Week 2: *What is Development?*

**Globalization**

IFPRI, “The Myths and Risks of Globalization”

1. According to Bazenson, what are the 4 basic features of globalization?

2. According to Bazenson, what are the 2 most troubling features of globalization?

3. According to Bazenson, who are the winners & losers from globalization?

4. According to Bazenson, what sorts of domestic & international mechanisms are needed to protect vulnerable groups?

**McLaughlin, “Where America's White-Collar Jobs Go: It's Not Just India”**

1. According to Ian McLukie, why will it be difficult for the U.S. to fight against the trend towards outsourcing?

2. What data (estimate by the research firm, Gartner) indicate that U.S. firms are rapidly making outsourcing deals?

3. While India has 70-80% of outsourced IT jobs, many other countries are beginning to compete for these jobs. What counties are in the top echelon of India’s IT competitors and what countries are in the second tier?

**Lampman, “The Limits of the Global Economy”**

1. Why (4 reasons) are many (religious leaders) from both East and West critical of globalization?

2. What is the most basic concern of faiths coming out of the Abrahamic tradition and the great value in Eastern religions?

3. What is faith-based group’s “great success story” for bringing religion to bear on globalization?
**Itano, “Free Trade Helps a Tiny African Country–With a Price”**
1. How has AGOA contributed to rapid economic growth in Lesotho?

2. What is the road to a global market not always smooth (i.e., list 3 negative social/cultural impacts of industrialization & urbanization in Lesotho)?

**Kaufman & Johnson, “Send Future Business Leaders Abroad”**
1. According to Kaufman & Johnson, in a globalized economy, on what does our nation’s well being hinge, and what skills do students need (in addition to math and science)?

2. According to the “Open Doors” report, what’s the good news and the bad news about study abroad?

**McLaughlin, “Brazil Touts Global Vision”**
1. Why was Brazil’s President Lula de Silva barnstorming across Africa?

2. What nations have long set the course of globalization and according to observers, what are recent trade talk successes for emerging market economies a sign of?

**Piasecki & Asmus, “Smart Products Can Save the Planet”**
1. What facts (1 example) explain why corporations may supercede governments and religions when it comes to providing the economic--and in some cases the social--tools and services necessary to survive in the 21st century?

2. What is perhaps the most lasting contribution of social capitalists and what is an example of a company/product that illustrates this contribution?

**Turnbull, “From Abroad, Challenges to US Role as Top Innovator”**
1. What is the emerging risk facing the US and what are 2 reasons why today’s science gap is quite different from the one the US faced in the 1970s or 1980s?

2. While few experts see easy solutions (to the emerging science gap), some emphasize a “do no harm” approach, while other call for “targeted policies”. What is proposed under each of these approaches?
**Trumbull, “Is China Posed to Close the Technology Gap?”**
1. According to some experts, what is the unusual risk (threat) that China’s trade relations with the US and other nations holds?

2. What’s different about how China has developed, compared to South Korea/Japan; and how is China using it’s profits?

**Economic Interdependence**

**Trumbull, “US Credit Woes Ripple Across Globe”**
1. What has been 2 global impact of the rising default rate of American subprime home loans?

2. For now, what is providing a cushion to financial shocks and helping the US to weather it’s housing downturn?

**Trumbull, “China Reaching 1 Trillion in Global Clout”**
1. China is trying to manage its transition from being an export-driven to a more consumer-driven economy. What are the risks for China and the world, related to China’s 1) efforts to implement reforms and 2) its failure to implement reforms?

2. For the US, what is the brighter side of China’s foreign reserve buildup?

**Chirac, “Moving Towards a Cooperative Future at the G-8 Summit”**
1. What are the 4 goals that French President Chirac presented at the G-8 summit in July?

2. Why has the G-8 opened up to emerging nations and representatives of poor countries?

**Francis, “Update of an Old Warning: Beware of Coming Shortages”**
1. What are 4 signs which indicate that global trouble is brewing?

