

CJN 691m: Final Paper

Due: July 10th

Technical:

- 8 pages of text (approx. 3000 words)
- 5 sources not covered in class
- one-inch margins
- 12-point font
- double or 1.5 spaced
- title page and bibliography page

Instructions:

The final assignment is a mini research paper, 8 pages of text with at least 5 additional sources not covered in course readings. For this paper you will research one aspect of the globalization of media by choosing from the topics listed below. You have two options for your analysis of the topic you choose: Comparative Analysis or Globalization Analysis.

Comparative

You may approach this paper by comparing a sector of the media in two or more countries. For example, you could write a comparative analysis of the film industries in France and the United States, including historical information, political aspects (regulation, international trade policies), structural factors (business-side), popular directors, actors, etc, and information about the consumers/audiences of French vs. US films worldwide. The point here is to understand the similarities and difference of media systems between countries based on historical, economic, political and cultural factors.

Globalization

Or, you may approach this paper by exploring how a sector of the media has become increasing global in its influence and reach worldwide. Here you would be expanding on topics covered during the second half of the course. For example, you could write about the history and influence of African music on contemporary popular music such as hip-hop, rap and certain rhythmic forms. In your analysis you should include information on how the music traveled from Africa, the way in which establish recording studios responded to the music and how musicians eventually incorporated African styles into contemporary forms. A similar paper could be written about the influence of Asian films (kung-fu, samurai cinema) on Hollywood productions. The point here is to further investigate the two-way flow and hybrid nature of media and culture.

Choose from the follow topics (or email me with an alternative):

Art
Media and Sports
Music

Video Games
News
Film