

Department of Educational Leadership and Policy

New Course for Spring 2013

ELP 687: Media, Globalization, and Education

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Registration #23736 (3 Credit Hours)

The so-called Arab Spring highlighted for many the role that new technologies like Facebook and Twitter can play in generating new social formations and promoting social change. Information can now circulate around the world instantaneously and in ways that cannot always be controlled or contained by governments and nation states. The rapid, world-wide proliferation of new technologies and media forms has opened up important questions about the status of culture and knowledge today. New and emergent popular cultures are developing around the world, blurring the line between “consumer” and “producer” as never before. More and more information is now available across more and more kinds of media platforms, in ways unimaginable even a generation ago. While education has never been more important, core ideas about culture and knowledge and expertise and authority are now being challenged in new ways. In this course, we will explore these issues—the new challenges that education faces as it negotiates this now inextricably global landscape. Students will acquire a critical perspective on globalization and related phenomena—a set of processes that often seem natural, immutable, and beyond the control of individuals.

This course will be **appropriate for all GSE students as well as students across the university** interested in these concerns. It will be especially appropriate for those interested in:

- Exploring the ways “official knowledge” is being challenged or opened up by digital communications, including “open access” venues and MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses), and the implications for education;
- Examining the ways stable notions of “culture” have been challenged by young people around the world who are participating in new kinds of “subcultures” and other emergent cultural formations;
- Thinking about pursuing research related to globalization and education (This includes doctoral and master’s students);
- And gaining a better understanding of the range of global forces that are now permeating the everyday lives of all students (This includes teachers and administrators).

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