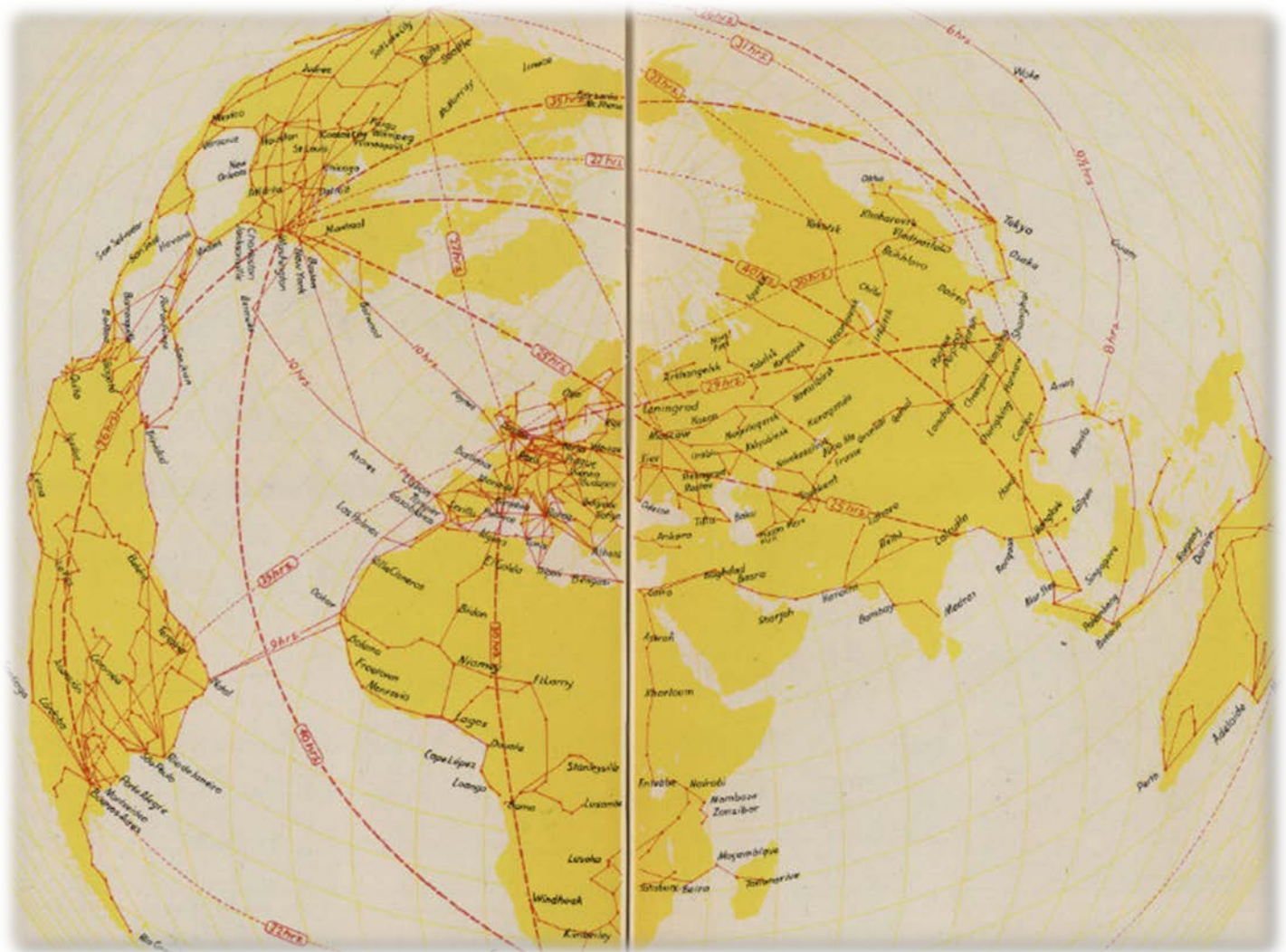


A World Connecting? Processes of Convergence and Divergence in Global History, 1800-2001

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Time: Friday, 13 – 15 h. **Venue:** HG G26.3 **Instructor:** Nikolay Kamenov

Short description

The course offers an introduction to the field of global history. For this purpose, a combination of historiographical texts - trend setting in the newly formed academic field - and historical texts would be offered. Themes such as national formation around the world, migration, market intensification and commodity chains as well as forms of cultural 'globalization' will be addressed.

