

**Geography 122: Geography, Modernity and Globalisation II.**  
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**Essay.**

Write an essay of 2,000 words, illustrated with maps, diagrams and sketches as appropriate. Due date is **Tuesday June 11** (at the beginning of class). Your task is to write a thoughtful, carefully-constructed essay on ONE of the following topics:

1. Select a particular activity (e.g., world music, tourism) or event (e.g., Olympics, World Cup of Soccer) and discuss the globalisation of sport and leisure.
2. Discuss the relations between modernisation and environmental degradation, with specific reference to either forest management, OR food security.
3. Choose a 'natural disaster' that has occurred since 2000 and show how the social, political, and cultural (ie, the non-natural) are integral to its understanding.
4. Explore the term "Risk Society" as understood through the case of nanotechnology.
5. Choosing either an exotic fruit or an electronic consumer good, provide a commodity chain analysis.

In all cases, your paper must convey an argument. A good argument is exactly that, something about which you can imagine two people disagreeing. When writing, imagine that I, your sceptical reader, disagree with what you are trying to say.

Note. *Style:* The essay should be typed (double spaced), and should have proper citations, with a bibliography. The essay must be your own work. Plagiarism, or copying another's work, is a serious offence. Of course, you will have to rely on others for information and ideas, but such dependence must be cited. The sources of facts that are less common (especially if they are debatable) and of ideas that are now your own must be identified. The person reading your essay should be able to check the sources of your information and ideas. Try to write in your own words; where direct quotations are appropriate, be sure to use quotation marks and to give a full reference. **There are penalties for late submissions, to the amount of 10% per day.** Any essay handed in after the last day of class (June 21) will not be marked and will receive a zero grade.

Do **NOT** hand in term papers via email. Papers can be handed in during class (on or before the due date), or in the departmental assignment drop box, next to the Main Geography office, room 217.

Marking Rubric on other side.

The marking rubric is as follows,

**Empirical Content:**

- clear thesis statement or question to be answered
- argument or question is logical, well explored, analytical
- evidence is adequate, accurate and supports claims being made
- paper anticipates and defuses counter-arguments
- student is critical of sources
- student takes a stand on the issue and recommends a path towards possible solution
- student clearly delimits paper's bounds, and suggestions avenues for future work

**Creativity:**

- paper is insightful
- topic covered in sufficient depth
- original, innovative, creativity

**Structural Elements:**

- appropriate length
- writing is clear, careful and polished
- maps, figures, tables are clear, relevant, and well-integrated
- consistent use of proper citations
- proper bibliography with sufficient use of relevant scholarly sources

I look forward to reading your papers!