21:790:390 Politics of Global Development

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Focus: This is an upper division course focused on the international relations of development. The course is intended to provide students with insights into:

- The historical background of north-south relations
- The multilateral institutions with a development concern
- The main issues concerning developing countries in today’s world
- The main conceptual frameworks for analysing North-South relations

Assignments: In addition to attendance and active participation in class exercises, students must read the appropriate chapters and the assigned texts. Your class participation will account for 20 % of your grade. Irregular attendance will be graded as an F, regular attendance will be graded as B and regular attendance with active and well prepared participation in class will net you an A. You will need to attend at least 6 of the 10 presentation meetings in addition to the day on which you are presenting, or you will fail your attendance part.

There are several written requirements:

- **Mid-term paper on October 25, 2012 (40 % of your grade)**
- **Paper on presentation topic (40 % of your grade).**

Fair warning: Late arrival for your scheduled class is not tolerated. I will close attendance lists at 10.30 and if you arrive later than that, your attendance will not count. I reschedule exams and extend deadlines only if you provide documentation of extenuating circumstances and if you notify me in advance. I will prosecute to the fullest any breach of the university’s integrity policy or any act of plagiarism by reporting it to the appropriate authorities. Plagiarism is defined by the university as “the deliberate use and appropriation of another’s work without any indication of the source and the passing off of such work as the student’s own. Any student who fails to give credit for ideas or materials taken from another is guilty of plagiarism”.

Required text:

Class 1: Tuesday 4 September, 2012
General introduction

Class 2: Thursday 6 September, 2012
What are the issues of development in International Relations (IR)?
Introductory chapter in textbook

Class 3: Tuesday, 11 September, 2012
The nature of underdevelopment
Chapter 2 in textbook

Class 4: Thursday, 13 September, 2012
Modernization theory
Chapter 1 in textbook

Class 5: Tuesday 18 September, 2012
Dependency theory
Chapter 1 in textbook

Class 6: Thursday 20 September, 2012
World systems theory
Chapter 1 in textbook

Class 7: Tuesday 25 September, 2012
Developing world in the global economy
Chapter 3 in textbook

Class 8: Thursday 27 September, 2012
Developing world in international politics
Chapter 4 in textbook

Class 9: Tuesday 2 October, 2012
Inequality
Chapter 5 in textbook

Class 10: Thursday 4 October, 2012
Gender and development
Chapter 8 in textbook

Class 11: Tuesday 9 October, 2012
Environment and development
Chapter 17 in textbook

Class 12: Thursday 11 October, 2012
Human rights
Chapter 18 in textbook

Class 13: Tuesday 16 October, 2012
Governance and conditionality in a globalizing world
Chapter 15 in textbook
Class 14: Thursday 18 October, 2012
Failing states
*Chapter 13 in textbook*

Class 15: Tuesday 23 October, 2012
Revision class

Class 16: Thursday 25 October, 2012
Mid-term

The point of the presentations is to present an author and his/her main contribution to the study of development politics. For this, you should have read at least one singular contribution to the field by the author as well as commentary/discussions of the author.

Class 17: Tuesday 30 October, 2012
Presentations 1
Frantz Fanon, *The wretched of this earth*
Edward Said, *On orientalism*
Amartya Sen, *Development as freedom*
Sidney Mintz, *Sweetness and power*

Class 18: Thursday 1 November, 2012
Presentations 2
Esther Boserup, *Woman’s role in economic development*
Maria Mies, *Ecofeminism*
Cynthia Enloe, *Bananas, beaches and bases*
Lisa Prugl, *The global construction of gender*

Class 19: Tuesday 6 November, 2012
Presentations 3
Robert Wade, *Governing the market*
Joseph Stiglitz, *Globalization and its discontents*
Robert Chambers, *Rural development, putting the last first*
Jagdish Bhagwati, *In defense of globalization*

Class 20: Thursday 8 November, 2012
Presentations 4
Herman Daly, *Beyond growth*
Richard Norgaard, *Development betrayed*
Paul Ehrlich, *The population bomb*

Class 21: Tuesday 13 November, 2012
Presentations 5
Andre Gunder Frank, Latin American, underdevelopment or revolution
Raul Prebisch, Change and development
Dudley Seers, Dependency theor, a critical reassessment
Leslie Sklair, The transnational capitalist class

Class 22: Thursday 15 November, 2012
Presentations 6
Thomas Malthus, The first essay on population
Philip McMichael, The global restructuring of agro food systems
Norman Borlaug, Wheat in the Third World
Michael Redclift, Sustainable development

Class 23: Tuesday 20 November, 2012
Presentations 7
Jeffrey Sachs, The end of poverty
Michael Lipton, Why poor people stay poor
Peter Bauer, Equality, the Third World and delusion
John Dunning, The globalization of business

Class 24: Tuesday 27 November, 2012
Presentations 8
Naila Kabeer, Reversed realities
Kelley Lee, Health policy in a globalization world
Susan George, How the other half dies
Ian Scoones, Living with uncertainty

Class 25: Thursday 29 November, 2012
Presentations 9
Gilbert Rist, The history of development
Arturo Escobar, Encountering development
Vandana Shiva, Earth democracy
Peter Robbins, Stolen fruit

Class 26: Tuesday 4 December, 2012
Presentations 10
Colin Leys, The rise and fall of development theory
E.F. Schumacher, Small is beautiful
Wolfgang Sachs, Planet dialectics
Muhammad Yunus, Banker to the poor

Class 27: Thursday 6 December, 2012
Office hour to discuss your presentation report