

**Reflection Paper #1**

This first assignment has two parts.

1. Identify a news item, either current or in the past, that is related in some way to processes of globalization in Asia. Locate two journalistic accounts about this news story: one reported in a U.S. news outlet and one reported in a news outlet from outside the U.S. In the first part of your essay, reflect upon the differences in how the story is reported from these two perspectives. Do they give the same picture of global Asia? Does juxtaposing the two accounts push you to think about global Asia in a new way?
2. In the second part of your essay, take the position of a researcher in one of the following disciplines: Anthropology, Area Studies (e.g. International Studies, East Asian Studies, China Studies), or Women Studies. From this disciplinary perspective, how would you go about doing further research about this same topic? What questions would you ask that the news reporter didn't ask? And how would you attempt to answer them?

Your essay should be 2-3 pages of double-spaced, 12 point text.