

CULTURE AND GLOBALIZATION

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Research Paper Proposal

Due: Wednesday, September 26, 2012

The purpose of this assignment is to get you thinking about your final research paper. You will refine your topic as the class and your research progress; this proposal will operate at a more general level to get you going: suggesting a topic, introducing how it might connect to themes of the course, and offering one illustration (drawn from the news media) of the topic.

Thus, your proposal must address the following:

- A description of the problem or topic you are interested in.
- A brief summary of a recent news article that is related to your topic.
- A description of how it connects to broad themes of the course.

How to Pick a Topic

Since you will be doing extended work on this (including a peer review of your draft and an in-class presentation, in addition to the final paper), you will benefit greatly from picking a topic that you find interesting and engaging.

To get your brain flowing:

- Think about your future career or educational goals—what issues are connected?
- Browse through some of our upcoming readings—is there a topic we will only touch on that you want to know more about?
- Keep your eye on the news for the next few days and think about our class—how does some current event relate to things we've already discussed in our first few weeks?

Technical Requirements

- 1 to 2 pages.
- 1 ½ spacing, 12-point font, 1-inch margins.
- Standard grammar and punctuation; free of spelling errors and typos.
- A proper citation to your news source. This should just be at the end of the proposal, you don't need to waste paper and make it a separate page.

Assignments are due at the beginning of class.

Late assignments will not be accepted.

Just let me know if you have questions, concerns, etc. I will be very happy to meet and discuss potential topics.