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, and various strategies to achieve development. We will consider a number of case studies to highlight these variable. In addition, the course will consider issues of sustainability within and between nations and, finally, consider issues that cross state border, including the environment, globalization, and the rise of non-governmental organizations.

Evaluation

Your grade in this course will be determined as follows:

Twenty five percent of your grade will be determined by periodic quizzes based on readings and class discussion. *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.*

Twenty five percent of your grade will be determined by a midterm exam. *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.*

Ten percent of your grade will be determined by attendance and class participation. Attendance will be taken. Absences will be excused only for legitimate reasons and with a written excuse. *It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments, comes to class, and comes prepared.*

Forty percent of the grade will be determined by a take-home final analyzing the prospects for development in a specific less developed country. Countries will be
drawn from a hat. The 5-6 page paper should discuss the constraints the country faces, the role of the state in development, and your recommendations for further development of its economic, social, and political development. It is a wise student who keeps up with reading assignments.

**Students Taking 474:** You are to write a 10-12 page paper discussing the salient features of one of the 20 top countries on the Failed States Index [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3420&print=1](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3420&print=1) 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.

**Books for Purchase**

**William Easterly:** *The White Man’s Burden, Why the West’s Efforts to Aid the Rest Have Done So Much Ill and So Little Good*, Penguin Books, 2006.
**Andres R. Edwards:** *The Sustainability Revolution*, 2005.
This text is labeled Wiarda (1) in the course schedule.

**Reserve readings (marked * below & posted on Blackboard)**

Jared Diamond: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed.*
Ray Kiely: *Industrialization and Development.*
Robert Pinckney: *Democracy in the Third World*
Howard Wiarda (2): *Non-Western Theories of Development*
Fareed Zakaria: *The Rise of Illiberal Democracy*
Katherine Morton: “Policy Case Study: The Environment” in Joseph, Chapter 11
Vicky Randall & Robin Theobald: *Political Change and Underdevelopment, 2nd Edition*
Tentative Course Schedule (subject to change)

Section One  August 24, 26, & 31

The Developing World


and also at

Howard Wiarda (1): Preface and Chapter 1.
*Jared Diamond: *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, Chapters 9 and 14
*Robert Pinkney: Democracy & the End of Empire, Chapter 3
Easterly: Chapter 1.

Section Two  September 2 & 7

Theories:  Why does development happen or not happen?

Reading:  Howard Wiarda (1): Chapters 2
Easterly:  Chapters 2-4.
Section Three   September 9 & 14

Methods: Agriculture, then Industry

Reading:
* Ray Kiely: “Defining Industrialization & Development”, Chapter 1
* Ray Kiely: “Debating Industrialization” Chapter 2
* Ray Kiely: Import Substitution Industrialization,” Chapter 6
* Ray Kiely: Export Oriented Industrialization,” Chapter 7

Section Four   September 16 & 21

Culture, Ethnicity, & Religion

Reading:
* Howard Handelman: “Religion and Politics: Chapter 3
* Howard Handelman: “The Politics of Cultural Pluralism and Ethnic Conflict” Chapter 4
* Vicky Randall & Robin Theobald: Chapter 2.
* Ray Kiely: “Culture and Industrialization,” pages 115-117
* Easterly: Chapters 8-9.

Section Five   September 23 & 28

The Role of the State in Development

Reading:
* Howard Handelman: The Political Economy of Third World Development,” Pages 254-265
Section Six  September 30 & October 5

Democracy?

          *Howard Handelman: “Democratic Change and the Change to Democracy,” Chapter 2
          *Robert Pinkney: Chapters 1-2 & 4-5
          *Ray Kiely: “Capitalist Models of Industrialization,” Chapter 3

Section Seven  October 7 & 12

Alternatives to Democracy

Reading:  *Rostow Chapter 10
          *Vicky Randall & robin theobald, Chapter 4
          *Howard Handelman: “Soldiers & Politics,” Chapter 9
          *Howard Wiarda (1): “Disillusionment With Development,” Chap 3

Section Eight  Constraints (Case Studies)

October 14  Culture, the Case of Indonesia

October 21  History, the Case of Iraq

October 26  Endowments, the Case of Afghanistan

October 26  Politics & Economics, the Case of China

November 2  Role of the State, the Case of Japan and Korea

November 4  Role of Regionalism, the Case of Asia

Reading:  Frost, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 8 & 10
November 9  Role of the International System, the Case of the World Bank & IMF

Reading: Karns & Mingst, Chapter 9
        Easterly: Chapters 5-7

November 11  Role of the International System, the Case of the WTO


Section 9  Sustainability November 16 & 18

Reading: Andres Edwards: *The Sustainability Revolution*, All Chapters

Section 10  Constraints Across Borders

November 23  China’s The Environment

Reading: Elizabeth Economy, Chapter 1

NOVEMBER 25  THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
November 30  Globalization

Reading:  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
          Jared Diamond:  *Collapse*, Chapter 16.
          *Jan Nederveen Pieterse: “Globalization & Culture” in Mark
                  Kesselman
          *Saskia Sassen: “Immigration in a Global Era” in Mark
                  Kesselman
          Randall & Theobald: “Globalization and the Study of Political
                  Change,” Chapter 6

December 2 Non-state Actors

Reading:  Karns & Mingst: Chapter 6.
          Easterly: Chapters 10-11

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