

Political Science 374/474
Politics of Development in the Global South
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Course Objectives

This course seeks to understand the process of economic, social, and political development in states commonly considered the Third World. We will consider a variety of variables that impact each of these, including just what we mean by development plus the impact of culture and religion, agriculture and industry, democracy and alternatives to it, the role of the state, liberalization and globalization, and various strategies to achieve development. In doing so, we will focus on states from four regions of the world, Korea, Brazil, India, and Nigeria.

Evaluation

Your grade in this course will be determined by four papers and class participation. **Each paper is worth 20 percent of your grade for a total of 80 percent.**

The papers will compare and contrast two countries from the developing world (excluding Korea, Brazil, India, and Nigeria). Each paper should be no more than 10 pages each. The topics to be covered in each paper are as follows:

First Paper: Describe the conditions for development in two developing countries of your choosing. This should cover issues of national identity, political make-up, natural resources, colonial experience, and current economic conditions. **Due Date February 6.**

Second Paper: Using these same countries, discuss key issues facing each country, including pressures on development (e.g. population and health), cultural variables, political variables, and economic variables. **Due Date February 20.**

Third Paper: Discuss the chances for democracy or possible alternatives to democracy for each of your selected countries. What type of government does it have? Does it have any history with democracy? What pressures exist for alternatives to democracy? What is the role of the military in politics? **Due Date March 8.**

Fourth Paper: Discuss the prospects for development in each of your selected countries. What is the role of the state? What would you recommend each state do to further its economic, social, and political development? **Due Date April 26.**

For assistance, use the 12 indicators of state vulnerability found at http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3420&print=1

Students Taking 474: You are to write a fifth paper discussing the salient features of one of the 20 top countries on the Failed States Index

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as to why it is failing. This should include discussion of its political, social, cultural and economic conditions and the impact these have on its status on the list. The paper should also include discussion of what steps are necessary for that country to get off of the Failed States Index.

This paper is due April 26 and should be 10-15 pages.

Class Participation: This course will be conducted in seminar fashion. Accordingly, your presence and participation is required. **Class participation counts for 20% of your grade.** We will meet 27 times over the semester. Attendance will count for 10%. The remaining 10% is given to those participate in such as manner as to further the discussion in at least 14 of the total number of sessions.

Each class period you are to prepare three questions related to the readings and previous discussions. These will be collected periodically at unannounced times. These questions should further discussion of development issues. They should not be simple factual questions.

Reading

Books for Purchase

Howard Handelman: *The Challenge of Third World Development*, 4th edition, Prentice Hall, 2006.

Mark Kesselman: *The Politics of Globalization*, Houghton Mifflin, 2007

Atul Kohli: *State-Directed Development*, Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Howard Wiarda: *Political Development in Emerging Nations*, Wadsworth, 2004.

Reserve Readings as listed in the course program will be e-mailed. Websites are also indicated.

Reserve readings:

Gabriel A. Almond & James S. Coleman: *The Politics of Developing Areas*.

Gabriel A. Almond & Sidney Verba: *The Civic Culture Revisited*.

Jared Diamond: *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*.

Jared Diamond: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*.

Ray Kiely: *Industrialization and Development*.

Robert Pinckney: *Democracy in the Third World*

Howard Wiarda: *Non-Western Theories of Development*

Fareed Zakaria: *The Rise of Illiberal Democracy*

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Course Schedule

Section One

January 16, 18, & 23

The Developing World

What is development?
Contrasts between regions.
Factors explaining politics in the developing world.
How do failed states happen?
Colonial Legacy
Making Choices: Success or Collapse

Howard Wiarda (1): Preface and Chapter 1, pp. vii – 27

Howard Handelman: The Challenge of Third World Development, Chapter One.

Jared Diamond: *Guns, Germs and Steel, The Fates of Human Societies*, pp 13-25

Jared Diamond: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, Chapters 9 and 14

Robert Pinkney: Democracy & the End of Empire, Chapter 3

The Fund for Peace and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace: “The Failed States Index” in *Foreign Policy*, May/June 2006.

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3420&print=1

January 25 – No Class

Section Two

January 30 and February 1

Concept of Development

Social science and comparative politics literature

Howard Wiarda (1): “The Concept of Development,” Chapter 2

Howard Wiarda (1): “Disillusionment with Development,” Chapter 3

Almond & Coleman: “A Functional Approach to Comparative Politics.”

