

Globalization, Development and Migration (MEP & MEPIN)
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course covers essential relations among the process of economic development (in low-income countries), globalization and migration flows, taking both a theoretical and narrative approach. The course is divided in three units. The first unit is focused on the analysis of the interactions among capital (physical and human) accumulation, demographic factors and technology, and (economic and political) institutions in the determination of growth and development. In the second unit, drivers and consequences of the globalization (real and financial) process are analysed. The third unit is dedicated to the study of migration flows, analysing their determinants and implications both for origination and destination countries.

Class participation is not graded, but is actively encouraged. There is not a “truly” class textbook. However, students will be heavily supplied with articles made available on the website for the course. It is most important that students keep up to date with the readings for the course.

COURSE SYLLABUS

- I. **Growth and development**
 - The Development Gap
 - The Human Development INdex
 - Growth and Development: the relations
 - Growth: Solow model. Proximate Factors
 - Factor Accumulation
 - Technological innovation
 - Growth: Deep Factors
 - Geography
 - Institutions
 - Interdependence

- II. **Globalization**
 - Interdependence (real and financial): definition
 - Interdependence and globalization: the relations
 - Globalization: drivers
 - Globalization: effects
 - Globalization: winners and losers

- III. **Migration**
 - Migration: definition
 - Globalization and Migration: the relations
 - Migration: drivers
 - Economic Migrants
 - Political and Environmental Refugees
 - Migration: effects
 - Origination countries: brain drain
 - Native and migrant wages in destination countries
 - Migration: winners and losers

- IV. **Globalization, Development and Migration: what are the links?**

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First unit: Growth and Development

Roland G., Development Economics, 2014, New York, Pearson.
Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

Second unit: Globalization

[Antras, P. \(2021\), De-Globalisation? Global value chains in the post-covid-19 age](#)

[BIS \(2017\), Understanding Globalization. BIS Annual Economic Report](#)

[Core Econ, The Nation and the World Economy, UNIT 18](#)

[European Parliament \(2020\), Slowing Down or Changing Track? Understanding the Dynamics of “Slowbalization”, EPRS, PE659.383](#)

[PIIE \(2019\) What Is Globalization?](#)

Roland G., Development Economics, 2014, New York, Pearson.
Chapter 6.

Two useful books on globalization are:

Helpman E., Understanding Global Trade, 2011, Cambridge, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Helpman E., Globalization and Inequality, 2018, Cambridge, Harvard University Press.

Third unit: Migration

[Borjas, G. \(2015\), Immigration and Globalization: A Review Essay, Journal of Economic Literature](#)

[Clemens, M. \(2011\)](#), Economics and Emigration: Trillion-Dollar Bills on the Sidewalk?, *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 25(3)

Freeman, R. (2006), People Flows in Globalization, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*- 20 (2)

[NAS\(2016\)](#), *The Economic and Fiscal Consequences of Immigration*, Ch. 4, Washington D.C., The National Academies Press.

[SUNY LEVIN Institute \(2013\)](#), *Migration and Globalization*, [Globalization 101](#)

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Globalization, Development and Migration: what are the links?

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[Rodrik, D. \(2017a\)](#), *The Trouble with Globalization*, [The Milken Institute Review](#)

[Rodrik, D. \(2017b\)](#), *Populism and the Economics of Globalization*, [mimeo, Harvard University](#).

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