Course objectives

The objective of the course with regard to learning is threefold. First, the course aims to train students in critical reading of texts by introducing historiographical topics and their subsequent discussion in class. Under this rubric, students would be encouraged to question the validity and challenge the explanatory strength of categories and concepts such as 'globalization' and 'modernity'. A second aim is the identification of historical processes central to the formation of a connected world. Through studying of phenomena such as migration, the development of a global market and the formation of an international/transnational scientific community, students would be enabled to understand and analyze different forms of 'connections' and ways of 'connecting'. Finally, students would be encouraged to stage and analyze global connections on a single analytic plain. Both process of convergence and divergence would be addressed in their entirety, pointing to the - sometimes different - effects that global connections had on people around the world.



Grading: Active participation (50%); Assignment(s) (50%)

Sessions

19.09. – Introduction

- a) Introduction to the course. Global history and globalization.
- b) Empire as an agent of globalization

26.09. - 1st Block: Imperial globalization, colonialism and resistance

- a) Discussion

Text: Ferguson, Niall (2003) *Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World*. Penguin Books. pp xi-xxviii

Primary source: Keating, Joshua (2013) Technically, the Sun Still Never Sets Over the British Empire. In: *foreign policy* - http://ideas.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2013/07/23/technically_the_sun_still_never_sets_over_the_british_empire

Additional and recommended reading:

Magee, Gary B. and Andrew S. Thomson (2010) *Empire and Globalisation. Networks of People, Goods and Capital in the British World, c. 1850-1914*. Cambridge University Press.

Cain, P. J. and Anthony G. Hopkins (1987) Gentlemanly Capitalism and British Expansion Overseas II: New Imperialism, 1850-1945. In: *The Economic History Review*, 40: 1, pp 1-26

Hopkins, Anthony G. (1999) Back to the Future: From National History to Imperial History. In: *Past and Present*, 164:1, pp 198-243

Ward, Stuart (2003) Transcending the Nation: A Global Imperial History? In: *After the Imperial Turn: Thinking with and through the Nation*. Duke University Press. pp 44-56.

- b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

03.10. - 1st Block: Imperial globalization, colonialism and resistance

- a) Discussion

Text: Frey, Marc (2003) The Indonesian Revolution and the Fall of the Dutch Empire. In: Frey, Marc, Ronald Pruessen and Tan Tai Yong (eds) *The Transformation of Southeast Asia: International Perspectives on Decolonization*, M E Sharpe Inc, pp 83-104.

Primary source: Césaire, Aimé (1950) *Discourse on Colonialism*. Translated by Joan Pinkham. Monthly Review Press. pp 31-46

Additional and recommended reading:

- Ficher-Tiné, Harald (2007) Indian Nationalism and the 'world forces': transnational and diasporic dimensions of the Indian freedom movement on the eve of the First World War. In: *Journal of Global History*, 2: 3, pp 325-44
- Cooper, Frederick (1996) *Decolonization and African Society: The Labor Question in French and British Africa*. Cambridge University Press.
- Strang, David (1991) Global Patterns of Decolonization, 1500-1987. In: *International Studies Quarterly*, 35: 4, pp 429-454
- Betts, Raymond (2004) *Decolonization*. Routledge.
- Lawrence, Adria K. (2013) *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism: Anti-Colonial Protest in the French Empire*. Cambridge University Press.

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

10.10. - 2nd Block: National independence movements and the new form of global territoriality

a) Discussion

Text: Maier, Charles S. (2013) Leviathan 2.0: Inventing Modern Statehood. In: Emily S. Rosenberg (ed.) *A World Connecting 1870-1945*. Harvard University Press. Excerpts.

