

## **The Politics of International Development**

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This course is designed to provide an overview of the different approaches and theories of international development. Special attention will be paid to modernization theory and dependency theory, as well as the role of the state and international actors in the development process. The question of how to define development as well as the relationship between democracy and development are themes that will run throughout the course. The readings deal primarily with developing countries in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in the regions of Africa, Latin America, and East Asia however comparisons with earlier waves of industrialization and development will be points for discussion.

### **Grading and Assignments**

Class Participation - 30%

Mid-term – 15 %

Paper Topic – 10%

Presentation/Paper – 20 %

Final Exam – 25 %

### **Class participation**

Class participation will be based on both participation in class discussions and class attendance. Class attendance does count toward your participation grade. If you are absent you must explain the reasons for your absence and be able to provide evidence excusing your absence. Missing more than two classes without an explanation will result in a reduction of your participation grade.

### **Presentation/Papers**

You will be required to write a 5-7 page analytical research paper on a development issue in your country of choice. A two page description of your paper topic and a bibliography will be due on Week 6. The bibliography does not count toward the two pages. The paper should deal with a specific problem or development issue. You must discuss the problem or issue, what has been done to rectify the problem in terms of projects or policies, and any involvement by international actors (if relevant). You must also give your own recommendation for what policy should be created or what steps should be done to rectify the problem. A good paper should make a clear argument, actively engage the readings, and properly cite the articles, books, and internet sources that you use in your paper. You must use at least three academic or scholarly sources. Failure to adequately cite sources is plagiarism and will have severe consequences (See section on Academic Integrity). The paper will be due on the day that you give your presentation. The presentation should be 20 minutes long and should consist of a well-prepared discussion of your development topic. You may not get up and simply read your paper. You may use visuals during your presentation (overhead or handouts). The written portion will comprise 15% of your grade and the presentation will count as 10% of your grade.

### **Mid-term and Final Exam**

The format of the mid-term and final exam is to be determined. It will consist primarily of short answer and essay questions. We will discuss the format and date of the exam in more detail. The final exam will be cumulative.

### **Late Assignments**

Assignments turned in late will be docked half a letter grade for each day they are late. This means if your assignment would have originally earned a B, it will receive a B- for the first day it is late, a C+ if it is two days late, etc. Assignments are due at the start of each class in which they are due. Any assignment received more than halfway through the class in which it is due will be considered late. Failure to complete an assignment on the given due date will only be excused in the rarest of circumstances and with adequate proof of failure to complete the assignment.

### **Academic Integrity**

**Academic integrity will be taken very seriously. Any evidence of plagiarism, cheating, or failure to adequately cite and credit sources, on exams or papers will be met with the severest of consequences. Plagiarism consists not only of taking another person's exact words without properly crediting them, but taking their ideas as well. Any breach of academic integrity will result in a failure on the assignment and will be reported to the department head who will then determine further action. If you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism or how to cite sources, please come to see me during my office hours or make an appointment with me.**

## **Week 1 (30/01) – Defining Development**

### Readings

Inkeles, Alex. 1975. "Becoming Modern: Individual Change in Six Developing Countries" *Ethos* 3:2, pp. 323-342.

Widner, Jennifer. 2002. "Human Development in Africa in 2015" *Perspectives on Politics* 3:3, pp. 572-575.

Cornwall, Andrea and Karen Brock. 2005. "What Do Buzzwords Do for Development Policy? A Critical Look at 'Participation' 'Empowerment' and 'Poverty Reduction'" *Third World Quarterly* 26:7, pp. 1043-1060.

## **Week 2 (06/02)– Modernization Theory**

### Readings

Lipset, Seymour Martin, "Some Social Requisites of Democracy: Economic Development and Political Legitimacy" *APSR*, 1959.

Huber, Evelyne, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, and John D. Stephens. 1993. "The Impact of Economic Development on Democracy." *Journal of Economic Perspectives*. Vol. 7, Issue 3, pp. 71-85.

Przeworski, Adam and Fernando Limongi, "Modernization: Theories and Facts" *World Politics* 49.2 (1997) pp. 155-183.

