



GEOG 120.001 World Regional Geography

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This introductory-level course in human geography uses concepts of space, place, scale, landscape and region as lenses onto the social and environmental processes that have shaped – and are continually re-shaping – the world, focusing on processes of globalization, urbanization, boundaries and ecology. The class consists of a broad regional survey of the inhabited earth, exploring the planet as a geographically differentiated space of human settlement, focusing on key case studies rather than attempting to know world regions comprehensively. We attempt to understand both the accelerating pace of globalization *and* the persistence of place, locality and region amid changing global contexts. We also examine contemporary regional issues and events, including the European refugee crisis; the Arab Spring movement and its aftermath; and migration and urbanization in China.

