

GEOG 56, 001 LOCAL PLACES IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD

TUES/THURS 9:30-10:45am

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This course is designed to reflect on the complexities of an interconnected world and the dynamic relationship between globalization and localization by investigating how these forces shape our world and influence individuals and communities. Students will engage in a comparative study of localization efforts worldwide, focusing on how communities work towards sustainability and cultural preservation amidst the tide of global change. A crucial facet of this exploration involves delving into the perspectives of Indigenous and Afro descendant communities. Students will critically examine the myriad ways in which these diverse groups respond to, influence, and resist globalization, thus gaining nuanced insights into alternative paradigms of development and environmental stewardship. By grounding the global in the local and vice versa, this course encourages students to consider the multi-faceted nature of our contemporary world.