## **Week 3 (13/02) – Dependency Theory and Critique of Modernization**

### Readings

Smith, Tony. 1979. "The Underdevelopment of Development Literature: The Case of Dependency Theory." *World Politics*. Vol. 31, Issue 2. (pages 247-288)

J.Samuel Valenzeula and Arturo Valenzuela, "Modernization and Dependency: Alternative Perspectives in the Study of Latin American Underdevelopment," *Comparative Politics*, Vol.10, No.4 (July 1978) 543-557.

## **Week 4 (20/02) No Class – Work on Presentations submit two pages on paper topic and sources in class Week 5**

## **Week 5 (27/02) Nation-Building and State-Building**

### Readings

Tilly, Charles, "War and State Power" *Middle East Report*, No. 171, The Day After (Jul. - Aug., 1991), pp. 38-40.

Kohli, Atul, "Review: The Political Economy of Development Strategies: Comparative Perspectives on the Role of the State" *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 19, No. 2 (Jan., 1987), pp. 233-246.

Stubbs, Richard, "Review: Strong States, Weak States" *Canadian Journal of Political Science / Revue canadienne de science politique*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (Dec., 1989), pp. 894-895.

### **Week 7 (06/03) - The Role of the State in East Asia, Africa and Other Places**

#### Readings

Robert Bates, Avner Greif, Smita Singh Source, "Organizing Violence" *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 46, No. 5 (Oct., 2002), pp. 599-628.

Herbst, Jeffrey, "War and the State in Africa" *International Security*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (Spring, 1990), pp. 117-139

Ziya Öniş, "Review: The Logic of the Developmental State" *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (Oct., 1991), pp. 109-126.

Gereffi Gary and Stephanie Fonda, "Regional Paths of Development" *Annual Review of Sociology* 18 (1992), pp. 419-48.

### **Week 7 (13/03) – Midterm Exam**

### **Week 8 (20/03) – Reading Week**

### **Week 9 (27/03) - International Organizations and NGOs**

#### Readings

Millennium Development Goals. <http://www.endpoverty2015.org/goals>

Ravallion, Martin. 2002. "Have We Already Met the Millenium Development Goals for Poverty?" *Economic and Political Weekly* 37:46, pp. 4638-4645.

Jeffrey Herbst, "Responding to State Failure in Africa" *International Security*, Vol. 21, No. 3 (Winter, 1996-1997), pp. 120-144

Stephen Kosack and Jennifer Tobin, "Funding Self-Sustaining Development": The Role of Aid, FDI and Government in Economic Success" *International Organization* 60, pp. 205-243.

### **Week 11 (03/04) – Transnational Corporations**

#### Readings

Bennett, Douglas C. and Kenneth E. Sharpe. 1979. "Agenda Setting and Bargaining Power: The Mexican State versus Transnational Automobile Corporations." *World Politics* 32:1, pp. 57-89.

Evans, Peter. "National Autonomy and Economic Development: Critical Perspectives on Multinational Corporations in Poor Countries" *International Organization*, Vol. 25, No. 3, Transnational Relations and World Politics (Summer, 1971), pp. 675-692.

Ottaway, Marina. 2001. "Reluctant Missionaries." *Foreign Policy*. July/August, Issue 125, pp. 44-54.

## **Week 12 (10/04) – Globalization and Development**

### Readings

Kaufman, Robert R. and Alex Segura-Ubierno. 2001. "Globalization, Domestic Politics and Social Spending in Latin America: A Time-Series Cross-Section Analysis, 1973-1997." *World Politics*. 53:4, pp. 553-587.

Geoffrey Schneider. 2003. "Globalization and the Poorest of the Poor: Global Integration and the Development Process in Sub-Saharan Africa" *Journal of Economic Issues* 37:2, pp. 389-396.

Richard Easterlin. 2000. "The Globalization of Human Development" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* Vol. 570, pp. 32-48.

## **Week 13 (17/04) – Conclusion and Final Review**

## **Week 14-16 - Presentations (24/04, 01/05, 08/05)**

## **Week 17 (15/05) - Final Exam – 15/05**