

Peacebuilding and Development (PXD)

375 Globalization and Justice

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This course explores the shifting and intensifying forms of human interconnectedness called globalization by introducing students to the range of vigorous debates about it. Students learn a variety of arguments about questions such as: Is it a homogenizing or fragmenting force? What, or who, drives it? Is it increasing or decreasing poverty and inequality? How is it shifting the loci of power around the world? Is 'globalization' just another word for 'Westernization'? How is it being, or should it be, resisted? What does it mean to think in terms of a church whose center of gravity is no longer Europe and North America (if it ever was)? Finally, what does it mean to think theologically about capitalism, the great engine of globalization?

385 History and Philosophy of Nonviolence

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Nonviolence has a long, rich history. This course begins with the early Christian application of Jesus' peaceable way to the issue of involvement in warfare, and traces the philosophy and practice of nonviolence in the centuries since. We also look at the origins and development of the just war and justifiable revolution traditions. We pay special attention to the application of the philosophy of nonviolence to social change efforts, including the work and thought of Mahatma Gandhi, the North American civil rights movement, and opposition to militarism.