

Political Science 374/474
The Political Economy of Development
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Tentative, Subject to change

Main Idea: **How do developing states develop?**

Enduring Understandings:

What is the process of economic, social, and political development in states traditionally considered the Third World?

What are the variables that impact each of these? This question includes what we mean by development. It also includes 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. Case studies will highlight these variables.

Further, what variables impact sustainability within and between nations, especially those that cross state borders, such as environmental degradation, globalization, and the rise of non-governmental organizations?

Learning Objectives: Assessment of your work will depend on how well you prepare in advance of class.

Understand: Tuesdays and 45 minutes on Thursday are devoted to an explanation and discussion of topics concerning development as listed in this syllabus.

Analyze: Each Thursday will consist of small group discussions of 15 minutes examining *sample issues* covered in the previous explanation and discussion. One member of each group will offer a two-minute synopsis of the issue and the group's discussion of it. Success in these exercises depends on attending class regularly and doing assigned readings.

Apply: After a few weeks, small group sessions will consist of discussions examining a *sample problem* covered in the entire course up to that point. One member of each group will offer a two-minute synopsis of the problem and the groups' discussion of it. Success in these exercises depends on attending class regularly, doing assigned readings, and thinking deeply about solving the problem based on what you learned in the course.

Assessment Tasks

Fifteen percent of your grade will be determined by attendance **and** class participation in group discussions. Attendance will be taken. Absences will be excused only for legitimate reasons and with a written excuse.

Thirty five percent of the grade will be determined by a take-home midterm exam. This is an eight to ten page paper considering the development or lack of development in one country. .

Fifty percent of the grade will be determined by a take-home final analyzing the prospects for development in a country *different from the one used in the midterm*. The 10-15 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. Due date information is on the syllabus.

Books for Purchase

Ellen Frost: *Asia's New Regionalism*, Rienner, 2008.

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.

Paul Hopper: *Understanding Development*. Polity Press, 2012. ISBN 978-0-7456-3895-9

Ray Kiely: *Industrialization and Development*, Routledge, 2003, ISBN 1-85728-545-X

Reserve readings are marked * on the syllabus & are posted on Blackboard.

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Tentative Course Schedule (subject to change)

Jan 17 & 19 THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Topics and Reading:

Understanding Societies

- ***Paul Collier:** “Bad Guys” in *Foreign Policy*, August 2010.
- ***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 & 14.

Understanding Development

- ***Howard Wiarda:** *The Wide World of the Developing Nations*
- William Easterly:** Chapters 1, 3 & 5

Development and the International System

- ***The 2016 Fragile States Index (Fund for Peace)** found at
- *<http://foreignpolicy.com/fragile-states-index-2016-brexit-syria-refugee-europe-anti-migrant-boko-haram/>
- ***United Nations Millennium Goals** found at
- <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/>
- * **United Nations Millennial Goals Report 2015**

Jan. 24 & 26 THEORIZING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT

Development Theories

- Paul Hopper,** Introduction and Chapter 1
- ***Howard Wiarda:** *The Concept of Development: Origins and Main Themes*

Jan 31 & Feb 2 WHICH ROAD TO TAKE

Neoliberalism & The Washington Consensus

Paul Hopper: Chapter 2

***Howard Wiarda,** *Transitions to Democracy in the Developing World*

***Robert Pinckney:** Chapters 1, 3 & 5.

Ray Kiely: *Industrialization and Development*, Chapter 3.

***Howard Wiarda:** *The Western Tradition and Its Export to the Non-West.*

John Williamson: "A Short History of the Washington Consensus" in

Narcis Serra & Joseph Stiglitz: *The Washington Consensus Reconsidered*, 2008.

