

Religion and Global Citizenship

Luce Faculty Seminar 2014-2015

West Hall, 120, Wednesdays 8:45-10:15

Project Description

A global citizen is, loosely speaking, one who affirms membership in the wider community of humanity. The rapidly expanding discourse of “global citizenship” is among the most crucial developments in our time. It overlaps with, yet is distinguishable from, other related idioms and pursuits, including human rights, humanitarianism, and cosmopolitanism. Human rights norms have codified universal rights—the immunities, protections, and privileges—due to all people regardless of national identity. Global citizenship goes further: it represents efforts to instill new obligations, loyalties, virtues, and outlooks that transcend traditional boundaries of citizenship and identity. It can be found across a range of issues and political problems: from climate change; immigration and human trafficking; educational initiatives and exchanges; global health and to development; as well as fair trade and labor practices.

In its aspiration to be an organizing motif and a universalist vision for the twenty-first century, global citizenship raises vital questions about its relations to other forms of allegiance and identity, particularly religious identities and commitments. These relations have rarely been explored, perhaps due to the pervasive assumption that global citizenship is a secularist discourse or project.

This seminar will explore historical and theoretical dimensions of global citizenship. We will examine its roots, evolution, and diffusion, considering leading sites and exemplars of global citizenship, the causes and interests they represent, and the institutions and venues in which global citizenship is put into practice. We will address the relationship between global citizenship and other forms of identity and commitment, paying primary attention to the relations—of conflict and cooperation—with religious universalisms and forms of identity.

September 3	Session I: What is Global Citizenship?
	Facilitator: Linell Cady

Readings:

- Michael Ignatieff, “The Myth of Citizenship,” in Ronald Beiner, ed., *Theorizing Citizenship* (SUNY Press, 1995), 53-77.
- Nigel Dower and John Williams, “Introduction”, in *Global Citizenship: A Critical Introduction* (New York: Routledge, 2002), 1-14.
- Richard Falk, “An Emergent Matrix of Citizenship: Complex,

Uneven, and Fluid,” in *Global Citizenship*, 15-29.

- John Williams, “Good International Citizenship,” in *Global Citizenship*, 41-52.
- Amherst Declaration on Global Citizenship (3 pp.)

Supplemental Readings

- Madeline Green, “Global Citizenship—What Are We Talking about and Why Does It Matter?” (4pp)
- Nigel Dower, “Global Citizenship: Yes or No?,” in *Global Citizenship*, 30-40.

October 1

Session II: Globalization: Contexts and Forces

Facilitator: George Thomas

Readings:

- Gili Drori et al, “World Society and the Authority and Empowerment of Science,” in Gili Drori, John Meyer, Francisco Ramirez and Evan Schofer, ed., *Science in the Modern World Polity* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003), 23-42.
- Joshua Yates, “Mapping the Good World: The New Cosmopolitans and Our Changing World Picture,” *The Hedgehog Review* (2009), 11: 7-27.
- Soysal, Yasemin and Suk-Ying Wong. 2006. “Educating Future Citizens in Europe and Asia,” in *School Knowledge in Comparative and Historical Perspective*, ed. A. Benavotand, C. Braslavsky. Hong Kong: Comparative Education Research Center, University of Hong Kong/Springer, 73-88.
- UN Global Education Initiative, “Foster Global Citizenship”
- “HP Commitment to Global Citizenship” & flowchart
- Arjun Appardurai, “Broken Promises,” *Foreign Policy*, (Sep/Oct 2002), 42-44.

Supplemental Readings

- Klaus Schwab, “Global Corporate Citizenship” *Foreign Affairs*, 87.1 (Jan/Feb 2008), 107-118.
- Robert A. Rhoads & Katalin Szélenyi, *Global Citizenship and the University: Advancing Social Life and Relations in an Interdependent World* (Stanford Univ. Press, 2011), Ch. 1, “Globalization, Citizenship, and the University,” 1-50.
- Clark Miller, “Globalizing Security: Science and the Transformation of the Contemporary Political Imagination,” (forthcoming).
- Thomas Olesen, “Global Injustice Memories: The 1994 Rwanda Genocide,” *International Political Sociology* 6(4): 373-89.
- John Urry, “Globalization and Citizenship,” *Journal of World-Systems*

Research, 2 (Summer 1999): 311-24.

