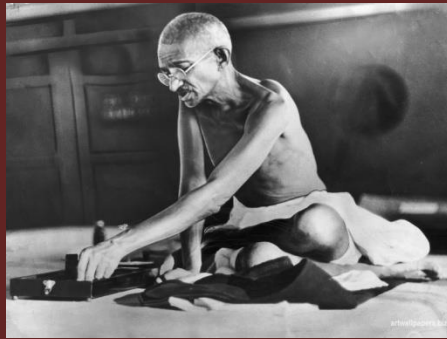


HTST 307: The Contemporary World
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MW 9:00-11:45



History 307 is designed to give students a broad introduction to some of the main themes, ideas, and developments that have shaped the modern world – roughly the period since the American Revolution – and contributed to the rise of the phenomenon known as globalization. Material will be discussed within a global context and students should gain an appreciation of how some “Western” ideas were significantly modified or influenced by local conditions. Topics covered by in-class lectures and readings include the rise and importance of nationalism, revolutionary movements, the evolution of the global economy, the transfer and exchange of ideas and information, the communications “revolution,” different approaches to governance, imperialism, decolonization, the emergence of non-governmental organizations, and the problems and perils of globalization.

TEXT: Stearns, *World Civilizations the Global Experience*, Vol. 2, ISBN 9780205659593