GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES

Lecturer

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Objectives

The global economy faces a number of serious challenges in the 21st Century. Globalization has benefitted many participants, but the increasing interconnectedness of the global economy has created a number of shortcomings for industrialized, emerging as well as developing countries.

Some global issues are short term, such as the recent recession caused by the credit crunch and related banking crisis. Most global shocks are relatively short term and may be self-correcting. Other apparently short run events can have long lasting effects, such as the oil shocks of the 1970s, which permanently altered the global market for oil.

Other global issues are longer term, and may require a strategic approach to finding solutions. These concerns include global inequality and unequal economic development, global poverty, the exhaustion of non-renewable resources, depletion of the environment and global warming, and systemic problems associated with inadequate regulation of financial markets.

This module reviews a theoretical, academic and practical approach to global economic issues in a globalized economic world.

Course content

- Globalization and its consequences on International Trade and Investments
- Comparative and Competitive advantages of nations in a globalized economy
- The political Economy and the instruments of Trade policy
- Standard model of trading and investing economies. Global inequality and unequal economic development
- The Global Economic crisis
- International economies of scale and the foreign location of Production
- Multinational firms in the global Economy.
- Trade and Investment policies in Developing and Emerging countries;
- Environmental issues in a globalized economy
Learning Outcomes

On completion of this module, students will have:

- Reviewed the key components of the international Trade theory
- Conducted an in-depth understanding of the trade and investment policy in developed and emerging countries
- Studied firm response to trade and foreign investment: winners, losers and Industry performance
- Studied effects of increased globalized market size
- Analysed causes of the global economic crises.
- Developed a clear view on environmental issues

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To receive the credits for this course, students must obtain:

- An average mark of 10 or more, and
- A minimum mark of 8 in the exam.

*Note that standard IPAG calculators will be issued for tests and exams. Please ask your course leader if you would like help in working with this calculator.*

Resits

June 2015 - see academic calendar

Essential reading

A summary of books to be read will be provided by lecturer at the first Lecture.

*Course available to all students.*