

## **GEOG 1004 - A Global World?**

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### What we aim to achieve

This module introduces 1st Year students on the BA Programme to the process of globalisation. By the end of the module, students have a better understanding of globalisation as a historical process; the justifications for, advantages and disadvantages of, and limits to global trade; the strategies of firms and workers in a globalising economy; and the political and cultural implications of globalisation for self-identity, locality, cities, and nation-states.

### What we do

Lectures introduce students to the core topics. Some lectures involve class activities to check understanding and to facilitate active learning. At the end of each lecture, students are guided to further reading in the form of accessible textbook chapters, dictionary and encyclopedia entries, and up-to-date journal articles. Staff are available by e-mail for questions and further clarifications. Staff also have office hours when students can meet and discuss readings as desired.

### Assessment

In their 1<sup>st</sup> Year, students do a number of essays in small tutorial groups, where they can get quality feedback on their essays. Tutors will often use questions on globalisation for these tutorial essays. But the main assessment method for this module is an end of semester exam. Students write two short essays in two hours, choosing from a range of six to nine questions spread across topics from the module as a whole.

### Future careers

Students leave this module with a better understanding of how individuals and institutions operate, and must operate, in a globalising world. The module prepares students for modules in Years 2 and 3, which build on many of the topics introduced in this module. It also prepares students to develop their own lives and careers

in a globalising world, and to articulate clearly informed strategies in employment situations like job interviews and selection events.



The photos were taken by one of the lecturers on the module, Dr Brian Hrats, and illustrate some of his research on the changing nature of economic activity in a globalising economy.