Disillusion

***Howard Wiarda:** East Asia: The Confucian Tradition and Modernization

***Howard Wiarda:** India: A Challenge to Western Theories of Development

***Howard Wiarda:** First World, Third World, Western, Non-Western, What?

William Easterly: Chapter 4

***Stefan Halper:** *The Beijing Consensus*, Chapter 2

***Fareed Zakaria:** "The Rise of Illiberal Democracy"

The Beijing Consensus

***Stefan Halper:** *The Beijing Consensus*, Preface, & Chapters 1, 3 & 4

***John Williamson:** Is the Beijing Consensus Now Dominant? *Asia Policy*, No. 13, January 2012

Feb 7 & 9 METHODS

Agriculture, Then Industry

Paul Hopper: Chapter 2

Ray Kiely: *Industrialization and Development*, Chapters 1-2 & 6-7

Feb 14, 16, 21, 23 & 28 DETERMINANTS

Culture, Ethnicity, & Religion

Reading:

Paul Hopper Chapter 2

Ray Kiely: Chapter 8 pages 115-117

William Easterly: Chapters 8-9.

Role of the State in Development

***Atul Kohli:** *State Directed Development*, Introduction & Chapter 3

Ray Kiely: Chapter 8, pages 117-144.

***The Economist** "The Rise of State Capitalism" in all seven parts.

International Trade: The WTO

Paul Hopper: Chapter 6

***Rorden Wilkinson:** *What's Wrong With the WTO*, Polity, 2014
Chapters 1-4

***Hoekman Evenett,** *Economic Development and Multilateral Trade Cooperation*, 2005

***Roel van den Cate:** "The Impact of International Trade on Less Developed Countries" in *Business Intelligence Journal*, Vol 2 No. 1, January 2009.

International Institutions: World Bank & IMF

Paul Hopper: Ch 8

***Richard Peet:** *Unholy Trinity: The IMF, World Bank and the WTO*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2nd edition, 2009. Chapter 1

***Margaret Karns & Karen Mingst,** *International Organizations*, Chapter 9

William Easterly: Chapters 5-7

Regionalism

Ellen Frost: *Asia's New Regionalism*, Chapters 3-5, 8-9
***Margaret Karns & Karen Mingst:** *International Organizations*, Chapter 5

Non-state Actors

***Margaret Karns & Karen Mingst:** *International Organizations*, Chapter 6.
Easterly: Chapters 10-11

February 28 Take-Home Midterm on One Country Distributed.

Due Date March 7 by noon via pes15@case.edu

March 7, 9, 21, & 23 CASE STUDIES

Culture: the Case of Indonesia

***Robert W. Hefner:** "Cultural Matters and Development Dilemmas in Indonesia" in **Lawrence Harrison & Peter Berger:** *Developing Cultures*.

History: the Case of Iraq

***Charles Tripp:** *A History of Iraq*, Chapters 2, 7 & Conclusion.

The Resource Curse: the Case of Afghanistan, Angola & Ghana.

***Michael Ross:** "The Political Economy of the Resource Curse" in *World Politics* 51, January 1999.
***Joseph Stiglitz:** "What is the Role of the State" in **Humphreys, Sachs & Stiglitz,** eds. *Escaping the Resource Curse* Chapter 1.
Macartan Humphreys, Jeffrey Sachs and Joseph Stiglitz: "Future Directions for the Management of Natural Resources."

Politics as Economics, Economics as Politics: the Case of China

***David Zweig**” “China’s Political Economy” in **William A. Joseph**, ed. *Politics in China*, 2010.

March 28, 30 &

April 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25, & 27

GOOD GOVERNANCE

The Environment

Judith Shapiro: “Environmental Challenges: Drives and Trends” and “State-led Environmentalism: The View From Above” in *China’s Environmental Challenges*, Chapters 2 & 3.
Joy Y. Zhang & Michael Barr: “Ways of Seeing” and “Ways of Changing” in *Environmental Governance and State-Society Relations*, Chapters 2 & 3

Energy & Sustainability

Paul Hopper: Ch 9

Daniel Yergin: “The Demand Shock” in *The Quest: Energy, Security, and the Remaking of the Modern World*, Chapters 9 & 10.

The BRICS

Reading to be determined

April 27 **Take-Home Final on a Different Country Distributed**

Due Date **May 4 by noon via pes15@case.edu**

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