Gabriel Almond: “The Intellectual History of the Civic Culture Concept.”

Sidney Verba: “On Revisiting The Civic Culture: A Personal Postscript.”

Section Three

February 6 and 8

February 6 Paper # One Due

Issues of Development

Agriculture and Industry

Howard Handelman: “Agrarian Reform & the Politics of Rural Change,” Chapter 6

Howard Handelman: “Rapid Urbanization & the Politics of the Rural Poor,” Chapter 7

Howard Handelman: pages 265-283

Ray Kiely: “Defining Industrialization & Development,” chapter 1

Ray Kiely: “Debating Industrialization,” Chapter 2

Section Four

February 13, 15, and 20

February 20 Paper No. 2 Due

Culture, Religion & Ethnicity

What is ethnicity?

What causes ethnic conflict?

What institutions may prevent ethnic conflict?

What institutions promote representation?

Beyond Ethnicity: The Influence of Religion

Howard Handelman: "Religion and Politics: Chapter 3

Howard Handelman: "The Politics of Cultural Pluralism and Ethnic Conflict" Chapter 4

Jan Nederveen Pieterse: "Globalization & Culture" in Mark Kesselman

Saskia Sassen: "Immigration in a Global Era" in Mark Kesselman

Ray Kiely: "Culture and Industrialization," pages 115-117

Anisa Mehdi: "Inside Mecca," a *National Geographic* Film

Section Five

February 22 and 27

Democracy

Howard Wiarda (1): "Transitions to Democracy in the Developing World," Chapter 5

Howard Handelman: "Democratic Change and the Change to Democracy," Chapter 2

Fareed Zakaria: "Illiberal Democracy" in *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 1997

Robert Pinkney: "The Nature of Democracy," Chapter 1

Robert Pinkney: "The Conditions for Democracy," Chapter 2

Robert Pinkney: "The Eclipse of Democracy," Chapter 4

Ray Kiely: "Capitalist Models of Industrialization," Chapter 3

Fareed Zakaria: "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy" in *Foreign Affairs*.

Section Six

March 1, 6, and 8

March 8 Paper # Three Due

Alternatives to Democracy

Howard Handelman: "Soldiers & Politics," Chapter 9

Howard Wiarda (1): "Disillusionment With Development," Chapter 3

Howard Wiarda (2): "The Western Tradition & Its Export to the Non-West," Chapter 1

Howard Wiarda (2): "East Asia: The Confucian Tradition & Modernization," Chapter 2

Howard Wiarda (2): "India: A Challenge to Western Theories of Development,"

Chapter 3

Ray Kiely: "Socialism and Industrialization," Chapter 4

Spring Break March 13 & 15

Section Seven

March 20 & 22

The Role of the State in Development

Howard Handelman: "The Political Economy of Third World Development," Pages 254-265

Robert Pinkney: "State, Civil society, and Democracy," Chapter 5)

Ray Kiely: "The State and Late Industrialization," pages 117-145.

Atul Kohli: "States & Industrialization in the Global Periphery," Introduction.

Section Eight

March 27 & 29, April 3, 5, 10 & 12

Korea, Brazil, India, Nigeria

Ray Kiely: "Import substitution Industrialization," Chapter 6

Ray Kiely: "Export Oriented Industrialization," Chapter 7

Atul Kohli: "Galloping Ahead: Korea," Part One

Atul Kohli: "Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Brazil," Part Two

Atul Kohli: "Slow But Steady: India," Part Three

Atul Kohli: "Dashed Expectations: Nigeria," Part Four

Section Nine

April 17, 19, 24 & 26

April 26 Final Paper Due

Liberalization and Globalization

Howard Wiarda: "Neo-liberalism and its Problems," Chapter 6

Howard Wiarda: "Globalization and its Critics," Chapter 7

Mark Kesselman: "National States & Globalization," Chapter 6

Ray Kiely: "Late Industrialization and the Global Economy," Chapter 5

Ray Kiely: "Flexible Accumulation and the Global Economy," Chapter 9

Ray Kiely: "Capitalism, Industrialization and Alternatives," Chapter 10

Jared Diamond: *Collapse*, Chapter 16.

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