

# Advanced Study Course: Labour in the global economy: restructuring and resistance

## About the course

subject	Global Studies / Internationale udviklingsstudier / International Public Administration and Politics / Politik / Politik og forvaltning
activitytype	master course
Teaching language	English
Registration	<p>You register for activities through <a href="#">stads selvbetjening</a> during the announced registration period, which you can see on the <a href="#">Study administration homepage</a>.</p> <p>When registering for courses, please be aware of the potential conflicts and overlaps between course and exam time and dates. The planning of course activities at Roskilde University is based on the recommended study programmes, which should not overlap. However, if you choose optional courses and/or study plans that goes beyond the recommended study programmes, an overlap of lectures or exam dates may occur depending on which courses you choose.</p> <p>In case of too few registrations, the course will be cancelled.</p>
Detailed description of content	<p>The changing nature of global capitalism has had dramatic consequences for labour in terms of the nature and organisation of work and workers locally and globally. In this course, we employ alternative and critical theoretical perspective to explore the interactions between labour and the changing nature of global capitalism with particular attention to the global South. We examine the changing role of labour in the international political economy focusing on transnational production, trade and finance as well as the deregulation and reregulation of labour. We also examine ways that labour has, both locally and globally, been changed by these processes and importantly, how labour is responding to these changes.</p> <p>Knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specialised knowledge of the changing role of labour in the global political economy</li><li>• Advanced knowledge of academic and methodological debates relating to the topic.</li></ul> <p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Skills in selecting relevant theories to examine a selected area within the overall theme of labour in the global economy.</li><li>• Skills in communicating and discussing theories and empirical results in connection with the seminar</li></ul> <p>Competencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Competencies to take responsibility for and reflect on one's own learning and that of colleagues by actively participating in round-table discussions.</li><li>• Competencies to critically, independently and creatively identify and formulate a short written assignment on the theme of labour in the global economy.</li></ul> <p><b>Assignment 1 – newspaper article based paper</b></p> <p>Find ONE article in an international, English-language newspaper/magazine (print or online) that focuses on labour issues. Using (some of) the concepts we have discussed in class, present and discuss the labour issue you have chosen. You are expected to use at least 2-3 readings from the course. In the assignment, you need to present your own argument. This could e.g. be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• As juxtaposition of different perspectives/theories</li><li>• A discussion of congruence or mismatch between theory/real world</li><li>• A discussion of the underlying perspective of the article you're using</li></ul> <p>Format: max. 12.000 characters, including spaces</p> <p><b>Assignment 2 – paper based on the Global Labour in Denmark case</b></p> <p>Assignment 2 has two connected parts, a group work case study and an individual paper</p> <p>a) <b>Group work case study – Global Labour in Denmark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In groups, identify and research a case of 'global labour' in Denmark</li></ul>

- Objective: Apply (some of the) concepts we discuss in the course. This is also a good exercise for research techniques.

- Workshop (16 December) – short presentations by each group (main findings/ issues/ problems)

**b) An individual exam paper.**

Use your case study as a starting point for an individual academic discussion paper. You are expected to use at least 5 readings from the course.

Format: max. 16.800 characters, including spaces

Expected work effort (ECTS-declaration)

Course assignment ('Global labour in Denmark') = 40 hours Course preparation = 108 hours Exam = 96 hours Total = 270 hours

Course material and Reading list

We use mainly journal articles and book chapters as course literature. These are listed under each session.

Recommended general literature: Maurizio Atzeni (2013) Workers and Labour in a Globalised Capitalism: Contemporary Themes and Theoretical Issues (Palgrave) Ben Selwyn (2014) The Global Development Crisis (Wiley) Beverly Silver (2003) Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization Since 1870 (Cambridge UP)

Evaluation- and feedback forms

Feedback on questions and discussions during classes. Particular feed-back on course assignment ('Global labour in Denmark') and course mid-way and final evaluations. Office hour to provide feedback on written assignments after the exam.

