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The Contemporary World



PREFACE

This course pack is designed to help students understand the forces and issues that shape our increasingly interconnected world. As globalization continues to influence economies, cultures, politics, and everyday life, it is important for learners to develop a clear and critical understanding of how global processes affect both societies and individuals. This resource aims to present these ideas in a way that is academically grounded while remaining clear and accessible to students.

The course pack is organized into six modules that explore key dimensions of globalization. Module 1 introduces the concept, history, and major theories of globalization. Module 2 examines the structures that sustain globalization, including the global economy, market integration, and the global interstate system. Module 3 focuses on global and regional dynamics through discussions on the Global North and South, world-systems theory, and Asian regionalism. Module 4 explores globalization in the realm of ideas, particularly global media culture, cultural imperialism, and the globalization of religion. Module 5 addresses global population and mobility, highlighting topics such as global cities, demography, and migration. Finally, Module 6 presents current global challenges by discussing the Sustainable Development Goals, global food security, and the importance of global citizenship.

Each module contains lessons, learning activities, and assessments designed to encourage critical thinking, reflection, and meaningful engagement with contemporary issues. It is hoped that this course pack will serve as a helpful guide for students as they explore the complexities of the modern world and develop a deeper sense of awareness and responsibility as members of a global community.


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