October 6 Chandra Muzaffar Visit

Readings:

- Muzaffar, Chandra, "The Long Journey to the Just: My Life, My Struggle," *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies* 12:1, 110-121.
- Muzaffar, Chandra, "Working Towards Peace"

**October 29 Session III:
Cosmopolitanism: Historical Roots and Contemporary Expressions
Facilitator: Yasim Saikia**

Readings:

- Bhikhu Parekh, "Cosmopolitanism and Global Citizenship," *Review of International Studies* (2003), 29: 3-17.
- K. Anthony Appiah, "Global Citizenship," *Fordham Law Review* 75.5 (2007), 2375-91.
- Rob Goodman and Jimmy Soni, "Five Reasons Why Stoicism Still Matters Today," *Forbes* Sep 28, 2012,
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/kareanderson/2012/09/28/five-reasons-why-stoicism-matters-today/>

Supplemental Readings

- "History of Cosmopolitanisms," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Section 1 of Entry on "Cosmopolitanism"),
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/cosmopolitanism/>
- Short Selections on Stoicism (Marcus Aurelius, Cicero, Kant)

November 6 Evelyn Bush Visit

Reading:

- Bush, Evelyn, "Measuring Religion in a Global Civil Society," *Social Forces* 85(4): 2007, 1645-1665.

**December 3 Session IV: Case Study on Immigration I
Facilitator: Roxanne Doty**

Readings:

- Luis Cabrera: *The Practice of Global Citizenship* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), Intro and Part I
- Yasemin Nuhoglu Soysal, *The Limits of Citizenship* (Chicago:

University of Chicago Press, 1994), Introduction, 1-8.

January 21 Session V: Case Study on Immigration II
Guest: Luis Cabrera

Readings:

- Luis Cabrera: *The Practice of Global Citizenship*, Part II

March 4 Session VI: Humanitarianism
Facilitator: Linell Cady

Readings:

- Michael Barnett and Thomas Weiss, "Humanitarianism: A Brief History of the Present" in Michael Barnett and Thomas Weiss, eds., *Humanitarianism in Question: Politics, Power, Ethics* (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 2008), 1-48.
- Craig Calhoun, "The Imperative to Reduce Suffering: Charity, Progress, and Emergencies in the Field of Humanitarian Action," in *Humanitarianism in Question*, 73-97.

April 1 Session VII: Religion and Global Citizenship I
Facilitator: George Thomas

Readings:

- Jose Casanova, "Cosmopolitanism, the Clash of Civilizations, and Multiple Modernities," *Current Sociology* 59(2): 2011, 252-267.
- Richard Falk, "Religion and Global Governance: Harmony or Clash?" *International Journal on World Peace* XIX(1): 2002, 3-37.

April 9 The Global Citizenship Commission
Jeremy Waldron Visit

Readings:

- Waldron, Jeremy, "Teaching Cosmopolitan Right," in *Citizenship and Education in Liberal-Democratic Societies: Teaching for Cosmopolitan Values and Collective Identities* eds. Kevin McDonough and Walter Feinberg (2003): 1-31.
- Waldron, Jeremy, "Secularism and the Limits of Community" New York University School of Law: Public Law & Legal Theory Research Paper Series Working Paper No. 10-88 December 2010.

April 22

Session VIII: Religion and Global Citizenship II
Facilitator: Yasmin Saikia

Readings:

- Thompson, Grahame, "Religious Fundamentalisms, Territories, and 'Globalization,'" *Economy and Society* 36 (2007): 19-50.
- Khatib, Lina, "Communicating Islamic Fundamentalism as Global Citizenship," *Journal of Communication Inquiry* 27(4): 2003: 389-409.

Seminar Participants

- Gaymon Bennett, Assistant Professor Religious Studies
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