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**Recent Activity: [A Briefing of Preparatory Meeting](#)**

A preparatory meeting of the Academy for Comparative Globalization Studies was held on Feb. 20, 2015 in conference room SS 215 in the Social Sciences Building. Participants in the meeting were Dr. Linda Matthei, Associate Professor of Anthropology; Dr. Scott Lancaster, Research and Instruction Librarian; Mr. Wyman Williams, Director of Development, College of Business & Entrepreneurship, and Dr. Jiaming Sun presided over the meeting.....



**Academy Forum: [A Proposal to Establish the Academy for Comparative Globalization Studies \(ACGS\)](#)**

The objective of the Academy for Comparative Globalization Study (ACGS) is to: meet the Texas A&M University-Commerce Strategic Plan, in which Globalization is one goal of our seven guiding principles (Student Success, Scholarship, Globalization, Communication, Diversity, Stewardship, Service); use a cross-border, cross-cultural, interdisciplinary comparative studies method to explore the impact of globalization on local, national and ethnic groups in order to understand the issues and common challenges that are faced.....

### **Scholar Introduced: [Alejandro Portes](#)**



Alejandro Portes is a prominent Cuban-American sociologist. He is currently chair of the department of sociology at Princeton University and a member of the National Academy of Science. He also served as the president of the American Sociological Association in 1999. His academic studies have focused on immigration to the United States and factors affecting the fates of immigrants and their children. His work is highly-cited in the sub-fields of economic sociology, cultural sociology and race and ethnicity...

### **A Reading of Recommendation: [Transnationalism and Development: Mexican and Chinese Immigrant](#)**

### **[Organizations in the United States. Alejandro Portes,](#)**

### **[Min Zhou](#)**

The study of migration and development has focused traditionally on the forces driving persons from their home regions, the demographic and social consequences of their departure, and the subsequent effects of their remittances on local and regional economies.

The recent literature on immigrant transnationalism has highlighted the continuing fluid contacts between expatriate communities and their sending localities, including the involvement of migrants in activities requiring regular back-and-forth travel and frequent contacts by other means with their home country counterparts.

**Media Resource: [A Global State of Mind: Are Filipinos Too Global for Their Own Good?](#)**

In its most literal sense, global, as per the Merriam Webster definition, is an adjective that involves the entire world. As specific sizes and/or ranges, global means big. In Philippine culture, however, global is an inherent ability to engage with and relate to other cultures—a cosmopolitan way of living that's been evident in our ancestors early trading links eons ago.

**Student Forum: [What Does Globalization Really Mean to Us?](#)**

The course Global Social Issue (SOC 335, CRN 22300) reflects the current social reality of interaction and integration among people, companies, and governments over different nations. Based on the reading article "Global Sociology: the World as a Singular System", a virtual discussion "what does globalization really mean to us?" have been conducted. Student Tasha Carrico summarized the discussion and wrote the following paper...

**From the Editor:**

ACGS Newsletter Online Edition, one of the many important activities of the academy, will operate as a form of communication to contact peers, exchange ideas, and promote cooperation. The Academy for Comparative Globalization Studies is currently in the preparatory phase. We warmly welcome interested peer participation, offer advice and comment.

If you are interested in participating in team building of the academy, the preparatory and activities of the academy, or would like to contribute to its intellectual and financial resources, please contact ACGS. You may contact us by sending mail to [Jiaming.sun@tamuc.edu](mailto:Jiaming.sun@tamuc.edu)

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