This introductory-level course in human geography uses concepts of space, place, scale, landscape and region as lenses onto the processes that have shaped – and are continually re-shaping – our world, focusing on processes of globalization, urbanization, and environmental change. 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 aftermath of Arab Spring; political violence in West Africa; and migration and urbanization in China.