First Year Seminar (Dr. Kille, Fall 2018)
Short Paper Assignment #1: Global Political Economy
*Paper is due Thursday September 13

Writing Assignment
In class we have been exploring three questions drawn from Snarr’s Chapter 1 “Exploring Global Issues” from Introducing Global Issues: Are global issues a threat to humanity or do global issues offer reasons for hope? Is the world shrinking? Is globalization good or bad? Choose one of these questions to answer in relation to the global political economy.

Along with material from Chapter 1 related to the question selected, students must support their papers with material drawn from at least two of the other chapters on global political economy from Introducing Global Issues (Batiuk and Lehnert’s Chapter 9 on evolution of the global political economy, Moon’s Chapter 10 on free trade, Reeves’ Chapter 11 on poverty and inequality, and Chasek’s Chapter 14 on sustainable development). Students may also support their papers with news articles drawn from their current news reading of The New York Times (the articles do not necessarily have to be in the student’s news journal, but they should not search for older stories from before the semester started), although this is not required for this paper assignment.

The paper should be 2-3 pages in length (not including the Works Cited page). Remember that students may re-write up to two short papers to improve the paper. Revised papers will be re-graded, with the final grade reflecting an average of the two grades awarded.

Writing Reminders:
- Papers should be typed, double spaced, and have margins of 1” and 12-point font.
- As indicated in the assignment, your paper should explicitly draw on the readings – in doing so be sure to incorporate quotes and references to ideas that relate to your discussion. Be sure to cite chapters in the Snarr and Snarr book by the author of the chapter in an edited volume.
- Sources employed in the paper should be cited using the MLA format (see Hacker and Sommers 458-513).
- For additional assistance in integrating sources and avoiding plagiarism, please read Hacker and Sommers pages 441-457; note in particular to avoid “dropped quotations” and instead employ a “signal phrase” when incorporating quotes (451). Also, while the ellipsis mark should be used in the place of removed text in a quote, you should not place an ellipsis mark at the beginning or end of a quote since it is implicit that the text is taken from a larger selection (see Hacker and Sommers 448).
- A title page is not necessary. See sample paper in Hacker and Sommers (517) for structuring the opening page.
- Be sure to use page numbers. However, it is suggested that students not put their name with the page number as recommended by MLA.
- Do not use contractions (i.e. don’t, can’t, isn’t), fully write out the words.
- Be sure to carefully proofread your paper, do not just rely on a spellchecker.