

# Globalism

Bridwell Institute Advanced Reading Group Syllabus

Fall 2023

**Attendance is required.** Your attendance and active participation are required. We will have 10 on-campus meetings. Students will be expected to attend all 10 on-campus meetings **plus one event during the semester for a total of eleven attendances**. Please note that this is a simple return to pre-COVID-19 rules for the reading group. Absences can be made up for by attending other Bridwell Institute events, some of which are listed below. **This will be enforced.** Failure to make all eleven attendances will result in no dispersal of stipend. Note that our schedule does not match up precisely with those of the other reading groups. **Note also that podcast episodes listed on the syllabus are required and are not optional unless stated otherwise.**

**Meeting Times.** Ou02 Tw [2.6 (n)3 mOs.

session – hopefully related directly to the texts. Your active participation is expected and planning ahead is the best way to make sure you are contributing to the group discussion.

**Be Critical.** Don't agree unthinkingly with the readings or each other. Reasonable people disagree, so be reasonable.

**Be Humble.** The writers we read did not know everything and neither do you. Be willing to listen to the writers and each other, and be willing to say, "I don't know."

## BOOKS

Bhagwati, Jagdish. 2004. *In Defense of Globalization*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Caplan, Bryan and Zach Weinersmith. 2019. *Open Borders: The Science and Ethics of Immigration*. New York: First Second.

Collier, Paul. 2007. *The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries Are Failing and What Can Be Done About It*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Cowen, Tyler. 2012. *An Economist Gets Lunch: New Rules for Everyday Foodies*. New York: Plume.

Krueger, Anne. 2020. *International Trade: What Everyone Needs to Know*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Norberg, Johan. 2020. *Open: The Story of Human Progress*. London: Atlantic Books.

8/31/23: Week 1. Global Markets Have Always Been with Us

[Most of these readings are very short.]

1. Matt Bruenig. 2013. "Libertarianism's Battle with History." *The American Prospect*, <https://prospect.org/power/libertarianism-s-battle-history/>
2. Alex Nowrasteh. 2013. "Karl Polanyi's Battle with Economic History," <https://www.libertarianism.org/blog/karl-polanyis-battle-economic-history>
3. Matt Bruenig. 2013. "Let's Try That Polanyi Point One More Time." *Demos*, <https://web.archive.org/web/20151103234905/http://www.demos.org/blog/9/13/13/lets-try-polanyi-point-one-more-time> [note that this piece is no longer hosted, hence the need for the Internet Archive link]
4. Alex Nowrasteh. 2013. "Karl Polanyi's Great Error," <https://www.libertarianism.org/blog/karl-polanyis-great-error>
5. Matt Ridley. 2010. "The Triumph of Cities." In *The Rational Optimist*, p. 157-190. (To be provided)
6. Manvir Singh. 2022. "Primitive Communism." *Aeon*, <https://aeon.co/essays/the-idea-of-primitive-communism-is-as-seductive-as-it-is-wrong>
7. Krueger 2020, p. 1-20.
8. REQUIRED Podcast Episode: "Manvir Singh: Beyond Anthropological Dreams," <https://unsupervisedlearning.libsyn.com/manvir-singh-beyond-anthropological-dreams>

9/7/23: Week 2. Trade Policy

1. Krueger ch. 2, 6, 13, 19, 22, p. 21-32, 71-82, 173-192, 249-270, and 291-301
2. Scott Lincicome. 2022. "Should the U.S. Government Subsidize Domestic Chip Production?" *The Wall Street Journal*, available at: <https://www.cato.org/commentary/should-us-government-subsidize-domestic-chip-production>
3. Scott Lincicome. 2022. "Donald Trump Staggered the Global Trading System. Joe Biden Might Finish It Off." *The Dispatch*, <https://www.cato.org/commentary/donald-trump-staggered-global-trading-system-joe-biden-might-finish-it>
4. Scott Lincicome. 2023. "The Infant-Formula Market is Still Bottled Up." *The Wall Street Journal*, available at: <https://www.cato.org/commentary/infant-formula-market-still-bottled>
5. REQUIRED P0 Tc 03ill Bo ( P0 T-2.6 ( )Td[(-)7 -)7.3ill BEkt.nB79J/TT1 1 0.8 (m):-

10/12/23: Week. 6. Open Everything I

1. Norberg 2020, ch. 3-4, p. 124-212.

**10/14/23 OPTIONAL READING GROUP SUMMIT – BART WILSON ON HUMANOMICS – 1:00PM AT DALLAS HALL**

**[NO MEETING ON 10/19/23]**

**10/19/23 OPTIONAL TEXAS ECONOMIC FORUM – 6PM RECEPTION AND 7PM LECTURE AT CRUM AUDITORIUM – TOPIC AND SPEAKERS TBD**

10/26/23: Week 7. Open Everything II

1. Norberg 2020, ch. 5-6, p. 213-285

11/2/23: Week 8. Open Everything III

1. Norberg 2020, ch. 7-8 and conclusion, p. 286-382.
2. REQUIRED Podcast Episode: “The Virtues of Openness ft. Johan Norberg,” <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-virtues-of-openness-ft-johan-norberg/id1390384827?i=1000523625354>

11/9/23: Week 9. Stray Issues Regarding Globalization

1. Bhagwati 2004, ch. 6-8 and 11, p. 68-121 and 135-161
2. Johan Norberg. 2003. “The Asian Crisis.” In *In Defense of Global Capitalism*, p. 258-264. (To be provided)
3. REQUIRED 3 Minute Video: Marginal Revolution University, “Jagdish N. Bhagwati,” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2IeHaXgFXI>
4. OPTIONAL podcast episode: “Jagdish Bhagwati on India,” <https://www.econtalk.org/bhagwati-on-india/>

**11/15/23: OPTIONAL FILM PRESENTATION OF \_\_\_\_\_ AT ANJELIKA THEATRE AT MOCKINGBIRD STATION, 6PM RECEPTION, 7PM FILM**

