This is an attempt to develop a list of analytical concepts directly relevant to global studies. There are hundreds of analytical concepts from various disciplines that could be listed but the emphasis here is on concepts that give us some analytical purchase on global processes. This list does not include important historical events, geographic regions, cultures, religions, technological revolutions, wars, treaties or current events that a global studies scholar would ideally know about. As always your suggestions and comments are welcome.

structure, agency, process, representation and interpretation
natural rights, social contract, individualism, civil rights, democratization, human rights
indigenous and collective rights, social justice
printing press, mass media, public sphere, civil society, global civil society
legitimacy, consensus, hegemony, manufacturing consent and governmentality

feudalism, mercantilism, capitalism, industrialization, globalization
secularism, liberalism, modernity, multiple modernities
laissez-faire economics, political economy, Keynesian economics, neoliberalism and global political economy
democracy, communism, socialism, fascism and totalitarianism
urbanization, global cities, planet of slums

rationalization, modernization, McDonaldization
class, inequality, structural inequality, inequality within and between nations, global inequality
social power, exploitation, anti-globalization, world social forum, alter-globalization

division of labor, interdependence, world systems theory, core and periphery
development, underdevelopment, dependency theory
commodity chain, free trade or export-processing zones, regional trade agreements
protectionism, liberalization, structural adjustment, austerity programs

Westphalian international system, sovereignty, nationalism, post-nationalism
colonialism, imperialism, decolonization, post-colonialism
international relations, containment policy, détente, spheres of influence, global peace and security
shock doctrine, states of exemption
domination, resistance, subaltern cultures, postcolonial condition, decolonization of the mind
civil disobedience, direct action, social movements, global social movements

religion, tolerance, fundamentalism, cosmopolitanism
ideology, propaganda, censorship, misinformation,
discrimination, persecution, repression, exclusion, dehumanization, ethnic cleansing, genocide

social constructionism, feminism, gender, patriarchy, standpoint and intersectional theories
culture, cultural diffusion, appropriation, exploitation, multiculturality, disjuncture
Orientalism, westernization, cultural imperialism, media imperialism, soft power

green revolution, tragedy of the commons, persistent organic pollutants, deforestation, desertification, global warming, sustainability

Global health and population issues: “overpopulation,” life expectancy, fertility rate, infant mortality, population explosion, population control mechanisms (Malthusian checks, birth control, zero growth policy and sex education), post-industrial population stabilization

universalism, legal pluralism, governance, global governance,
migration, transnational communities, diaspora, deterriorization and re-territorialization (also sometimes dis-embedded and re-embedded, de-localized and re-localized)