

Geo 160 Exam 2 SUPP

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## The Multilateral Universe

### ❖ Setting the Stage

- World War II has ended
- Europe is in shambles and is falling apart
- The Soviet Union is growing around the world
- There have been waves of independence sweeping the nation
- There is an increasing need of globalization
- Technology has been getting more and more advanced

### ❖ Bretton Woods Conference

- Bretton is a ski resort in New Hampshire
- 750 old and white male delegates attended from 44 allied nations
- They were trying to find ways to avoid the post WWI conditions from repeating themselves after WWII
- They met at Bretton Woods for three weeks

### ❖ What was created from Bretton Woods Conference?

- The International Monetary Fund or IMF was created from the conference
- The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, later called the World Bank was created

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- There was a global agreement on trade and tariffs and the world trade organization came about in 1994.
  - ❖ Key Agreements
    - The Gold Standard was created. This made gold the standard for all currency around the world.
    - The Marshall Plan which was a plan to help reconstruct Europe after the war.
  - ❖ Initial activities of the IMF
    - Keeping a stock of gold and having a mixture of currency was one activity they had to complete.
    - They had to make annual reports and send them to member nations.
    - They were rebuilding Europe and a bit of Asia at the same time.
  - ❖ What Changed?
    - The change occurred when there was a crashing down in 1973.
    - The World recession started in 1971.
    - Petrodollars were created.
    - Nixon went off the gold standard because it was causing inflation to constantly be an issue around the nation.
    - Private borrowing from corporations began to boom.
  - ❖ Petrodollars
    - The price of oil skyrocketed in 1973 and was the beginning to what would become petrodollars.
    - Petrodollars screwed up the world system of payment.
      - 1. OPEC countries suddenly had a huge amount of cash flow because of the soaring price of oil

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- 2. The countries didn't have anything to do with their money, so they put their money in U.S. bank systems.
  - 3. Latin American countries needed oil very badly, but they couldn't afford it anymore.
  - 4. They took loans from the same banks, which the oil money was deposited in to.
- Petrodollars= money gained from oil or petroleum.
- ❖ Debt Crisis
    - Loans have become too huge to pay off.
    - Entire countries go into default for the loans that they haven't paid off and this leads to exhausted credit possibilities.
    - No capital is available from private leaders
    - The IMF enters at this point.
- ❖ The IMF
    - Makes huge loans to countries to repay private creditors.
    - Loans come with 'conditionality' or ways of reducing government spending to reduce future debt.
    - Conditionality is mostly laid out in public programs such as a reduction in social security.
    - It's really hard to get the IMF to forgive your debt.

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## Solutions for globalization

### ❖ Peter Kropotkin

- Early geographer
- He believed that all things come tied with one another and that everything is somehow related to something else.
- He was a Russian prince
- Didn't like the money that the crown was getting and believed that people should get some of it as well.
- He was interested in politics, economics, and ecology and how they all worked together.

### ❖ Chipko Movement

- Northern India
- Perfect example of socially constructed nature
- This movement is all about ecology and economy and how they work with one another.
- First action was in 1730!
- This is where tree hugging came from because the people would stand around; arms linked, and hug the tree so that workers could not cut it down.
- The modern part of this movement was in 1970!

### ❖ EZLN (Mexico)

- Ejercito Zapatista Liberacion Nacional is the formal name of the movement
- Named after Emilio Zapata who was known for constantly giving government owned farm land back to its original farmers.

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- This movement was all about the difference between independence and autonomy.
    - They were pro autonomy which meant that they were proud to be Mexicans and just wanted to be left alone to deal with issues on their own. They didn't want to fight for independence, but instead just wanted to fight for their own sanity.
  - They were heavily pro-women and equal rights.
  - ❖ US anti/alternative globalization movement
    - 1999
    - Known as the "Battle in Seattle"
    - Vastly diverse groups and individuals all came together to go against the World Trade Organization.
    - The WTO meetings never occurred in the end.
  - ❖ Venezuela's Agrarian reform
    - Tradition of land reform was occurring in Venezuela
    - There was a huge population movement occurring at the same time
    - Venezuela was pushing a slow revolution to reorganize ones economy. They were now teaching people how to farm and then giving them land to do work on. This program was productive and educational.