

POLI 4064
Comparative Politics of Developing Countries
Fall 2015
12:30 - 1:20 MWF
220 Stubbs Hall

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to analyze the forces and trends characteristic of politics in developing countries. We will use examples of 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 world.

TEXTBOOK: There is one required text for the course:

Howard Handelman: *The Challenge of Third World Development*

Boston: Pearson, 2013, 7th edition

EXAMS, PAPERS, GRADES: There will be an early Take-Home Exam, a Midterm Exam, two (NYT) Multiple Choice Exams, a comparative research paper on any two Third World countries in two different regions, and a Final Exam.

Your research paper should cover some of the important topics covered in the lectures that apply or do not apply to your countries. You will present your findings.

Course grades will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation (daily)	10pts
Take-Home Exam Due (Sept. 16)	10pts
(2) NYT Multiple Choice (Oct 14/Dec. 02)	10pts
Midterm Exam (Oct. 16)	20pts
Research Paper (Oct. 23)	20pts
Presentation (Oct. 23)	5pts
Final Exam (Thurs. Dec. 10/12:30-2:30pm)	<u>25pts</u>
	100pts

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

LECTURE OUTLINE & PENDING ASSIGNMENTS

Aug. 24 – Sept. 02	<u>Introduction</u> Context of Third world Reality Contemporary Condition of Developing Countries	Handelman: Preface, Chap. 1
Sept. 4 – 11	<u>Theory in the Study of Developing Countries</u> Modernization Theory Revisionist Theory Marxist & Dependency Theory	Handelman: Chap, 1
Sept. 16	<u>Return Take-Home Exam</u>	
Sept. 14 – 18	<u>History of the Third World</u> Pre-Colonial Colonial Decolonization Independence	
Sept. 21 – 25	<u>Leadership & Ideology</u> From Charisma to Tangible Results	
Sept. 28 – 30	<u>Institutions in Third World Politics</u> The State Institutions The Other Institutions	
Oct. 02 -09	<u>Democracy in the Third World</u> Handelman’s Analysis Diamond’s Political Culture across Regions Middle East: Explosion vs. Implosion	
Oct. 14	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test</u> (5pts./20 questions)	
Oct 16	<u>In-class Midterm Exam</u> (20pts./essay and definitions)	
Oct. 19	<u>Return, Preview, Discuss</u> Return Midterm to students Preview 2 nd half of semester Discuss Research Topics	

Oct. 21 – Nov. 16	<u>Constraints to Development</u> The Economy (Chap. 9) Classes, Clientelism & Corruption (Chap. 6) Education and Social Change Ethnicity, Race & Caste (Chap. 4) Women (Chap. 5)	Handelman: Chaps. 4, 5, 6 & 9
Oct. 09 – 18	<u>Intervening Forces in Politics</u> Military Rule (Chap. 8) Insurgency & Revolution (Chap. 7) Religion (Chap. 3)	Handelman: Chaps. 3, 7 & 8
Oct. 23	<u>Research Paper due in class</u>	
Oct. 23	<u>Presentation of Research Paper Topic</u>	
Dec. 02	<u>NYT Multiple Choice Test/Course Evaluation</u>	
Dec. 04	<u>Give out Pre-final grades</u>	
Dec. 10	<u>Final Exam 12:30-2:30pm</u>	