

# HIST32022

## Responses to Globalisation

### 1500-1700

Zoom meeting on Wednesday 14 June at 2pm: <https://zoom.us/j/98017203485>



Global trade is a defining feature of our world. It drives the worldwide economy, influences politics, restructures societies, and stimulates cultural contact. Yet, despite its great long-term importance, the ways individuals and communities helped to shape the early history of global trade in the fifteenth to seventeenth centuries remains poorly understood.

In this course, we will examine questions like these and seek to understand just how individuals, communities, states and empires were affected by and responded to globalisation. To do so we will work with sources from Africa, America, Asia and Europe to undertake in-depth explorations of specific regions as well as coming to understand the connectedness of the world economy. Through this means we will explore the processes and economic impact of global trade and also uncover the social and cultural histories of the people whose lives were changed by it.

#### Methods of Assessment:

Essay (3500 words) —60%

Presentation (8 minutes) —40%

## Syllabus:

1. Introduction – globalisation as a concept, a process, and a web of humanity
2. Finding local voices in global history – sources and methods
3. Doing business with strangers – the economic behaviours of encounter
4. Case study 1 – Gulf of Guinea
5. Beyond empire – trading diasporas, independent actors and cross-cultural exchange
6. Case study 2 – The Persian Gulf
7. The law of the sea – maritime states and the regulation of global trade
8. Case study 3 – Straits of Malacca
9. Living on the edge – colonisation, empire and economic peripheries
10. Case study 4 – Chesapeake Bay
11. Imperialism, capitalism and globalisation – the origins of the modern world?



## Indicative reading:

- Janet Abu-Lughod, *Before European Hegemony: The World System, 1250-1350*
- Mary Favereau, *The Horde: How The Mongols Changed the World*
- Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*
- William McNeill, *A World History*
- Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *Explorations in Connected History: Mughals and Franks*
- Kaveh Yazdani and Dilip Menon, *Capitalisms: Towards a Global History*

## Further information:

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