting Authoritarianism**

(19) Illiberal Regimes

(20) Activists Speak: Egypt, Syria

Tue

### **Media, Debate and Activism**

(21) Media and the Public Sphere

(22) Internet Activism

Wed

### **Globalization, Democracy & Rule of Law**

(23) Human Security and Global Rule of Law

(24) Global Democracy

Thur

### **READING DAY**

Fri

### **EXAM**

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