POLI 4064 Comparative Politics of Developing Countries FALL 2011 104 Audubon 12:30-1:30 MWF

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of the politics of developing countries. We will use examples from all the major regions of the Third World (Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East), in order to better understand the pervasive nature of the political crisis that has engulfed the developing countries.

TEXTBOOKS: There are two texts required for the course:

Howard Handelman: <u>The Challenge of Third World Development</u>. New Jersey: Pearson/Longman, 2011 Annual Editions: <u>Developing World</u>. 11/12 Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw Hill/Dushkin, 2011

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend all class sessions and keep up with reading assignments as well as on-going events in the Third World. All test and paper assignments must be completed on a timely basis.

EXAMS, PAPERS, & GRADES: There will be an early take-home exam, a midterm exam, a comparative research paper on any two countries in different regions of the Third World and a Final. Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in lectures as they apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

NYT Multiple Choice	10 pts.	(Before midterm/final)
Class Participation	10 pts.	
Early Take home exam	10 pts.	(Fri. Sept. 16)
Mid-term Exam (in class)	20 pts.	(Fri. Oct. 07)
Research Paper	20 pts.	(Fri. Nov. 18)
Presentation	5 pts.	(Begin Nov. 09)
Final Exam	<u>25 pts.</u>	(Tues. Dec. 06; 7:30am)
	100 pts.	

A: 88–100; **B**: 87.9–78; **C**: 77.9–69; **D**: 68.9–60; **F**: Below 60

LECTURE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 22-31	Introduction *Context of Third World Reality *Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries Handelman: Chapter 1; AE Unit 1
Sept. 02-09	<u>Theory in the Study of Developing Countries</u> *Modernization Theory & Revisionism Handelman Chapter 1; AE pp. 18-25 *Marxist and Dependency Theories Handelman Chapter 1
Sept. 12-16	History of the Third World *Pre-Colonial, Colonialism, Decolonization & Independence
Sept. 19-23	Leadership and Ideology *From charisma to Tangible Result AE: Unit 3
Sept. 26-28	Institutions in Third World Politics *The State Institutions *The Other Institutions
Sept. 30-Oct. 05	<u>Prospects and Problems for Democracy</u> *Handelman's Analysis *Diamond's "Political culture" across Regions *The Middle East: Is there a right course? Handelman: Chapter 2; AE Unit 4
Wed. Oct. 05	NYT Multiple Choice Test
Fri. Oct. 07	Midterm Exam

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Oct. 10-26	Constraints to Development
	*The Economy: Poverty as a Problem
	Strategies with Little Success
	Handelman Chapter 6 & 10, AE Unit 2
	*Classes, Clientelism and Corruption
	Handelman: Chapter 7
	*Education in the Third World Context
	*Ethnicity, Race and the Caste System
	Handelman: Chapter 4
	*Women, Population, and Politics
	Handelman: Chapter 5, AE Unit 5 & 6
Oct. 28-Nov. 07	Intervening Forces
	*Militarization and Military Rule
	Handelman: Chapter 9
	*Insurgency and Revolution
	Handelman: Chapter 8
	Religion and Politics
	Handelman: Chapter 3
Begin Nov. 09-30	Presentation of Two-Country Research
Nov. 18	Descent Desce Due
INOV. 18	Research Paper Due
Nov. 28	Course Evaluation/Review Session/Return Pre-Final Exams
Tues. Dec. 06	Final Exam; 4:00-6:00 pm