2. Based on his computer model, Meadows projects a hopeful scenario. What are 4 things that society needs to do, so 8 billion people can live with high human welfare and a continuously declining footprint on the ecology?
Meaning of Development

Baldauf, “Has Africa Turned a Corner?”
1. According to a new World Bank report, what are 3 encouraging trend lines (for Africa) that are starting to have repercussions of a positive sort?

2. Amid Africa’s positive trends, there are several darker clouds. What are 3 of these darker clouds?

3. According to Greg Miller, the most important trend in the World Bank report is that Africa can no longer be seen as a single entity. Why not?

Trumbull, “A Chasm Grows in a Flat World”
1. Many economists say that the way to help the most people is to focus on growth, but a growing number are saying that equality too, is important. What are 4 reasons economist say a more equal income distribution in a country is important?

2. What are 3 key factors that drive the divergence in per capita income (which is in the order of 15-20:1) between rich and poor countries?

Bell, “We Have the Tools to End Global Poverty”
1. According to Bell, in addition to building physical infrastructure and elevating per capita income in developing countries, what is needed to put an end to poverty in developing countries?

2. According to Bell, what do we already have and what is needed to end extreme poverty?

Grier, “A Blueprint to Fight Poverty Around the World”
1. According to the UN’s Millennium Project report, what must the developed world do to reduce world poverty by one-half by 2015?

2. Why do some experts say that shoveling money at the problem will not halve poverty? What must poor nations also do?
Montlake, “Now Fewer Asians Live on Less Than $1 a Day”
1. What evidence does the ADB report cite that shows that Asia has made remarkable progress in cutting poverty and what has underpinned Asia’s economic transformation in recent decades?

2. According to Ifzal Ali (chief economist at the ADB), a) what may jeopardize future progress, b) who has fallen behind and c) what must Asian countries do to fight against poverty?

Schaff, “What it’s Like to Live on $1 a Day”
1. How many people in the world live in extreme poverty (less than $1/day) and what percent of the people in Malawi live in extreme poverty?

2. What does Selina and her husband produce & sell to make a living and what are their precious few belongings?

3. What is the career ambitions of Selma’s son and daughter?

Atwood & Barnet, “Reduce Poverty–Get a Safer World”
1. What is the difference between the way rich vs. poor nations view the threat to their security?

2. What are 2 reasons why the authors say that the US must direct urgent attention to the issue of global poverty?

3. What are 3 ways that the authors suggest that the US can demonstrate that it is ready to provide leadership in the campaign against (global) poverty?

Sappenfield, “Growth in India’s Industrial Hub Leaves Many Behind”
1. What is the criticism of India’s capital intensive development, combined with the leadening effect of over regulation and corruption?

2. What is the growing problem that Mr. Bhati’s discontent (i.e., no prospect of finding a job) hint at?
Role of the US in a Global Economy
LaFranchi, “Why the US is Now Turning to Diplomacy”
1. According to Joseph Cirincione—a non-proliferation expert—how has the Bush administration’s approach to addressing international problems changed and why has this happened?

Ballen, “The Myth of Moslem Support of Terror”
1. What is the surprising finding of a survey conducted in 2006 by the University of Maryland’s “Program on International Public Attitudes”, regarding the question: “bombing and other attacks intentionally aimed at civilians is never justified”.

2. According to Ballen, how can most people’s (in Moslem countries) professed support for terrorism/bin Laden most accurately be characterized?

Cobban, “Make Room for Asia’s New ‘Indispensable’ Nations”
1. For the first time since 1945, what has changed in Asia?

2. According to Cobban, what is responsible for the erosion of U.S. influence (in Asia) and is this not all bad?

Farnsworth, “On Latin American Trip, Bush Should Strengthen Ties with Brazil”
1. According to Farnsworth, what significant global challenges (4 examples) would be directly enhanced by closer coordination with willing partners in Latin America—especially Brazil?

Shetty, “Feeding the Hungry and Saving Lives, the UN is a Blessing”
1. Why (2 reasons) does Shetty say that the need for the UN is only growing?

2. According to Shelly, what (3 examples) needs to be fixed in the UN?