Primary source: Fanon, Frantz (1967) On national culture. In: *The Wretched of the Earth*. Penguin. Excerpts.

Additional and recommended reading:

- Spakowski, Nicola (2009) National aspirations on a global stage: concepts of world/global history in contemporary China. In: *Journal of Global History*, 4: 3, pp 475 - 495
- Parker, Andrew, Mary Russo, Doris Somer and Patricia Yaeger (1991) *Nationalisms & Sexualities*. Routledge.
- Anderson, Benedict (1991) *Imagined Communities: Reflections on the Origin and Spread of Nationalism*. Verso.
- Gellner, Ernest (1983) *Nations and Nationalism*. Basil Blackwell.
- Eley, Geoff and Ronald Suny (eds) (1996) *Becoming National. A Reader*. Oxford University Press.

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

17.10. - 2nd Block: National independence movements and the new form of global territoriality

a) Discussion

Text: Balachandran, Gopalan (2012) Claiming histories beyond nations: Situating global history. In: *Indian Economic Social History Review*, 49: 2, pp 247-72

Primary source: TBA

Additional and recommended reading:

Mongia, Radhika Viyas (2003) Race, Nationality, Mobility: A History of the Passport. In: Burton, Antoinette (ed.) *After the Imperial Turn: Thinking with and through the Nation*. Duke University Press. pp 196-215

Duara, Prasenjit (1995) *Rescuing History from the Nation: Questioning Narratives of Modern China*. University of Chicago Press.

Burton, Antoinette (ed.) (2003). *After the Imperial Turn: Thinking with and through the Nation*. Duke University Press.

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

24.10. - 3rd Block: Technologies connecting the world, machines as the measure of men.

a) Discussion

Text: Wenzlhuemer, Roland (2012) The telegraph and globalization. In: *Connecting the Nineteenth-Century World: The Telegraph and Globalization*. Cambridge University Press. pp 30-58

Primary source: Verne, Jules (1873) *Around the World in Eighty Days*. Excerpts.

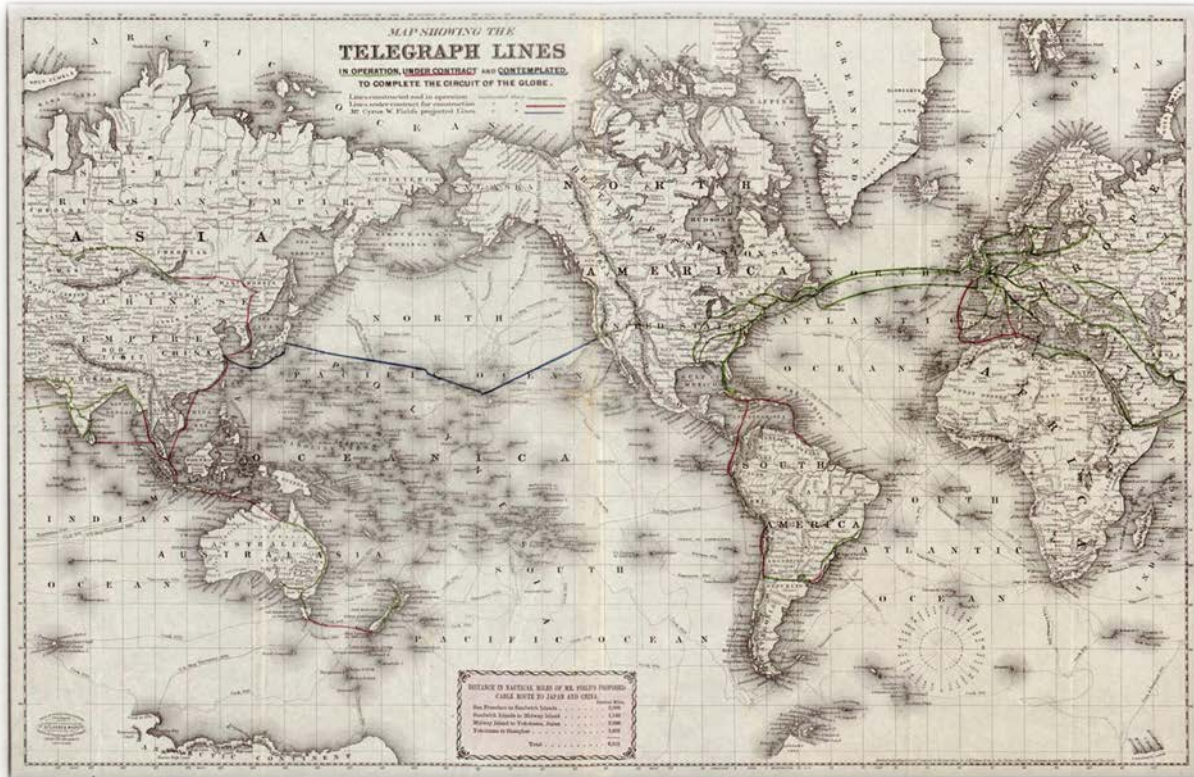
Additional and recommended reading:

