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In the 80s workers worried that Japan and Germany would take over our manufacturing. In the 90s we worried that less developed countries with low labor standards would usurp our remaining industries. Before the economic collapse of 2008-09, the 20th century promised a new knowledge economy which contained new threats to service jobs, which would be outsourced to countries like India. However the financial crisis now appears to be changing our entire economic landscape, and this threatens the prospects we once entertained of an upward leveling in labor standards across the globe. How should we think about these questions? In this class we will consider how global labor markets work. In doing so, we shall be concerned with one over-riding question: Can we square our concerns about job loss and wage pressure in the US with concerns about human rights and fair labor treatment abroad?

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