

GLOBALIZATION AND CULTURE

Topic Proposal

Due: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Submit a one-paragraph description of a topic you would like to explore for your research proposal. Remember, your focus must be on **political or social movement responses to a problem or challenge of globalization**. While you don't need to be an expert already, it should be something with which you have enough familiarity to address the following:

- A description of the issue/problem/challenge.
- In broad terms, why are you interested in the topic, why is it interesting or compelling for you?
- How is it relevant for a course on globalization?

After your paragraph description, you must pose a one-sentence initial research question. You will not be committed to this question forever, but you must propose a provisional one for now. As you revise your question over the course of the semester, you should move away from simply asking a question of fact. An already established fact is something you could just look up on Wikipedia. A research question asks *how* and *why* a set of social, economic, and political relationships come to exist in the ways that they do.

Some possible areas of inquiry (you are not limited to these, this is just to get you thinking):

- Gender and sexual justice
- Environmental issues
- Urban development and decay
- Public health
- Food and food security
- Immigration
- Militarism
- War on drugs
- Regional economic issues
- Media and technological change
- Mass incarceration

Requirements

- Assignments should be double-spaced, in 12 pt. font.
- Use 1-inch margins all around.
- Your name, the date, and the assignment ("Topic Proposal") must appear at the top left corner, single-spaced.
- Be certain to check for spelling mistakes and typos before turning in the assignment.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.