Potter, Simon J. (2007) Webs, Networks, and Systems: Globalization and the Mass Media in the Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century British Empire. In: *The Journal of British Studies*, 46: 3, pp 621-46

Osterhammel, Jürgen (2014, tr. by Patrick Camiller) *The Transformation of the World: A Global History of the Nineteenth Century*. Princeton University Press. pp 712-23

Andguaga, Aitor (2009) *Wireless and Empire: Geopolitics, Radio & Ionosphere in the British Empire, 1918-1939*. Oxford University Press.

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]



31.10. - 3rd Block: Technologies connecting the world, machines as the measure of men.

a) Discussion

Text: Arnold, David (2006) Europe, technology, and colonialism in the 20th century. In: *History and Technology: An International Journal*, 21: 1, pp 85-106

Primary source: Conrad, Joseph (1899) *Heart of Darkness*. Blackwood's Magazine. Excerpts.

Additional and recommended reading:

Ortega, José Guadalupe (2014) Machines, modernity, and sugar: the Greater Caribbean in a global context, 1812–50. In: *Journal of Global History*, 9: 1, pp 1 - 25

Arnold, David (2011) Global goods and local usages: the small world of the Indian sewing machine, 1875–1952. In: *Journal of Global History*, 6: 3, pp 407-429

Adas, Michael (1989) *Machines as the Measure of Men: Science, Technology, and Ideologies of Western Dominance*. Cornell University Press.

Headrick, Daniel R. (1981) *The Tools of Empire: Technology and European Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century*. Oxford University Press.

Headrick, Daniel R. (1988) *The Tentacles of Progress: Technology Transfer in the Age of Imperialism, 1850-1940*. Oxford University Press.

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

07.11. - 4th Block: Global migration - people on the move and bonded labour

a) Discussion

Text: Hoerder, Dirk (2012) Migrations and Belongings. In: Emily S. Rosenberg (ed.) *A World Connecting 1870-1945*. Harvard University Press. Excerpts.

Primary source: TBA

Additional and recommended reading:

Goedde, Petra (2014) People and Goods on the Move. In: Iriye, Akira (ed.) *Global Interdependence. The World after 1945*. Harvard University Press. pp 560-88

Gozzini, Giovanni (2006) The global system of international migrations, 1900 and 2000: a comparative approach. In: *Journal of Global History*, 1: 3, pp 321 - 341

Amrith, Sunil (2011) Reconstructing the 'Plural Society': Asian Migration Between Empire and Nation, 1940-1948. In: *Past and Present*, 210: Suppl. 6, pp 237-57

Ballantyne, Tony and Antoinette Burton (eds) (2009) *Moving Subjects: Gender, Mobility, and Intimacy in Age of Global Empire*. University of Illinois Press.



b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

14.11. - 4th Block: Global migration - people on the move and bonded labour

a) Discussion

Text: Mohapatra, Prabhu (2004) Assam and the West Indies, 1860-1920: Immobilizing Plantation Labor. In: Hay, Douglas and Paul Craven (eds) *Masters, Servants, and Magistrates in Britain and the Empire, 1562-1955*. The University of North Carolina Press.

