**Audio-visual study**

**Context session: What is Globalization?**

The following documentaries serve as excellent audio-visual study aids to enhance students’ learning:

***Globalization at the Crossroads* (2011), Free to Choose Network**

Globalization at the Crossroads features renowned Peruvian economist and author, Hernando de Soto. His twenty years of research show that economies prosper only in places where widespread personal property ownership exists—coupled with inclusive, efficient, and transparent business and property law. This program demonstrates how the West successfully revolutionized its legal systems, property laws, and developed the modern corporation. Other nations that have instituted private property and business reforms, such as post-WWII Japan and present-day China, have seen their economies take off and their middle classes grow. Globalization is the new civilization. But unless we include the 80% of humanity currently excluded from the system, they will bring civilization down, as they have brought down other civilizations in the past. © 2011 / 1 hr. The programme is available online at the following URL: <http://www.freetochoose.tv/program.php?id=globalization>. Alternatively, the DVD can be purchased at <http://www.freetochoose.net/product_info.php?products_id=1579&cPath=21>.

***Commanding Heights: The Battle for the World Economy* (2002), Invisions Productions Ltd. in ass. with Heights Productions**

*Commanding Heights* is a six-hour three-part PBS documentary series based on the book by Pulitzer Prize winner Daniel Yergin. It takes an in-depth look at the debate over the impact of globalization, the ongoing battle of government vs. market, and the varied forces shaping our economy and future, dissecting and explaining macroeconomics and their current political and social importance. The series is divided into in three two-hour episodes. The episodes are subdivided into chapters, captioned, and enhanced with additional interactive content not available on television. The episodes, chapter menu and transcripts are available at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/commandingheights/hi/story/>. The book and video can also be purchased here: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/commandingheights/shared/minitext/info_thebook.html>

***Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World (part 1: Why Britain?)* (2003), Blakeway Productions**

This six-part documentary explores the impact of the British Empire on the modern world. From the earliest British settlers in Virginia to the decline of the Empire in the aftermath of the two World Wars, positive and negative aspects of the Empire are illustrated through key events and players. Presented by Niall Ferguson, the series provides a broad overview of the British Empire and its continuing legacy in the world. The episodes are titled: Why Britain?; White Plague; The Mission; Heaven's Breed; Maxim Force; and Empire for Sale. At the time of writing, the documentaries were available on YouTube (see for episode 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyoxmr08dXA>).