## POLI 4064 Comparative Politics of Developing Countries Fall 2010 229 Tureaud MWF 10:40-11:30 pm

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**OBJECTIVE:** The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of the politics of developing countries. We will discuss the condition of these countries based on theoretical assumptions of scholars and the practical realities of politics in changing societies. 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 dilemma in developing countries.

**TEXTBOOKS:** There are two texts required for the course:

Howard Handelman: <u>The Challenge of Third World Development</u>. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2011. Annual Editions: <u>Developing World</u>. 10/11 Boston: McGraw Hill, 2010

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**: Attendance in all class sessions is required and active participation in class discussion helps. Endeavor to hand in all assignments on time.

**EXAMS, PAPERS, & GRADES**: There will be an early take-home exam, a midterm exam in class, and a final. In addition you will be required to write a survey of the politics of any two countries of your choice; where you apply some of the ideas and trends discussed in class to your countries.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

<b>Class Participation</b>	10 pts.	
Take home exam	10 pts.	(Wed. Sept. 08)
Mid-term Exam (in class)	20 pts.	(Fri. Oct. 15
Research Paper	20 pts.	(Mon. Nov. 22)
Presentation	5 pts.	(Begin Nov. 17)
Final Exam	<u>35 pts.</u>	(Mon. 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. 23-30	Course Introduction (HH Chapter 1) AE: Unit 1
Sept. 01-06	History of Developing Countries (HH Chapter 1)
Sept. 08-15	Theories of Modernization (HH Chapter 1) AE pp. 25-29
Sept. 17-22	Leadership and Ideology AE: pp 145-159
Sept. 24-Oct. 01	Institutions
Oct. 04-13	<b>Democracy and its Prospects</b> (HH Chapter 2) AE: Unit 4 (pp. 120-144)
Oct. 15	Midterm Exam
Oct. 18-25	<u>Constraints to Development</u> (HH Chapter 10) Economic Backwardness Economic Strategies AE: Unit 2, Unit 5
Oct. 27- Nov. 01	Other Constraints (HH Chapter 4, 5, 6, & 7) Classes, Clientelism and Corruption Ethnicity, Race and Caste System Women and Population AE: Unit 5, 6
Nov. 03-05	<b>Intervening Forces I: Military Rule and Militarization</b> (HH Chapter 9)
Nov. 08-10	Intervening Forces II: Insurgency and Revolution (HH: Chapter 8) AE: pp 100-119
Nov. 12	Intervening Forces III: Religion and Politics Religion and Politics (HH: Chapter 3) AE: pp 95-104
Beginning Nov. 15	Presentation
Nov. 22-Dec. 01	Research Paper Due Review Session/Course Evaluation
Mon. Dec. 06	Final Exam; 7:30am