Primary source: Woolridge, Fred (1877) *Report on the Mortality of Indian Immigrants in French Guiana during the First Half of the Year 1877*.

Additional and recommended reading:

Ahuja, Ravi (2006) Mobility and Containment: The Voyages of South Asian Seamen, c.1900–1960. In: *International Review of Social History*, 51, pp 111-41

Metcalf, Thomas (2005) *Forging the Raj: Essays on British India in the Heyday of Empire*. Oxford University Press. pp 201-17

Northrup, David (1995) *Indentured Labor in the Age of Imperialism, 1834-1922*. Cambridge University Press.



b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

21.11. - 5th Block: Universal science, knowledge production and race

a) Discussion

Text: Chambers, David Wade and Richard Gillespi (2000) *Locality in the History of Science: Colonial Science, Technoscience, and Indigenous Knowledge*. In: *Osiris*, 2: 15 [Nature and Empire: Science and the Colonial Enterprise], pp 221-40

Primary source: Darwin, Charles (1859) *The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*. John Murray.
Excerpts.

Additional and recommended reading:

Bala, Arun (2006) *The Dialogue of Civilizations in the Birth of Modern Science*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Bayly, Christopher Alan (2004) *The Birth of the Modern World*. Blackwell Publishing. pp 284-324

Hock, Klaus and Gesa Mackenthun (eds) (2012) *Entangled Knowledge: Scientific Discourses and Cultural Difference*. Waxmann.

Alter, Joseph S. (ed.) (2005) *Asian Medicine and Globalization*. University of Pennsylvania Press.

Neill, Deborah J. (2012) *Networks in Tropical Medicine: Internationalism, Colonialism, and the Rise of a Medical Specialty, 1890-1930*. Stanford University Press.

Schaffer, Simon, Lissa Roberts, Kapil Raj and James Delbourgo (eds) (2009) *The Brokered World: Go-Betweens and Global Intelligence, 1770-1820*. Science History Publications.

Raj, Kapil (2007) *Relocating Modern Science: Circulation and the Construction of Knowledge in South Asia and Europe, 1650-1900*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Heinrich, Ari Larissa (2008) *The Afterlife of Images: Translating the Pathological Body between China and the West*. Duke University Press.

Kumar, Deepak (ed.) (1991) *Science and Empire, Essays in Indian Context*. South Asia Books.

Seth, Suman (2009) Putting knowledge in its place: science, colonialism, and the postcolonial. In: *Postcolonial Studies*, 12: 4, pp 373-388

Harison, Mark (2005) Science and the British Empire. In: *Isis*, 96: 1, pp 56-63

Anderson, Warwick (2009) From subjugated knowledge to conjugated subjects: science and globalization, or postcolonial studies of science? In: *Postcolonial Studies*, 12: 4, pp 389-400

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

28.11. - 5th Block: Universal science, knowledge production and race

a) Discussion

Text: Lake, Marilyn and Henry Reynolds (2008) *Drawing the Global Colour Line: White Men's Countries and the International Challenge of Racial Equality*. Cambridge University Press. 210-37

Primary source: Darwin, Charles (1871) *The Descent of Man, and Selection in Relation to Sex*. John Murray. Excerpts.

Additional and recommended reading:

Trumbull IV, George R. (2009) *An Empire of Facts: Colonial Power, Cultural Knowledge, and Islam in Algeria, 1870-1914*. Cambridge University Press.

Bowler, Peter (2003) *Evolution: The History of an Idea*. California University Press.

Lightman, Bernard (ed.) (1997) *Victorian Science in Context*. Chicago University Press.

Gould, Stephen Jay (1996) *The Mismeasurement of Man*. W. W. Norton & Company, Inc.

