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*Globalization*, on the other hand, denotes the processes through which sovereign national states re criss-crossed and undermined by transnational actors with varying prospects of power, orientations, identities and networks.

But what is it that makes globality irreversible? Eight reasons may be given under the following headings:

1. The geographical expansion and ever greater density of international trade, as well as the global networking of finance markets and the growing power of transnational corporations.
2. The ongoing revolution of information and communications technology.
3. The universal *demands* for human rights—the (lip service paid to the) principle of democracy.
4. The stream of images from the global culture industries.
5. The emergence of a postnational, polycentric world politics, in which transnational actors (corporations, non-governmental organizations, United Nations) are growing in power and number alongside governments.
6. The question of world poverty.
7. The issue of global environmental destruction.
8. Transcultural conflicts in one and the same place.