The Political Economy of Globalization

Lecture Abstract

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Globalization, the expression used to demarcate the most recent distinct phase in the history of *capitalism*, is a process of "integration" that has unfolded in a world characterized by a combination of an enduring political division of the world into nations and of asymmetric relations betweenthem. Nations have as a result become less self-contained units without that necessarily meaning that the world has become flat or that political borders have become more inconsequential. This lecture will critically examine from a political economy perspective some ideas that have grappled with these contradictions and their implications.

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