Administration of exams

ISE Studyadministration ([ise-studyadministration@ruc.dk](mailto:ise-studyadministration@ruc.dk))

Responsible for the activity

Lone Riisgaard ([loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk))

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Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

- Specialised knowledge and understanding of a particular topic within one of the three pillars in Global Studies
- Advanced knowledge of academic and methodological debates related to the subject
- Skills in selecting and critically applying relevant theories and methods
- Skills in choosing relevant theories in order to investigate a problem area
- Skills in communicating and discussing theories and empirical results
- Competences in assuming responsibility for and reflecting on own learning and that of fellow students by actively participating in group work, presentations and discussions
- Competences in critically, independently and creatively selecting and utilising academic literature relevant to a specific research question

Overall content

The objective of the advanced study course is to provide the students with advanced knowledge and understanding within a specific research area covered by one of the three pillars in Global Studies: Global Politics, Global Sociology and Global Political Economy. At least two advanced study courses will be offered per semester. The courses offered will change every semester within the following subjects:

**Global Politics:**

- International public sector organisations and global governance
- Regionalisation and regional integration in international politics
- International security
- International law and human rights

**Global Sociology:**

- International Mobility and information flow
- International political movements and social change
- International civil society, law and defence
- Contentious identities and new global actors

**Global Political Economy:**

- Work and globalization
- Natural resources and geopolitics
- Trade, investment and global production networks
- International Financial Economics

Teaching and working methods	The courses are based on lectures, but will also include other teaching and working methods such as group work, exercises, student presentations, peer feedback and field trips or guest lectures as well as other practical activities.
Type of activity	Elective course
Form of examination (p1)	<p>Individual written portfolio.</p> <p>The portfolio consists of 2 written products, that wholly or partially are developed during the course. For example, products can be exercise responses, speech papers for presentations, written feedback, reflection, written assignments. The preparation of the products may be subject to time limits.</p> <p>The character limit: maximum 28,800 characters, including spaces. The character limits include the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices.</p> <p>The portfolio's specific products and the (if relevant) recommended size (character limit) for the individual products are made public on study.ruc.dk before the course begins.</p> <p>The entire portfolio must be handed in at the same time. The submission deadline will be public on study.ruc.dk before the course begins.</p> <p>The assessment is individual and based on the entire portfolio.</p> <p>Assessment: 7-point grading scale.</p>
Form of Re-examination (p1)	Samme som ordinær eksamen
Exam code(s)	Exam code(s) : U41133

Course days:

Hold: 1

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 09-09-2020 08:15 til  
09-09-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

Teacher Nina Torm ( ninatorm@ruc.dk )  
Lone Riisgaard ( loner@ruc.dk )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 16-09-2020 08:15 til  
16-09-2020 10:00

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## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 23-09-2020 08:15 til  
23-09-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

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## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 30-09-2020 08:15 til  
30-09-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

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## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 07-10-2020 08:15 til  
07-10-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

Teacher Nina Torm ( [ninatorm@ruc.dk](mailto:ninatorm@ruc.dk) )  
Lone Riisgaard ( [loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 21-10-2020 08:15 til  
21-10-2020 10:00

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location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

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Nina Torm ( [ninatorm@ruc.dk](mailto:ninatorm@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 28-10-2020 08:15 til  
28-10-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

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Lone Riisgaard ( [loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 04-11-2020 08:15 til  
04-11-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

Teacher Nina Torm ( [ninatorm@ruc.dk](mailto:ninatorm@ruc.dk) )  
Lone Riisgaard ( [loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 11-11-2020 08:15 til  
11-11-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

Teacher Nina Torm ( [ninatorm@ruc.dk](mailto:ninatorm@ruc.dk) )  
Lone Riisgaard ( [loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 18-11-2020 08:15 til  
18-11-2020 10:00

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Teacher Lone Riisgaard ( [loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk) )  
Nina Torm ( [ninatorm@ruc.dk](mailto:ninatorm@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 02-12-2020 08:15 til  
02-12-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

Teacher Nina Torm ( [ninatorm@ruc.dk](mailto:ninatorm@ruc.dk) )  
Lone Riisgaard ( [loner@ruc.dk](mailto:loner@ruc.dk) )

## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 09-12-2020 08:15 til  
09-12-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

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## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 16-12-2020 08:15 til  
16-12-2020 10:00

location 43.3-29 - teorirum (38)

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## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance - Exam (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 15-01-2021 10:00 til  
15-01-2021 10:00

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## Labour in the Global Economy: Restructuring and Resistance - Reexam (GS, IDS, IPAP, PF, POL)

time 15-03-2021 10:00 til  
15-03-2021 10:00

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