Desmond, Adrian (1989) *The Politics of Evolution: Morphology, Medicine, and Reform in Radical London*. University of Chicago Press.

Stocking, George W. Jr. (1987) *Victorian Anthropology*. The Free Press.

Said, Edward (1978) *Orientalism*. Vintage.

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

05.12. - 6th Block: The global economy - commodity chains, capital and inequality

a) Discussion

Text: Pomeranz, Kenneth (2000) *The Great Divergence: China, Europe, and the Making of the Modern World Economy*. Princeton University Press. Excerpts.

Primary source: Marx, Karl and Friedrich Engels (1848) *Manifesto of the Communist Party*. Chapter I: Bourgeois and Proletarians.
<https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/ch01.htm>

Additional and recommended reading:

Ross, Corey (2014) The plantation paradigm: colonial agronomy, African farmers, and the global cocoa boom, 1870s–1940s. In: *Journal of Global History*, 9: 1, pp 49 - 7

Robertson, Emma (2009) *Chocolate, women and empire: A social and cultural history*. Manchester University Press.

Curry-Machado, Jonathan (ed) (2013) *Global Histories, Imperial Commodities, Local Interactions*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Engerman, David C. (2011) The anti-politics of inequality: reflections on a special issue. In: *Journal of Global History*, 6: 1, pp 143 - 151

Balachandran, Gopalan (2008) Power and markets in global Finance: the gold standard, 1890–1926. In: *Journal of Global History*, 3: 3, pp 313-35.

Konkel, Rob (2014) The monetization of global poverty: the concept of poverty in World Bank history, 1944–90. In: *Journal of Global History*, 9: 2, pp 276 - 300

Hyde, David (2009) 'Paying for the Emergency by displacing the settlers': global coffee and rural restructuring in late colonial Kenya. In: *Journal of Global History*, 4: 1, pp 81 – 103.

Wallerstein, Immanuel (1979) *The Capitalist World-Economy*. Cambridge University Press.

Collier, Paul (2007) *The Bottom One Billion: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*. Oxford University Press.



b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

12.12. - 6th Block: The global economy - commodity chains, capital and inequality

a) Discussion

Text: Zeiler, Thomas W. (2014) Opening Doors in the World Economy. In: Iriye, Akira (ed.) *Global Interdependence. The World after 1945*. Harvard University Press. Excerpts.

Primary source: TBA

Additional and recommended reading:

Hazareesingh, Sandip (2009) Interconnected synchronicities: the production of Bombay and Glasgow as modern global ports c.1850–1880. In: *Journal of Global History*, 4: 1, pp 7 - 31

Topik, Steven C. and Allen Wells (2012) Commodity Chains in a Global Economy. In: Emily S. Rosenberg (ed.) *A World Connecting 1870-1945*. Harvard University Press. Excerpts.

Mintz, Sidney (1985) *Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History*. Viking.

Topik, Steven, Carlos Marichal and Zephyr Frank (eds) (2006) *From Silver to Cocaine: Latin American Commodity Chains and the Building of the World Economy, 1500–2000*. Duke University Press.

Curry-Machado, Jonathan (2009) 'Rich flames and hired tears': sugar, sub-imperial agents and the Cuban phoenix of empire. In: *Journal of Global History*, 4: 1, pp 33 - 56

b) [NK: presentation and introduction to the next session]

19.12. - Recap - What is the concept of globalization good for? A global citizen?

a) Discussion

Text: Cooper, Frederick (2001) What is the Concept of Globalization Good for? An African Historian's Perspective. In: *African Studies*: 100, pp 189-213

Primary source: Sullivan, Nicholas P. (2007) Introduction: The Three Forces of External Combustion. In: *You Can Hear Me Now: How Microloans and Cell Phones Are Connecting the World's Poor to the Global Economy*. Jossey-Bass, A Wiley Imprint. pp xvii-xxxvii

Additional and recommended reading:

Appadurai, Arjun (1996) *Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimension of Globalization*. University of Minnesota Press

b) Discussion of the course. Evaluation.